

The population of the State at the end of 1850 was 76,162; at the end of 1926 it had increased to 1,711,827. During the period 1850-1926 the revenue steadily increased from £259,433 to £25,269,756. There was no public debt until after the separation of the State from New South Wales. In 1861 the State indebtedness was £6,345,060; in 1926 the funded debt had reached £140,264,989, which has been spent on revenue-yielding and other works of a permanent character. The land in cultivation in 1850 was 52,300 acres; it now amounts to 6,890,628 acres. The value of oversea imports in 1861 was £10,991,377; in 1925-26 it was £50,332,845. Oversea exports amounted to £12,209,794 in 1861, and to £33,110,231 in 1925-26. No railways or telegraphs were in existence up to the end of 1855; in 1861 there were 214 miles of railway open, and in 1926 there were 4,683 miles; 2,586 miles of telegraph wires had been erected up to 1861, and 43,110 miles up to the 30th June, 1926. Postal business in letters and newspapers has expanded rapidly during the period covered by the table, and there has also been a large increase in Savings Bank deposits, which rose from £52,697 in 1850 to £62,374,839 in 1926.

The expenditure on education amounted to £162,547 in 1861, and had increased to £3,025,732 in 1925-26. Members of friendly societies numbered 7,166 in 1861 and 156,599 in 1925-26—the funds amounting to £213,000 in 1871 and £4,280,400 in 1925-26. Hands employed in factories rose from 19,468 in 1871 to 152,959 in 1925-26. The total value of rateable property in municipalities, which was £29,600,000 in 1861, was £571,683,489 in 1925-26.

## CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

### The Present Constitution.

After the establishment of the Federal Government it became evident that the representation of the States in the States Houses was excessive, and steps were taken to reform the States Constitutions. Accordingly an Act "to provide for the Reform of the Constitution" was passed in Victoria and reserved for the Royal assent on 7th April, 1903. After an interval of some months the Royal assent was proclaimed on 26th November, 1903. This Act, entitled *The Constitution Act 1903*, provided for a reduction in the number of responsible Ministers from ten to eight, and in their salaries from £10,400 to £8,400 (since increased to £10,000); and decreased the number of members of the Legislative Council from 48 to 35, including one special representative for the State railways and public servants; but increased the number of electoral provinces from fourteen to seventeen, each being now represented by two members elected for six years—one retiring every three years by rotation, except at a general election, when one-half of the members are to be elected for only three years. The

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property qualification of members of the Council was reduced from £100 to £50 as the annual value of the freehold, and that of electors qualifying as lessees or occupying tenants from an annual value of £25 to one of £15. A reduction was also made in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly from 95 to 68—including two to be specially elected by the railway officers, and one by the State public servants—and in that of the electoral districts from 84 to 65. The Constitution was again amended in 1906 by the repeal of the provisions in the Act of 1903 relating to the separate representation of railway officers and State public servants. The Assembly now consists of 65 and the Council of 34 members.

Power is given to any Minister who is a member of the Assembly to sit in the Council or *vice versa*—in order to explain the provisions of any measure connected with any department administered by him. The Council is empowered to suggest alterations in any Appropriation Bill once at each of three stages of the Bill, viz.—(a) when in Committee, (b) on the Report of the Committee, and (c) on the third reading. The remedy provided to meet disagreements between the two Houses is the simultaneous dissolution of both after a Bill has been twice submitted to, and rejected by the Council—viz., once before, and once after a dissolution of the Assembly in consequence of such first rejection.

The Governor acts under the authority of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and according to Royal instructions issued by the Colonial Office. He is the official head of the Legislature, and assents in the name of the Crown to all Acts passed by the Parliament, reserving for the Royal assent certain Bills, such as those relating to divorce or to the granting of land or money to himself. The only matters in which the exercise of any discretion is required on the part of the Governor are (a) the assenting to or dissenting from or reserving of Bills passed by the Parliament; (b) the granting or withholding of a dissolution of Parliament when requested by a Premier; and (c) the appointment of a new Ministry.

When a Ministry is defeated in Parliament on an important measure or at the polls, its members almost invariably tender their resignations to the Governor, whose duty it is in such a case to announce his intention of accepting them. The outgoing Premier generally suggests to the Governor, as his successor, the name of the most prominent of his opponents, usually the leader of the Opposition. Thereupon the Governor “sends for” the individual suggested, who, if he feels in a position to carry on the Government, endeavours to form a Ministry. If he fails, he informs the Governor of the fact, and some one else is applied to. The distribution of the portfolios is first arranged by the proposed Ministers themselves, and afterwards submitted to the Governor for approval, who always adopts it, unless the list contains the name of some one

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against whom very serious objections exist, or foreshadows a new and revolutionary arrangement.

**Granting a dissolution.** When a Ministry finds that it is unable to carry on the affairs of the country in the manner it deems essential for the well-being of the community, when it is defeated on a measure which it considers vital, or when it has not a proper working majority, the Premier may, instead of advising the Governor to "send for" some one else, ask for a dissolution; and the principle which guides a Governor in granting or refusing such a request is the probability of success for the Ministry in the event of its being granted. In regard to these matters, however, the instructions issued to the Governor are elaborate and definite; and it is very rarely that any personal exercise of discretion is necessary. In other matters the Governor acts on the advice of the Executive Council.

**The Executive Council.** The Executive Council consists of two classes of members, viz. :—(a) Members forming the Ministry of the day, whether salaried or honorary; (b) all ex-Ministers who have not actually resigned or vacated their seats. The latter Councillors take no active part, as such, in the deliberations of the Ministry, the title being merely an honorary distinction. The expression "Governor in Council," occurring so frequently in Victorian Acts, means the Governor by and with the advice of such members of the Executive Council as are included in the former category mentioned above. Even in its active phase, that of the existing Ministry, the Executive Council has two shapes, the formal and the informal. The latter, which is spoken of as the "Cabinet," is the real core and essence of the Government. In its private meetings at the Premier's office no one is admitted but the actual Ministry of the day, no record of the meetings transpires, and no official notice is ever taken of the proceedings. The former is presided over by the Governor, and attended by the Clerk of the Council, who keeps a formal record of its proceedings and deliberations, which are frequently published with the names of its members prefixed. Here the decisions of the Cabinet are put into official form.

**Responsible Ministers.** The number of salaried Ministers is now limited to eight, and their salaries to £10,000 (Act No. 3118); four at least must be members of the Council or Assembly, but not more than two shall be members of the Council nor more than six of the Assembly. Although only four Ministers are required to be members of either House, in practice all members of a Ministry are always members. The head of the Ministry—the Premier, a merely titular distinction—has usually filled the office of Treasurer as well, and may occupy any office.

**The Parliament.** The Parliament consists of two Chambers, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly. The general power of legislation is conferred upon "His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the said Council and Assembly."

By Section 56 of The Constitution Act it was provided that—"All Bills for appropriating any part of the revenue of Victoria, and for imposing any duty, rate, tax, rent, or impost shall originate in the Assembly, and may be rejected, but not altered, by the Council." There was great difference of opinion as to the interpretation of this section, it being held by many that the words "all Bills for appropriating" (revenue) "and for imposing" (taxes) signified Bills having for their principal object the authorizing of payments or the granting of supply; it was also contended that legislation which merely incidentally or consequentially authorized the collection of money or the payment of officials could be dealt with as ordinary legislation by the Council. This matter was dealt with by Section 30 of *The Constitution Act 1903*, which, on a consolidation of Acts, became Section 33 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* (No. 2632). This section declares that a Bill shall not be deemed for appropriating, &c., or for imposing, &c., by reason only of its containing provisions "for the imposition or appropriation of fines or other pecuniary penalties or for the demand or payment or appropriation of fees for licences or fees for services under such Bill." In regard to the latter portion of Section 56 of The Constitution Act, providing that Money Bills must originate in the Assembly, and may be rejected but not altered by the Council, the new Act provides, as in the Commonwealth Constitution, that the Council may suggest alterations, as mentioned previously.

