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1870	British	21+	Men	\$100+													
1872 <sup>1</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$100+	Excluded provincially <sup>2</sup>	Excluded provincially <sup>3</sup>											
1874 <sup>4</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$100+	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally <sup>5</sup> and provincially											
1875 <sup>6</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$100+	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded provincially and federally.									
1885 <sup>7</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$100+, \$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially									
1888 <sup>8</sup>	British	21+	Men	Removed provincially, \$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially. <sup>9</sup>	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially.	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded provincially and federally.							
1891 <sup>10</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially.	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded provincially and federally.					
1898 <sup>11</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally <sup>12</sup> and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially.	Excluded federally and provincially.	Excluded federally and provincially.	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially.	Excluded federally and provincially.					
1901 <sup>13</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Added provincially <sup>14</sup>				

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<b>1913</b> <sup>15</sup>	British	21+	Men	\$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Removed.				
<b>1916</b> <sup>16</sup>	British	21+	Men and Women provincially. Men only federally.	\$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially					
<b>1917</b> <sup>17</sup>	British	21+, some <21 allowed federally <sup>18</sup>	Men and women provincially. Men and some women federally <sup>19</sup>	\$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally <sup>20</sup>	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally <sup>21</sup> .			
<b>1918</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women federally <sup>22</sup> and provincially.	\$150+ federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally.			
<b>1920</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women	Removed	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally.			

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<b>1923</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally.	Excluded provincially and federally <sup>23</sup>		
<b>1924</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally. <sup>24</sup>	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally.	Excluded provincially and federally		
<b>1931</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Some excluded provincially <sup>25</sup> and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally.	Excluded provincially and federally		
<b>1934</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Some excluded provincially and federally. <sup>26</sup>	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally.	Excluded provincially and federally	Excluded federally.	
<b>1947</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Some excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally.	Removed	Excluded federally.	
<b>1948</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Some excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Removed provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally. <sup>27</sup>		Excluded federally.		Excluded federally.	
<b>1950</b>	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Some excluded provincially and federally.	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.		Excluded federally.		Removed <sup>28</sup>	

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1952	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Removed provincially, Some excluded federally.	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.		Excluded federally.			
1955	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Some excluded federally.	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.		Removed			
1960	British	21+, <21 federally	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Removed federally, Excluded provincially	Excluded federally and provincially	Removed <sup>29</sup>	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.					
1970	British	18+	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.					
1975	British <sup>30</sup>	18+	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially and some excluded federally.					
1990	Canadian	18+	Men and women		Excluded federally and provincially	Excluded provincially	Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially		Excluded federally and provincially	Removed provincially and some excluded federally.					
1993	Canadian	18+	Men and women		Removed federally, excluded provincially.	Excluded provincially	Removed federally, excluded provincially.		Removed federally, Excluded provincially		Excluded provincially, some excluded federally. <sup>31</sup>	Some excluded federally.					

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1998	Canadian	18+	Men and women		Removed provincially	Removed provincially	Removed provincially		Removed provincially		Some excluded provincially <sup>32</sup> , and federally.	Some excluded federally.					
2004	Canadian	18+	Men and women								Some excluded provincially, Removed federally	Removed federally					
2006	Canadian	18+	Men and women								Removed provincially						
2015	Canadian	18+	Men and women														Excluded provincially and federally. <sup>33</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Federal voting qualifications deferred to provincial qualifications.

<sup>2</sup> Only Judges of the Queen’s Bench at this time.

<sup>3</sup> This includes Poll clerks, Returning Officers, Court Clerks, and Sheriffs.

<sup>4</sup> Federal voting qualifications deferred to provincial qualifications as well as explicitly denied judges and anyone working for a member of the legislative assembly.

<sup>5</sup> Only people working for an active member of the Legislative Assembly were disqualified.

<sup>6</sup> Federal voting qualifications deferred to provincial qualifications as well as those who had been explicitly denied federally.

<sup>7</sup> *ibid*

<sup>8</sup> *ibid*

<sup>9</sup> This is now inclusive of Judges of the Queen’s Bench and courthouse employees such as Registrars, Bailiffs, and Sheriffs.

<sup>10</sup> Federal voting qualifications deferred to provincial qualifications as well as those who had been explicitly denied federally.

<sup>11</sup> *ibid*

<sup>12</sup> This is inclusive of both people who are active members of the Legislative Assembly as well as people who are candidates to be elected.

<sup>13</sup> Federal voting qualifications deferred to provincial qualifications as well as those who had been explicitly denied federally.

<sup>14</sup> Any person in Manitoba who is not a British subject by birth and who has not lived in Canada for at least seven years must be able to read selected or all portions of *The Manitoba Act* in one of the following languages: English, French, German, Icelandic, or any Scandinavian language or they would be disqualified.

<sup>15</sup> Federal voting qualifications deferred to provincial qualifications as well as those who had been explicitly denied federally.

<sup>16</sup> *ibid*

<sup>17</sup> Federal voting qualifications deferred to provincial qualifications as well as those who had been explicitly denied or enfranchised federally. Provincial eligibility is not affected by federal dis/qualifications.

<sup>18</sup> The *Military Voters Act* allowed any person under 21 years of age serving in the Canadian or British armed forces to vote in federal elections.

<sup>19</sup> The *Military Voters Act* allowed any woman serving in the Canadian or British armed forces to vote in federal elections. The *War-time Elections Act* allowed any “spouses, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of any persons, male or female, living or dead, who [are] serving or who had served in the Canadian forces, provided they met the age, nationality, and residency requirements” of their province

<sup>20</sup> The *Military Voters Act* allowed any First Nations person serving in the Canadian or British armed forces to vote in federal elections, but voting rights were revoked if they returned to their reserves.

<sup>21</sup> Mennonites, Doukhobors, and Hutterites were disqualified from voting because of religious values that didn’t allow them to serve in the armed forces. However, those who decided to serve in either the Canadian or British armed forces were granted the right to vote.

<sup>22</sup> Women can vote federally regardless of provincial franchise.

<sup>23</sup> Chinese people (Canada-born and naturalized) are excluded due to the *Chinese Immigration Act*. With this act, Chinese people are excluded from the vote in both provincial and federal elections.

<sup>24</sup> Any Status First Nations person serving in the Canadian or British armed forces are allowed to vote in federal elections regardless if they return to their reserve.

<sup>25</sup> Manitoba allows “Indians” and persons of “part Indian blood” who served in the Canadian or British armed forces to vote in provincial elections.

<sup>26</sup> The *Dominion Franchise Act* explicitly denies any First Nation person, regardless of Status, from voting in federal elections, with the exception of those serving in the Canadian or British armed forces.

<sup>27</sup> Military veterans – male or female – receiving treatment in a hospital are no longer excluded from voting.

<sup>28</sup> Even though the Inuit peoples were granted the right to vote, there was little effort to place ballot boxes on their reserves to enable them to vote. Ballot boxes were not placed in Inuit reserves until 1962.

<sup>29</sup> Federal suffrage achieved on the basis of race and ethnicity.

<sup>30</sup> British subjects who have not yet taken out Canadian citizenship are denied the right to vote.

<sup>31</sup> Prison inmates serving two years or more in a correctional institution are disqualified from voting in federal elections.

<sup>32</sup> Prison inmates serving five years or more in a correctional institution are disqualified from voting in provincial elections.

<sup>33</sup> Those living outside Manitoba for more than 6 months, and outside of Canada for more than 5 years, with the exception of those serving in the Canadian forces, working for the government of Canada or Manitoba, working for an international organization, attending an international school, or is living with someone mentioned earlier.