insane or in prison may not vote and persons previously convicted of engaging in corrupt election practices may not vote. The voting age was twenty-one until the forties when it began to creep downward, first provincially in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. It is now eighteen in all provincial and the federal elections.

[ALMOST EVERYBODY RUNS]

SEVERAL MEN BEGAN THE FORMAL RACE for Prime Minister late last summer.

Each was the elected leader of his Party.

Only one, of course, would be Prime Minister but each leader and each Party could have something to show for their efforts. The House of Commons has 264 Members.

At the dissolution of Parliament, in early September, the Liberal Party had a majority, with

150 seats. The Progressive Conservative was the official Opposition Party with seventy-three seats. The New Democratic had twenty-five and the Social Credit Party thirteen.

Prime Minister Trudeau, the Liberal leader, called the election with the intention of succeeding himself. His home constituency is Mount Royal in Montreal, Quebec. In the last election, he received eighty-five per cent of the vote.

The Hon. Robert L. Stanfield was the leader of the Progressive Conservatives. In the last election he carried his home constituency of Halifax, Nova Scotia, by a sixty per cent majority.

David Lewis was the leader of the New Democratic Party. His constituency is York South in Toronto, Ontario. Réal Caouette, from Témiscamingue was the leader of the Social Credit Party. Other parties held no seats in the last House.



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