It is also provided by Section 57 of The Constitution Act that Appropriation Bills must have been first recommended by a message of the Governor to the Assembly before they can be introduced. The Governor; of course, acts in this matter on the advice of the Ministry.

The Council—called the Upper House—now consists of 34 members. The State is divided into seventeen electoral provinces, each returning two members. At the first election the member in each constituency who, of the two elected, receives the higher number of votes retains his seat for six years, whilst the other member retains his seat for three years only, subject, of course, to the dissolution of both Houses in case of a deadlock, as previously described. One-half of the members thus retire every three years. Women are eligible for membership under the provisions of Act No. 3337, which was proclaimed on 12th May, 1924. To be qualified for membership, a candidate must be of the age of 30 years, and a natural-born subject, or, if not natural-born, must have been naturalized and resident in Victoria for ten years, and must have been beneficially entitled to a freehold estate in Victoria of the clear annual value according to municipal valuation of £50 for one year "previously to" his or her election. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1922* (No. 3218) provides for the reimbursement of expenses of members of the Legislative Council at the rate of £200 per annum. The following persons aged 21 or over, if they are natural-born subjects,

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or naturalized for three years and resident in Victoria for twelve months, are entitled to vote for the Council in the electoral division on the rolls of which their names appear:—The owner of a freehold rated at an annual value of £10; the owner of a leasehold created originally for five years or the occupying tenant of land, rated at £15 annual value; graduates of a British University, matriculated students of the University of Melbourne, barristers and solicitors, legally-qualified medical practitioners, duly appointed ministers of religion, certificated schoolmasters, and naval and military officers, active and retired. Qualified ratepayers are enrolled automatically from the municipal rolls. Persons claiming in respect of a professional and residential qualification must take out electors' rights for the division in which they reside. The Victorian Adult Suffrage Act, which received the Royal assent on 31st March, 1909, provides for womanhood suffrage in elections for the Council under the same property and other conditions as relate to men.

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Assembly.

The Assembly, commonly called the Lower House, now consists of 65 members. For the whole of the seats single electorates are now provided. Each Assembly expires by effluxion of time at the end of three years from its first meeting, but may be sooner dissolved by the Governor. To be qualified for election to the Assembly, a candidate must be a natural-born subject or a person who has been naturalized for five years and resident in Victoria for two years. Women are eligible for membership in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 3337. The following persons are ineligible:—Judges, ministers of religion, Government contractors, uncertificated insolvents, holders of offices of profit under the Crown (except Ministers), and persons who have been attainted of treason, or convicted of felony or infamous offence in the British dominions. A member vacates his seat, if he resigns; is absent for a whole session without permission of the House; takes any oath or declaration of allegiance or adherence to a foreign power, or becomes a subject of a foreign State; becomes bankrupt, insolvent, or a public defaulter; is attainted of treason, or convicted of felony, &c.; becomes *non compos mentis*; or enters into a Government contract. Universal suffrage is in force for the Assembly, all persons over the age of 21 years, natural-born or naturalized, being allowed a vote, if they have been resident in Australia for at least six months continuously, in Victoria for at least three months, and in any subdivision for at least one month. An Act to amend the law relating to Parliamentary elections was passed on 22nd December, 1923. It provided that arrangements might be made jointly by the State of Victoria and the Commonwealth that the electoral rolls might be used for Commonwealth elections as well as for elections for the Legislative Assembly. The first roll was composed of the persons on the Commonwealth roll, together with persons entitled to be enrolled for the Assembly. Persons enrolled in respect of residence may also be enrolled in another subdivision for lands or tenements

situated therein. Enrolment is compulsory which, however, does not apply to enrolment in respect of a property qualification. No person is entitled to have his name on more than two rolls, and a person cannot vote more than once at an Assembly election. Under the provisions of Act No. 3488, passed on 23rd December, 1926, voting was made compulsory at elections for the Legislative Assembly. The franchise was extended to women by the *Adult Suffrage Act* 1908, assented to in March, 1909. A member of the Assembly receives reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance at the rate of £500 per annum. The Assembly is presided over by a Speaker, who is elected at the first meeting after every general election, and vacates his seat by expiry or dissolution of the House, and by death, resignation, or a removing vote of the House. When the Assembly resolves itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the details of any measure, it is presided over by a Chairman of Committees. The Assembly cannot proceed to business unless twenty members, exclusive of the Speaker, are present; the Speaker has a casting but no substantive vote.

To facilitate the exercise of the franchise in sparsely-populated districts, the *Voting by Post Act* 1900 was passed on 17th October, 1900. This measure enabled any elector who was resident, or was likely to be staying, on the polling day, more than five miles from the nearest polling booth, or who was prevented by reason of sickness or infirmity from voting personally, to obtain a ballot-paper entitling him to vote by post for any candidate in his district standing for either House of Parliament. The Act came into force on 1st December, 1900, and was to continue in force for a term of three years, and thence until the end of the next session of Parliament. Subsequent Acts continued the measure to 31st December, 1910. The *Electoral Act* 1910, now incorporated in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915 (No. 2632), makes permanent provision for voting by post at elections for either House. If an elector satisfies the returning officer that he resides five miles or, in the case of a mountainous division, at least three miles from the nearest polling booth, or has reason to believe that he will not be within five miles of the nearest polling booth on the day of the election during the hours of polling, or that on account of ill-health or infirmity he will be prevented from voting personally, a postal ballot-paper may be issued to him. At the State elections held on 26th June, 1924, 8,069 persons voted by post, representing 2·18 per cent. of the total votes recorded, and at the elections held on 9th April, 1927, 26,616 persons voted similarly, this number being 3·41 per cent. of the total votes polled.

By an Act originally passed on 24th December, 1903, now incorporated in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915 (No. 2632), it is provided that the electoral expenses (other than personal expenses incurred in travelling and attending election meetings) of a candidate for the Legislative Council

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and Legislative Assembly shall not exceed £400 and £150 respectively. A limitation is also placed upon the matters in respect of which such sums may be expended. No electoral expenses shall be incurred by or on behalf of a candidate except in respect of:—(1) The expenses of printing, advertising, publishing, issuing, and distributing addresses and notices, and purchase of rolls. (2) The expenses of stationery, messages, postage, and telegrams. (3) The expenses of holding public meetings, and hiring halls for that purpose. (4) The expenses of committee rooms. (5) One scrutineer at each polling booth, and no more. (6) One agent for any electoral province or district.

### RE-DIVISION OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

**Re-division  
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Districts.**

An Act (*Electoral Districts Act 1926*, No. 3451) passed on the 14th October, 1926, provided for the re-division of the electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly. The number of districts remain the same as shown in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, viz., 65. For the purpose of the re-division power was given to appoint three Commissioners, one of whom was to be the Chief Electoral Officer. Provision was made for the constitution of 26 metropolitan and 39 urban and country electoral districts on the basis approximately of the following quotas:—

- (1) Twenty-two thousand electors for each metropolitan district ;
- (2) Fifteen thousand electors for each urban district ; and
- (3) Ten thousand electors for each country district.

