

MAKING UP THE VOTERS' LISTS.

The thousands of enumerators who will compile the voters' lists for the Dominion election should be carefully and impartially chosen. The basis of the franchise has been considerably altered by the War-time Election Act. Numerous changes must be made in every constituency, rural and urban. This is not work that should be entrusted to ardent partisans, who might be tempted to favor this or that candidate or party. The enumerators should be men of judgment and reputation, as the canvass must be painstaking and conscientious.

In Ontario rural districts, villages, and towns of less than 9,000 population, the 1916 revised Provincial voters' lists must be used. The only additions will be the names of the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, or daughters "of any person, male or female, living or dead, who is serving or has served without Canada in any of the military forces, or within or without Canada in any of the naval forces, of Canada or of Great Britain in the present war." These women voters must, of course, be British subjects and qualified as to age, race, and residence as required in the case of male persons. The enumerators must also strike off the conscientious objectors to combatant service, the citizens of enemy alien birth naturalized since March 31, 1902, and the other classes disqualified by the Act.

In the cities and county or district towns having a population of 9,000 and over, entirely new lists must be made, though the enumerators may take the latest Provincial or municipal lists for guidance. They must enroll all persons, male or female, qualified to vote, and omit the names of those disqualified by the Act, as in the rural districts. The new lists must be posted in public places, and Boards of Appeal will begin sittings ten days before polling day to hear applications for enrollment from those whose names have been omitted, or to strike off names entered by the enumerators.

Those who recommend men for appointment as enumerators are under a grave responsibility to see that the machinery of the Act is in proper hands.