

	Number of rejected ballots in	
	1896	1900
Lambton East.....	133	25
Lambton West.....	70	19
Lincoln and Niagara.....	136	47
London.....	296	47
Middlesex South.....	100	23
Muskoka and Parry Sound.....	175	58
Norfolk North.....	114	accl.
Perth South.....	129	14
Prince Edward.....	115	25
Russell.....	72	22
Simcoe East.....	93	23
Victoria South.....	78	29
Waterloo South.....	164	28
Wellington Centre.....	129	22
Wellington South.....	101	33
Wentworth South.....	304	50
Total for 32 Ridings.....	4190	951
Average.....	131	30

In the Provincial general elections of 1898 there were two acclamations and the returns for the Ottawa seats do not contain any statement with reference to rejected ballots, but in the remaining 90 ridings there was only an average of 28 rejected ballots.

In the Provincial bye-elections held since 1898 the average of rejected ballots was 30 to a riding.

The Corruption of 1891.

The shameful revelations of 1891 at Ottawa when Whitney's friends were in power, being reported abroad, caused the *London Graphic* to say that "the government rested on a stupendous and all-prevailing system of bribery and corruption, and that even Tammany Hall smells sweet and clean in comparison with that huge stink-pot of the Canadian Government."

The *London Telegraph* was forced to declare that "only the most resolute and drastic purification can redeem public life in Canada from the taint of corruption, the like of which we have not seen in our own country for hundreds of years."

The *London Echo* said that "no country could prosper where public departments are in league with fraudulent contractors and where Ministers are open to offers."

The *St. James' Gazette* added that "the existence of an organized system of corruption among public officials in Canada has been conclusively proved, and, like everything else on the American continent, the bribery has been colossal."