The Commissioners were empowered to adopt a margin of allowance to be used whenever necessary, but the quota was not to be departed from to a greater extent than 15 per cent. more or 15 per cent. less. A greater margin of allowance could be adopted if the Commissioners considered that any portion of any existing urban electoral district would be more properly included in any proposed country electoral district or districts and also in the case of any proposed country electoral district where the greater part of the area thereof was mountainous and sparsely populated.

In making the re-division the Commissioners were to give due consideration to—

- (a) The distribution of the numbers of electors throughout the State and the likelihood of any changes in the distribution of electors within any localities in the State ;
- (b) community or diversity of interests ;
- (c) means of communication ;
- (d) physical features ;
- (e) existing boundaries of electoral districts and subdivisions ; and
- (f) Commonwealth electoral boundaries.

In order to provide for the metropolitan electoral districts the Commissioners were to include in any proposed district such portion of any existing country electoral district contiguous thereto as they

thought necessary, but so that the total number of electors to be added to the whole of such proposed metropolitan electoral districts should not exceed twenty thousand. The Commissioners could in any other case include in any proposed electoral district such portion as they thought necessary of any existing electoral district contiguous thereto whether of the same class or not.

Commissioners were appointed in accordance with this Act, and drew up a scheme of electoral subdivisions. This scheme was slightly altered by them at the direction of Parliament, and was then passed by both Houses. The elections for the Legislative Assembly held on 9th April, 1927, were conducted on the basis of the new boundaries thus agreed upon.

### ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 1925.

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Council.

At the triennial elections for the Legislative Council, held on 4th June, 1925, eight seats were contested, nine members being returned unopposed. The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each province and the number who voted in the provinces where elections were held:—

#### NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED AT THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 4TH JUNE, 1925.

| Province.                         | Number<br>of<br>Electors<br>on<br>Rolls. | Number of Electors<br>who voted. |                     |        | In-<br>formal<br>Votes. | Number<br>who<br>voted<br>by<br>Post. | Pro-<br>portion<br>of<br>Electors<br>who<br>voted. |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|                                   |  | Rate-<br>payers.                 | Non-<br>ratepayers. | Total. |                         |                                       |  |
| East Yarra ..                     | 52,417                                   | 11,517                           | 1                   | 11,518 | 108                     | 125                                   | Per cent.  |
| Melbourne ..                      | 22,844                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | 21·97  |
| „ East ..                         | 20,379                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| „ North ..                        | 47,913                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| „ South ..                        | 29,634                                   | 9,984                            | 4                   | 9,988  | 288                     | 72                                    | 33·70  |
| „ West ..                         | 31,429                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| Bendigo ..                        | 10,959                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| Gippsland ..                      | 17,248                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| Nelson ..                         | 11,453                                   | 4,595                            | ..                  | 4,595  | 18                      | 93                                    | 40·12  |
| Northern ..                       | 15,520                                   | 6,290                            | 3                   | 6,293  | 174                     | 147                                   | 40·55  |
| North-Eastern ..                  | 13,193                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| North-Western ..                  | 20,575                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| Southern ..                       | 16,141                                   | 4,760                            | 10                  | 4,770  | 67                      | 115                                   | 29·55  |
| South-Eastern ..                  | 42,095                                   | ..                               | ..                  | ..     | ..                      | ..                                    | ..   |
| South-Western ..                  | 21,203                                   | 7,144                            | ..                  | 7,144  | 58                      | 214                                   | 33·69  |
| Wellington ..                     | 11,234                                   | 6,367                            | 4                   | 6,371  | 58                      | 465                                   | 56·71  |
| Western ..                        | 15,273                                   | 5,354                            | ..                  | 5,354  | 76                      | 91                                    | 35·06  |
|                                   | 399,510                                  |                                  |                     |        |                         |                                       |  |
| Less uncontested<br>provinces (9) | 226,635                                  |                                  |                     |        |                         |                                       |  |
| Total ..                          | 172,875                                  | 56,011                           | 22                  | 56,033 | 847                     | 1,322                                 | 32·41  |



# ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1927.

**Elections.  
Legislative  
Assembly.**

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly held on 9th April, 1927, there were contests in 57 of the 65 constituencies, each returning one member. The number of electors on the rolls was 993,211—480,485 males and 512,726 females—and in contested districts 91·76 per cent. of the number entitled recorded their votes, the proportion for males being 92·02 per cent. and for females 91·51 per cent. The following table shows the number of electors, the votes polled, and the percentage of the latter to the former in the different electoral districts :—

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 9TH APRIL, 1927.

| Electoral District.           | Number of Electors<br>on Rolls at Date<br>of General Election. |          |        | Electors who Voted. |          |        |  |          |        |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|--------|---------------------|----------|--------|--|----------|--------|
|                               | Males.   | Females. | Total. | Males.              | Females. | Total. | Percentage of Num-<br>ber on the Roll. |          |        |
|                               |  |          |        |                     |          |        | Males.                                 | Females. | Total. |
| Albert Park ..                | 10,617   | 13,080   | 23,697 | 9,266               | 11,902   | 21,168 | 87·28                                  | 90·99    | 89·33  |
| Allandale ..                  | 4,910  | 4,799    | 9,709  | 4,649               | 4,617    | 9,266  | 94·68                                  | 96·21    | 95·44  |
| Ballarat ..                   | 7,018  | 9,503    | 16,521 | 6,856               | 8,822    | 15,678 | 97·69                                  | 92·83    | 94·90  |
| Barwon ..                     | 5,481  | 5,960    | 11,441 | 4,980               | 5,506    | 10,486 | 90·86                                  | 92·38    | 91·65  |
| Benalla ..                    | 5,066  | 4,651    | 9,717  | 4,676               | 4,334    | 9,010  | 92·30                                  | 93·18    | 92·72  |
| Benambra ..                   | 4,372  | 3,694    | 8,066  | No contest.         |          |        |  |          |        |
| Bendigo ..                    | 6,745  | 8,639    | 15,384 | 6,368               | 8,088    | 14,456 | 94·41                                  | 93·62    | 93·97  |
| Boroondara ..                 | 9,747  | 12,084   | 21,831 | 8,862               | 11,372   | 20,234 | 90·92                                  | 94·11    | 92·68  |
| Brighton ..                   | 9,932  | 12,821   | 22,753 | No contest.         |          |        |  |          |        |
| Brunswick ..                  | 10,926   | 12,072   | 22,998 | 10,537              | 11,132   | 21,669 | 96·44                                  | 92·21    | 94·22  |
| Bulla and Dal-<br>housie ..   | 5,227  | 4,744    | 9,971  | 4,659               | 4,213    | 8,872  | 89·13                                  | 88·81    | 88·98  |
| Carlton ..                    | 10,349   | 11,685   | 22,034 | 9,471               | 10,433   | 19,904 | 91·52                                  | 89·29    | 90·33  |
| Castlemaine and<br>Kyneton .. | 4,623  | 5,305    | 9,928  | 4,316               | 4,984    | 9,300  | 93·36                                  | 93·95    | 93·67  |
| Caulfield ..                  | 10,346   | 13,042   | 23,388 | 9,604               | 12,072   | 21,676 | 92·83                                  | 92·56    | 92·68  |
| Clifton Hill ..               | 11,152   | 13,195   | 24,347 | 9,853               | 11,271   | 21,124 | 88·35                                  | 85·42    | 86·76  |
| Coburg ..                     | 9,809  | 10,719   | 20,528 | 9,356               | 10,088   | 19,444 | 95·38                                  | 94·11    | 94·72  |
| Collingwood ..                | 11,170   | 12,709   | 23,879 | 10,183              | 11,443   | 21,626 | 91·16                                  | 90·04    | 90·56  |
| Dandenong ..                  | 10,122   | 10,449   | 20,571 | 9,202               | 9,546    | 18,748 | 90·91                                  | 91·36    | 91·14  |
| Dundas ..                     | 5,396  | 5,172    | 10,568 | 5,162               | 4,890    | 10,052 | 95·66                                  | 94·55    | 95·12  |
| Essendon ..                   | 9,560  | 11,117   | 20,677 | 9,070               | 10,524   | 19,594 | 94·88                                  | 94·67    | 94·76  |
| Evelyn ..                     | 4,850  | 4,644    | 9,494  | 4,380               | 4,207    | 8,587  | 90·31                                  | 90·59    | 90·45  |
| Flemington ..                 | 10,218   | 11,471   | 21,687 | 9,614               | 10,333   | 19,947 | 94·11                                  | 90·08    | 91·98  |
| Footscray ..                  | 10,939   | 10,660   | 21,599 | No contest.         |          |        |  |          |        |
| Geelong ..                    | 8,889  | 9,232    | 17,621 | 7,817               | 8,600    | 16,417 | 93·18                                  | 93·15    | 93·17  |
| Gippsland East ..             | 3,991  | 3,049    | 7,040  | 3,558               | 2,710    | 6,268  | 89·15                                  | 88·88    | 89·03  |
| Gippsland North ..            | 5,480  | 4,482    | 9,962  | 5,134               | 4,034    | 9,168  | 93·69                                  | 90·00    | 92·03  |
| Gippsland South ..            | 5,496  | 4,546    | 10,042 | 5,110               | 4,153    | 9,263  | 92·98                                  | 91·36    | 92·24  |
| Gippsland West ..             | 5,456  | 4,604    | 10,060 | 5,016               | 4,192    | 9,208  | 91·94                                  | 91·05    | 91·53  |
| Goulburn Valley ..            | 5,706  | 5,072    | 10,778 | No contest.         |          |        |  |          |        |
| Grant ..                      | 5,028  | 4,144    | 9,172  | 4,561               | 3,855    | 8,416  | 90·71                                  | 93·03    | 91·76  |
| Gunbower ..                   | 5,902  | 4,817    | 10,719 | 5,348               | 4,355    | 9,703  | 90·61                                  | 90·41    | 90·52  |
| Hampden ..                    | 5,316  | 5,042    | 10,358 | 4,925               | 4,638    | 9,563  | 92·64                                  | 91·99    | 92·32  |

NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 9TH APRIL, 1927  
—continued.

| Electoral District.                         | Number of Electors<br>on Rolls at Date<br>of General Election. |          |         | Electors who Voted. |          |         |  |          |        |  |
|---|--|----------|---------|---------------------|----------|---------|--|----------|--------|--|
|   | Males.   | Females. | Total.  | Males.              | Females. | Total.  | Percentage of Num-<br>ber on the Roll. |          |        |  |
|   |  |          |         |                     |          |         | Males.                                 | Females. | Total. |  |
| Hawthorn ..                                 | 9,115  | 12,526   | 21,641  | 8,737               | 11,696   | 20,433  | 95·85                                  | 93·37    | 94·42  |  |
| Heidelberg ..                               | 10,502   | 11,452   | 21,954  | 9,793               | 10,438   | 20,231  | 93·25                                  | 91·15    | 92·15  |  |
| Kara Kara and<br>Borung ..                  | 5,491  | 5,044    | 10,535  | 5,008               | 4,559    | 9,567   | 91·20                                  | 90·38    | 90·81  |  |
| Kew ..                                      | 9,027  | 12,583   | 21,610  | 8,465               | 11,656   | 20,121  | 93·77                                  | 92·63    | 93·11  |  |
| Korong and Eagle-<br>hawk ..                | 5,429  | 5,347    | 10,776  | 5,132               | 4,897    | 10,029  | 94·53                                  | 91·58    | 93·07  |  |
| Lowan ..                                    | 5,727  | 5,196    | 10,923  | 5,233               | 4,694    | 9,927   | 91·37                                  | 90·34    | 90·88  |  |
| Maryborough and<br>Daylesford ..            | 5,084  | 5,431    | 10,515  | 4,782               | 5,083    | 9,865   | 94·06                                  | 93·59    | 93·82  |  |
| Melbourne ..                                | 11,975   | 11,070   | 23,045  | 9,096               | 9,579    | 18,675  | 75·98                                  | 86·53    | 81·04  |  |
| Mildura ..                                  | 5,211  | 3,855    | 9,066   | 4,768               | 3,472    | 8,240   | 91·50                                  | 90·06    | 90·89  |  |
| Mornington ..                               | 5,649  | 4,871    | 10,520  | 4,932               | 4,454    | 9,386   | 87·31                                  | 91·44    | 89·22  |  |
| Northcote ..                                | 10,557   | 11,848   | 22,405  | No contest.         |          |         |  |          |        |  |
| Nunawading ..                               | 8,559  | 10,453   | 19,012  | 8,058               | 9,633    | 17,691  | 94·15                                  | 92·16    | 93·05  |  |
| Oakleigh ..                                 | 11,421   | 13,309   | 24,730  | 10,845              | 12,345   | 23,190  | 94·96                                  | 92·76    | 93·77  |  |
| Ouyen ..                                    | 6,021  | 4,478    | 10,499  | 5,270               | 3,835    | 9,105   | 87·53                                  | 85·64    | 86·72  |  |
| Polwarth ..                                 | 5,832  | 5,149    | 10,981  | No contest.         |          |         |  |          |        |  |
| Port Fairy and<br>Glenelg ..                | 5,612  | 5,286    | 10,898  | 5,277               | 4,988    | 10,265  | 94·03                                  | 94·36    | 94·19  |  |
| Port Melbourne ..                           | 11,003   | 11,073   | 22,076  | No contest.         |          |         |  |          |        |  |
| Prahran ..                                  | 10,093   | 14,994   | 25,087  | 9,653               | 13,255   | 22,908  | 95·64                                  | 88·40    | 91·31  |  |
| Richmond ..                                 | 11,429   | 12,630   | 24,059  | No contest.         |          |         |  |          |        |  |
| Rodney ..                                   | 5,675  | 5,180    | 10,855  | 5,242               | 4,759    | 10,001  | 92·37                                  | 91·87    | 92·13  |  |
| St. Kilda ..                                | 10,660   | 14,298   | 24,958  | 10,019              | 12,921   | 22,940  | 93·99                                  | 90·37    | 91·91  |  |
| Stawell and Ararat ..                       | 5,579  | 5,302    | 10,881  | 5,183               | 4,912    | 10,095  | 92·90                                  | 92·64    | 92·78  |  |
| Swan Hill ..                                | 5,028  | 3,809    | 8,837   | 4,436               | 3,260    | 7,696   | 88·23                                  | 85·59    | 87·09  |  |
| Toorak ..                                   | 9,147  | 13,046   | 22,193  | 7,841               | 12,111   | 19,952  | 85·73                                  | 92·83    | 89·90  |  |
| Upper Goulburn ..                           | 5,087  | 4,246    | 9,333   | 4,594               | 3,820    | 8,414   | 90·31                                  | 89·97    | 90·15  |  |
| Upper Yarra ..                              | 5,957  | 5,599    | 11,556  | 5,405               | 5,006    | 10,411  | 90·73                                  | 89·41    | 90·09  |  |
| Walhalla ..                                 | 5,382  | 3,914    | 9,296   | 4,859               | 3,618    | 8,477   | 90·28                                  | 92·44    | 91·19  |  |
| Wangaratta and<br>Ovens ..                  | 4,798  | 4,508    | 9,306   | 4,404               | 4,157    | 8,561   | 91·79                                  | 92·21    | 91·99  |  |
| Waranga ..                                  | 4,981  | 4,368    | 9,349   | 4,569               | 3,959    | 8,528   | 91·73                                  | 90·64    | 91·22  |  |
| Warrenheip and<br>Grenville ..              | 4,627  | 5,116    | 9,743   | 4,508               | 4,757    | 9,265   | 97·43                                  | 92·98    | 95·09  |  |
| Warrnambool ..                              | 5,037  | 4,954    | 9,991   | 4,775               | 4,625    | 9,400   | 94·80                                  | 93·36    | 94·08  |  |
| Williamstown ..                             | 10,239   | 10,140   | 20,379  | 9,648               | 9,548    | 19,196  | 94·23                                  | 94·16    | 94·20  |  |
| Wonthaggi ..                                | 5,214  | 4,448    | 9,662   | 4,876               | 4,107    | 8,983   | 93·52                                  | 92·33    | 92·97  |  |
| Total ..                                    | 480,485  | 512,726  | 993,211 | ..                  | ..       | ..      | ..                                     | ..       | ..     |  |
| Less eight un-<br>contested<br>districts .. | 69,770   | 72,947   | 142,717 | ..                  | ..       | ..      | ..                                     | ..       | ..     |  |
| Total ..                                    | 410,715  | 439,779  | 850,494 | 377,941             | 402,458  | 780,399 | 92·02                                  | 91·51    | 91·76  |  |

Compulsory  
Voting.

Compulsory voting was in operation for the first  
time.

**Preferential  
Voting.**

The preferential system of voting was adopted where there were more than two persons standing for the same electorate. By the method in vogue previous to 1911 it was not unusual for a candidate to be elected who had received the support of only a minority of those voting. Under the present system a candidate is returned only if the result shows that the majority of those who have voted prefer him to the candidate who has received the next lower number of votes.

In filling up the ballot-paper electors are required to place the figure "1" opposite the name of the candidate whom they wish to see elected, the figure "2" opposite the name of the one whom they would prefer should the first not be returned, the figure "3" opposite their next choice, and so on. After it is known how many first preference votes have been given to the various candidates, if no candidate has received an absolute majority the candidate who has received the fewest first preference votes is declared defeated. The ballot-papers of such defeated candidate are then examined with the view of ascertaining to what candidates the second preferences have been given, and these second preferences are allotted to the persons to whom they relate. Each remaining candidate thus receives, in addition to the first preferences accorded to him, the second preferences in his favour appearing on ballot-papers of the candidate who has been defeated. If there are still more than two candidates left, the procedure described above is repeated, the candidate occupying the lowest place being declared defeated, until it is found that one candidate has received an absolute majority of votes.

In twenty-eight of the contests in the election of April, 1927, there were more than two candidates. In five of these the candidate who received the greatest number of votes had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In the 23 remaining cases the distribution of ballot-papers of defeated candidates among non-defeated candidates next in order of voters' preference was put into operation, with the result that the candidates returned received an absolute majority of the votes recorded. In nine of these cases the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second and subsequent preferences had been distributed.

The following are the proportions of electors who voted at the last twenty-five general elections of the State Lower House in districts in which the elections were contested :—

### PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1866 TO 1927.

| Year of General Election. | Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who voted.<br>Per cent. | Year of General Election. | Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who voted.<br>Per cent. |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| 1866 ... ..               | 55·10   | 1900 ... ..               | 63·47   |
| 1868 ... ..               | 61·59   | 1902 ... ..               | 65·47   |
| 1871 ... ..               | 65·02   | 1904 ... ..               | 66·72   |
| 1874 ... ..               | 61·00   | 1907 ... ..               | 61·26   |
| 1877 ... ..               | 62·29   | 1908 ... ..               | 53·64   |
| 1880 (Feb.) ...           | 66·56   | 1911 ... ..               | 63·61   |
| 1880 (July) ...           | 65·85   | 1914 ... ..               | 53·92   |
| 1883 ... ..               | 64·96   | 1917 ... ..               | 54·21   |
| 1886 ... ..               | 64·70   | 1920 ... ..               | 63·70   |
| 1889 ... ..               | 66·58   | 1921 ... ..               | 57·26   |
| 1892 ... ..               | 65·12   | 1924 ... ..               | 59·24   |
| 1894 ... ..               | 70·99   | 1927 ... ..               | 91·76*  |
| 1897 ... ..               | 70·33   |                           |   |

\* The increase in the percentage of voters at the elections held on 9th April, 1927, compared with former elections is accounted for by voting having been made compulsory by Act No. 3488, passed on 23rd December, 1926.

The first session of the twenty-eighth Parliament was opened on 8th July, 1924, and was closed on 9th January, 1925. The second session was opened on 8th July, 1925, and was closed on 12th January, 1926. The third session was opened on 30th June, 1926, and closed on 11th January, 1927. Parliament was dissolved on 4th March, 1927. The first session of the twenty-ninth Parliament was opened on 6th July, 1927.

The following is a statement of the duration in days of each Parliament since the establishment of responsible government, the number of days in session during each Parliament, and the percentage of the latter to the duration :—

DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS,  
1856 TO 1927.

| Number of Parliament. |    |    | Period. | Duration of Parliament. | Days in Session. |                         |
|-----------------------|----|----|---------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                       |    |    |         |                         | Number.          | Percentage to Duration. |
|                       |    |    |         | Days.                   |                  |                         |
| 1st                   | .. | .. | 1856-8  | 991                     | 691              | 69.7                    |
| 2nd                   | .. | .. | 1859-60 | 637                     | 566              | 88.8                    |
| 3rd                   | .. | .. | 1861-4  | 1,091                   | 728              | 66.7                    |
| 4th                   | .. | .. | 1864-5  | 378                     | 366              | 96.8                    |
| 5th                   | .. | .. | 1866-7  | 686                     | 391              | 57.0                    |
| 6th                   | .. | .. | 1868-70 | 1,048                   | 734              | 70.0                    |
| 7th                   | .. | .. | 1871-3  | 1,049                   | 639              | 60.9                    |
| 8th                   | .. | .. | 1874-6  | 1,072                   | 700              | 65.3                    |
| 9th                   | .. | .. | 1877-9  | 993                     | 684              | 68.9                    |
| 10th                  | .. | .. | 1880    | 49                      | 46               | 93.9                    |
| 11th                  | .. | .. | 1880-2  | 926                     | 802              | 86.6                    |
| 12th                  | .. | .. | 1883-6  | 1,088                   | 543              | 49.9                    |
| 13th                  | .. | .. | 1886-9  | 1,091                   | 653              | 59.9                    |
| 14th                  | .. | .. | 1889-92 | 1,093                   | 636              | 58.2                    |
| 15th                  | .. | .. | 1892-4  | 845                     | 524              | 62.0                    |
| 16th                  | .. | .. | 1894-7  | 1,089                   | 684              | 62.8                    |
| 17th                  | .. | .. | 1897-00 | 1,088                   | 586              | 53.9                    |
| 18th                  | .. | .. | 1900-02 | 671                     | 358              | 53.4                    |
| 19th                  | .. | .. | 1902-3  | 436                     | 300              | 68.8                    |
| 20th                  | .. | .. | 1904-7  | 968                     | 509              | 52.6                    |
| 21st                  | .. | .. | 1907-8  | 518                     | 327              | 63.1                    |
| 22nd                  | .. | .. | 1909-11 | 1,021                   | 548              | 53.7                    |
| 23rd                  | .. | .. | 1911-14 | 1,066                   | 584              | 54.8                    |
| 24th                  | .. | .. | 1914-17 | 1,056                   | 614              | 58.1                    |
| 25th                  | .. | .. | 1917-20 | 1,037                   | 592              | 57.1                    |
| 26th                  | .. | .. | 1920-21 | 270                     | 86               | 31.9                    |
| 27th                  | .. | .. | 1921-24 | 936                     | 494              | 52.8                    |
| 28th                  | .. | .. | 1924-27 | 970                     | 571              | 58.9                    |

## STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1926.

The following is a short synopsis of the Acts passed by the State Parliament during 1926 :—

| Act No. | Date.          |  |
|---------|----------------|--|
| 3442 .. | 7th July       | .. This Act applies £1,470,517 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1926-27.   |
| 3443 .. | 29th July      | .. This Act applies £530,783 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1925-26.   |
| 3444 .. | 5th August     | .. This Act applies £1,410,202 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1926-27.   |
| 3445 .. | 1st September  | .. This Act applies £1,484,395 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1926-27.   |
| 3446 .. | 21st September | .. The <i>Victorian Loan Act</i> 1926 authorizes the raising of £1,750,000* for irrigation and water supply works and for drainage and flood protection works in country districts and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts.   |
| 3447 .. | ..             | .. The <i>Water Supply Loans Application Act</i> 1926 sanctions the issue and application of £1,746,000 available under Loan Acts for irrigation works, water supply works, drainage, and flood protection works in country districts and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts.  |
| 3448 .. | 28th September | .. The <i>Highways and Vehicles Act</i> 1926 amends the law relating to fees payable under the Second Schedule to the <i>Highways and Vehicles Act</i> 1924.   |
| 3449 .. | 30th September | .. This Act applies £1,634,840 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1926-27.   |
| 3450 .. | 5th October    | .. The <i>Administration and Probate Act</i> 1926 amends the principal Act of 1915.  |
| 3451 .. | 14th October   | .. The <i>Electoral Districts Act</i> 1926, to be read with <i>The Constitution Act Amendment Act</i> 1915, relates to the re-division of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly.   |
| 3452 .. | 8th November   | .. This Act applies £1,472,747 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1926-27.   |
| 3453 .. | 11th November  | .. The <i>Bank of New South Wales Act</i> 1926 enacts that the said bank be deemed to be a company incorporated outside the State of Victoria, and that section 270 of the <i>Companies Act</i> 1915 shall apply to the corporation in the same manner as if having been so incorporated it had commenced to carry on business in Victoria immediately after the passing of the Act. |
| 3454 .. | 17th November  | .. The <i>Melbourne and Geelong Lighting Rate Act</i> 1926 relates to lighting rates in the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong.   |
| 3455 .. | ..             | .. The <i>Settled Estates and Settled Lands Act</i> 1926 amends Part II. of the principal Act of 1915.   |

| Act No. | Date.            |  |
|---------|------------------|--|
| 3456 .. | 30th November .. | The <i>Wycheproof Land Act</i> 1926 provides for the sale by auction of certain Crown land in the parish of Bunguluke temporarily reserved as a site for public recreation and for the permanent reservation as a site for public recreation of certain other land in the said parish.                       |
| 3457 .. | ..               | The <i>Castlemaine Land Act</i> 1926 provides for the grant to the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of certain Crown land situate at Castlemaine in exchange for certain land the property of the said Commissioners.   |
| 3458 .. | ..               | The <i>Women's Qualification Act</i> 1926 amends the law with respect to disqualifications of women for public offices and professions. Women, however, are not liable to serve as jurors.   |
| 3459 .. | 9th December ..  | The <i>Cattle Compensation Act</i> 1926, to be read with the principal Act of 1924, amends the Cattle Compensation Acts.   |
| 3460 .. | 9th December ..  | This Act applies £1,549,333 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1926-27.  |
| 3461 .. | 14th December .. | The <i>Dried Fruits Act</i> 1926, to be read with the principal Act of 1924, continues the operation of the Acts relating to dried fruits until 31st March, 1930.  |
| 3462 .. | ..               | The <i>Companies (Names) Act</i> 1926, to be read with the principal Act of 1915, places restrictions on the name, style, or title of registered companies.  |
| 3463 .. | 21st December .. | The <i>Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Act</i> 1926 amends the Act of 1923.   |
| 3464 .. | ..               | The <i>South Kensington to West Footscray Railway Construction Act</i> 1926 authorizes the construction by the State of a line of railway from South Kensington to West Footscray.   |
| 3465 .. | 23rd December .. | The <i>Censorship of Films Act</i> 1926, to be read with the <i>Theatres Act</i> 1915, makes provision for the censoring of cinematograph films and the exhibition of such films.  |
| 3466 .. | ..               | The <i>Municipal Endowment Act</i> 1926 provides that the municipal endowment for the year ending 30th June, 1927, be £50,000.   |
| 3467 .. | ..               | The <i>Treasury Bonds Act</i> 1926 authorizes the Government to raise £314,826 by the issue of Treasury bonds.   |
| 3468 .. | ..               | The <i>Theatres Act</i> 1926, to be read with the principal Act of 1915, amends the law relating to public entertainments in certain public buildings, gardens, and places.  |
| 3469 .. | ..               | The <i>Treasury Bills and Advances Act</i> 1926 amends the principal Act of 1922.  |
| 3470 .. | ..               | The <i>Health Act</i> 1926 amends the principal Act of 1915 and amending Health Acts.  |
| 3471 .. | ..               | The <i>Land Tax Act</i> 1926 fixes the rate of land tax for the year 1927 at $\frac{1}{4}$ d. on every pound sterling of the unimproved value where the unimproved value exceeds £250, and imposes a super-tax equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of land tax payable, the minimum tax payable to be 2s. 6d. |

| Act. No. | Date.         |  |
|----------|---------------|--|
| 3472 ..  | 23rd December | .. The <i>Income Tax Act</i> 1926, to be read with the Acts of 1914 and 1915 and amending Acts, to come into force on 31st December, 1926, fixes the rates of income tax for the year ending 30th June, 1927. Incomes of £200 and under are not taxable. On incomes from £201 to £500 there is an exemption of £200, which, however, does not apply to companies. Incomes from personal exertion are taxed 3½d. in the £1 up to £500; where such income exceeds £500, for every £1 up to £500, 4½d.; for every £1 over £500 and up to £1,000, 5½d.; for every £1 over £1,000 and up to £1,500, 6½d.; and for every £1 over £1,500, 7½d. Taxes on incomes from property are double these rates. Additional taxes are levied on incomes (excluding those of companies) from £800 to £1,000 of 10 per cent., from £1,000 to £1,250 of 12½ per cent.; from £1,250 to £2,200 of 15 per cent.; from £2,200 to £5,000 of 20 per cent.; and exceeding £5,000 of 25 per cent. of the amount of tax otherwise chargeable. Companies (other than mutual life assurance companies) are taxed at the rate of 1s. 4d. in the £1. Mutual life assurance companies are taxed at the rate of 1s. in the £1 in respect to their mutual life assurance business, and at the rate of 1s. 4d. in the £1 on all other business. Any married taxpayer ordinarily resident in Victoria whose income does not exceed £800 may deduct £50 from his income from personal exertion for the maintenance of his wife provided that she has not an income of her own exceeding £100 per annum. The amount that may be deducted from income for the maintenance of children under 16 years of age is £50. The minimum income tax payable is fixed at 5s. |
| 3473 ..  | ..            | .. The <i>Income Tax Acts Amendment Act</i> 1926 amends the Acts of 1914 and 1915 by exempting from taxation the profits of companies whose profits are used solely for the promotion of religion. Deduction of certain gifts to the Lord Mayor's Fund for Metropolitan hospitals and charities is also allowed.   |
| 3474 ..  | ..            | .. The <i>Victorian Loan (Public Works) Act</i> 1926 authorizes the raising of £675,000—£661,000 for public works and other purposes and £14,000 for the purchase and supply of wire netting.  |
| 3475 ..  | ..            | .. The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act</i> 1926 sanctions the issue and application of £669,000 available under Loan Acts for various public works.   |
| 3476 ..  | ..            | .. The <i>Victorian Government Loan Act</i> 1926 authorizes the raising of £2,500,000 to be expended on railways and tramways and rolling-stock, and for railways and works under the <i>Border Railways Act</i> 1922.   |



| Act No. | Date.            |  |
|---------|------------------|--|
| 3477 .. | 23rd December .. | The <i>Railway Loan Application Act</i> 1926 sanctions the issue and application of £2,700,000 available under Loan Acts for railway, tramway, and other purposes.   |
| 3478 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Victorian Loan (Electricity Supply) and Application Act</i> 1926 authorizes the raising of £1,918,334 for works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, and sanctions the issue and application of the money.   |
| 3479 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Stamps Act</i> 1926, to be read with the principal Act of 1915, continues double stamp duties payable on certain instruments until 30th June, 1931.   |
| 3480 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Teachers Act</i> 1926, to be read with the <i>Public Service Act</i> 1915, relates to the promotion, &c., of State school teachers.   |
| 3481 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Federal Aid Roads Act</i> 1926 ratifies an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the making available by the Commonwealth of moneys for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of "Federal Aid Roads" in Victoria.  |
| 3482 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Stock Foods Act</i> 1926, to be read with the principal Act of 1915, provides physical and chemical standards for bran and pollard.   |
| 3483 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Ballaarat Gas Company's Act</i> 1926 amends the principal Act of 1857.  |
| 3484 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Ararat Land Act</i> 1926 revokes the reservation of certain land situate in the township of Ararat as a site for the interment of the dead.   |
| 3485 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act</i> 1926 further amends the principal Act of 1915.  |
| 3486 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Fyansford Land Act</i> 1926 provides for the issue of Crown grants to a company registered under the name of Australian Cement Limited in respect of certain land now forming portions of certain streets in the Town of Fyansford and of portion of certain other land in the said town now permanently reserved as a site for a Protestant Orphan Asylum. |
| 3487 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Fruit Act</i> 1926 amends the Acts of 1915, 1917, and 1920.   |
| 3488 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Act</i> 1926 makes provision for compulsory voting at Legislative Assembly elections.  |
| 3489 .. | .. ..            | The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act</i> 1926, to be read with the principal Act of 1918, provides for the continuance in office of the members of the Board until 31st January, 1928. The limit of the bank overdraft is increased from £200,000 to £400,000.   |

| Act No. | Date.            |  |
|---------|------------------|--|
| 3490 .. | 23rd December .. | <i>The Saturday Voting (Parliamentary Elections) Act 1926</i> provides that all State Parliamentary elections be held on a Saturday.   |
| 3491 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds Act 1926</i> makes provision with respect to certain sinking funds and redemption funds.  |
| 3492 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1926</i> further amends the Act of 1920.   |
| 3493 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Albion to Broadmeadows Railway Construction Act 1926</i> authorizes the construction by the State of a line of railway from Albion to Broadmeadows.  |
| 3494 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Orbst to Brodribb Railway Construction Act 1926</i> authorizes the construction by the State of a line of railway from Orbst to Brodribb.  |
| 3495 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Country Roads Act 1926</i> , to be read with the principal Act of 1915, increases the salaries of the members of the Board—the Chairman from £1,250 to £1,550 and the members (two) from £900 to £1,200.   |
| 3496 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Melbourne Harbour Trust Act 1926</i> amends the principal Act of 1915.   |
| 3497 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Children's Welfare Act 1926</i> , to be read with the principal Act of 1915, gives power to the Governor in Council to order that any person or institution shall cease to have the custody or care of a child committed to them. Private persons and institutions having care of children are compelled to answer fully and truly inquiries respecting such children. |
| 3498 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1926</i> , to be read with the Act of 1915, provides for the payment to members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly after retirement, &c., in certain cases.  |
| 3499 .. | ..               | .. This Act applies £9,214,005 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1926-27, and appropriates supplies granted during the session amounting to £18,766,822 to the service of the Government.   |
| 3500 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Darling to Glen Waverley Railway Construction Act 1926</i> authorizes the construction by the State of a line of railway from Darling to Glen Waverley.  |
| 3501 .. | ..               | .. <i>The Newport Land Act 1926</i> provides for the grant to the British Imperial Oil Company Limited of certain Crown land situate at Newport in exchange for certain land of which the said company is the registered proprietor and the reservation of the last mentioned land as a site for a public park and garden.   |

OFFICIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

The following statement shows the names and periods of office of Governors and Acting Governors of the State since the first appointment of Mr. Charles Joseph La Trobe as Superintendent, in 1839 :—

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

| Name.  | Date of Assumption of Office. | Date of Retirement from Office. |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Charles Joseph La Trobe ...  | 30th Sept., 1839 ...          | 5th May, 1854                   |
| John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (acting)  | 8th May, 1854 ...             | 22nd June, 1854                 |
| Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B.   | 22nd June, 1854 ...           | 31st Dec., 1855                 |
| Major-General Edward Macarthur (acting)  | 1st January, 1856...          | 26th Dec., 1856                 |
| Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. ...   | 26th December, 1856           | 10th September, 1863            |
| Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.B.  | 11th September, 1863          | 7th May, 1866                   |
| Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (acting)                                      | 7th May, 1866 ...             | 15th August, 1866               |
| The Honorable Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B.                                 | 15th August, 1866...          | 2nd March, 1873                 |
| Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)   | 3rd March, 1873 ...           | 19th March, 1873                |
| Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.  | 31st March, 1873 ...          | 22nd February, 1879             |
| Sir Redmond Barry, Kt. (acting) ...  | 3rd January, 1875...          | 10th January, 1875              |
| Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)   | 11th January, 1875            | 14th January, 1876              |
| The Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, G.C.M.G., P.C. | 27th February, 1879           | 18th April, 1884                |
| Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)   | 18th April, 1884 ...          | 15th July, 1884                 |
| Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. {  | 15th July, 1884 ...           | 8th March, 1889                 |
|  | 18th October, 1889            | 15th November, 1889             |
| Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (acting) {                                  | 9th March, 1889 ...           | 17th October, 1889              |
|  | 16th November, 1889           | 27th November, 1889             |
| The Right Honorable John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.                     | 28th November, 1889           | 12th July, 1895                 |
| The Honorable John Madden, LL.D. {   | 26th January, 1893            | 11th May, 1893                  |
| (acting)   | 27th March, 1895 ...          | 24th October, 1895              |
| The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B.  | 25th October, 1895            | 31st March, 1900                |
| The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (acting) {                                  | 29th December, 1896           | 16th February, 1897             |
|  | 23rd March, 1898 ...          | 21st October, 1898              |

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—*continued.*

| Name.   | Date of Assumption<br>of Office. | Date of Retirement<br>from Office. |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| The Honorable Sir John Madden,<br>K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-<br>Governor (acting)                     | 15th January, 1900               | 10th December, 1901                |
| Sir George Sydenham Clarke,<br>K.C.M.G., F.R.S.   | 10th December, 1901              | 24th November, 1903                |
| The Honorable Sir John Madden,<br>K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-<br>Governor (acting)                     | 24th November, 1903              | 25th April, 1904                   |
| Major-General Hon. Sir Reginald<br>Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B.  | 25th April, 1904 ...             | 6th July, 1908                     |
| The Honorable Sir John Madden,<br>G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-<br>Governor (acting) {                   | 20th March, 1907 ...             | 18th November, 1907                |
|   | 6th July, 1908 ...               | 27th July, 1908                    |
|   | 19th May, 1911 ...               | 24th May, 1911                     |
|   | 28th August, 1913                | 23rd February, 1914                |
| Sir Thomas David Gibson Car-<br>michael, Baronet, K.C.M.G.  | 27th July, 1908 ...              | 19th May, 1911                     |
| Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller,<br>Baronet   | 24th May, 1911 ...               | 31st January, 1914                 |
| Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley,<br>K.C.M.G.  | 23rd February, 1914              | 30th January, 1920*                |
| Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., {<br>Lieutenant Governor (acting) }                                  | 30th July, 1919 ...              | 24th February, 1921                |
|   | 1st April, 1923 ...              | 24th October, 1923                 |
|   | 7th April, 1926 ...              | 28th June, 1926                    |
| The Right Hon. the Earl of<br>Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B.,<br>C.V.O., C.B.E.†                            | 24th February, 1921              | 7th April, 1926                    |
| Lieutenant-Colonel The Right<br>Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson<br>Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.,<br>M.C. | 28th June, 1926                  |                                    |

NOTE.—Captain William Lonsdale, formerly of the 4th Regiment, was appointed Police Magistrate of the District of Port Phillip on 9th September, 1836, and assumed office on the 29th of the same month. In that capacity he was in charge of the District until the appointment of Mr. C. J. La Trobe as Superintendent. Subsequently, Captain Lonsdale acted as Superintendent during the temporary absence of Mr. La Trobe, who was called on to administer the Government of Tasmania from the 13th October, 1846, to the 25th January, 1847. Sir William H. Irvine was appointed Lieutenant-Governor, to act in the absence of the Governor, by Commission dated 11th May, 1918.

\* On leave of absence for six months from 30th July, 1919.

† On leave of absence from 1st April, 1923, to 24th October, 1923.

Ministers of  
the Crown,  
1851 to 1855.

The following list shows the names of Ministers who held office from the separation of the Colony from New South Wales in 1851 up to the establishment of responsible government in 1855 :—

**MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.**

| Name of Minister.                | Office.              | Date of Assumption of Office. |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| William Lonsdale .. ..           | Colonial Secretary   | 15th July, 1851               |
| Alastair Mackenzie .. ..         | Colonial Treasurer.. |                               |
| Charles Hotson Ebdon ..          | Auditor-General ..   |                               |
| Robert Hoddle .. ..              | Surveyor-General ..  |                               |
| Alexander McCrae .. ..           | Chief Postmaster ..  |                               |
| William Foster Stawell ..        | Attorney-General ..  |                               |
| Redmond Barry .. ..              | Solicitor-General .. |                               |
| James Horatio Nelson Cassell ..  | Collector of Customs | 13th April, 1852              |
| Edward Eyre Williams ..          | Solicitor-General .. |                               |
| James Croke .. ..                | Solicitor-General .. | 21st July, 1852               |
| Frederick Armand Powlett ..      | Colonial Treasurer.. | 30th September, 1852          |
| Hugh Culling Eardley Childers .. | Auditor-General ..   | 11th October, 1852            |
| Andrew Clarke .. ..              | Surveyor-General ..  | 1st July, 1853                |
| John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster ..  | Colonial Secretary   | 20th July, 1853               |
| William Lonsdale .. ..           | Colonial Treasurer   | 20th July, 1853               |
| Hugh Culling Eardley Childers .. | Collector of Customs | 5th December, 1853            |
| Edward Grimes .. ..              | Auditor-General      | 8th December, 1853            |
| Robert Molesworth .. ..          | Solicitor-General .. | 4th January, 1854             |
| William Clark Haines .. ..       | Colonial Secretary   | 12th December, 1854           |

In the next list will be found the names of the  
 Ministries, 1855 to 1927. Premiers of the several Governments from 1855 to the  
 present date:—

### MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

| Number of Ministry and<br>Name of Premier.   | Date of Assumption<br>of Office. | Date of Retirement<br>from Office. | Duration<br>of Office. |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
|  |                                  |                                    | Days.                  |
| 1. William Clark Haines...                   | 28th November, 1855              | 11th March, 1857 ...               | 469                    |
| 2. John O'Shanassy ...                       | 11th March, 1857 ...             | 29th April, 1857 ...               | 49                     |
| 3. William Clark Haines...                   | 29th April, 1857 ...             | 10th March, 1858 ...               | 315                    |
| 4. John O'Shanassy ...                       | 10th March, 1858 ...             | 27th October, 1859                 | 596                    |
| 5. William Nicholson ...                     | 27th October, 1859...            | 26th November, 1860                | 396                    |
| 6. Richard Heales ...                        | 26th November, 1860              | 14th November, 1861                | 353                    |
| 7. John O'Shanassy ...                       | 14th November, 1861              | 27th June, 1863 ...                | 590                    |
| 8. James McCulloch ...                       | 27th June, 1863 ...              | 6th May, 1868 ...                  | 1,775                  |
| 9. Charles Sladen ...                        | 6th May, 1868 ...                | 11th July, 1868 ...                | 66                     |
| 10. James McCulloch ...                      | 11th July, 1868 ...              | 20th September, 1869               | 436                    |
| 11. John Alexander Mac-<br>Pherson           | 20th September 1869              | 9th April, 1870 ...                | 201                    |
| 12. James McCulloch ...                      | 9th April, 1870 ...              | 19th June, 1871 ...                | 436                    |
| 13. Charles Gavan Duffy...                   | 19th June, 1871 ...              | 10th June, 1872 ...                | 357                    |
| 14. James Goodall Francis                    | 10th June, 1872 ...              | 31st July, 1874 ...                | 781                    |
| 15. George Briscoe Kerferd                   | 31st July, 1874 ...              | 7th August, 1875 ...               | 372                    |
| 16. Graham Berry ...                         | 7th August, 1875 ...             | 20th October, 1875                 | 74                     |
| 17. Sir James McCulloch                      | 20th October, 1875...            | 21st May, 1877 ...                 | 579                    |
| 18. Graham Berry ...                         | 21st May, 1877 ...               | 5th March, 1880 ...                | 1,019                  |
| 19. James Service ...                        | 5th March, 1880 ...              | 3rd August, 1880 ...               | 151                    |
| 20. Graham Berry ...                         | 3rd August, 1880 ...             | 9th July, 1881 ...                 | 340                    |
| 21. Sir Bryan O'Loughlen...                  | 9th July, 1881 ...               | 8th March, 1883 ...                | 607                    |
| 22. James Service ...                        | 8th March, 1883 ...              | 18th February, 1886                | 1,078                  |
| 23.. Duncan Gillies                          | 18th February, 1886              | 5th November, 1890                 | 1,722                  |
| 24. James Munro ...                          | 5th November, 1890               | 16th February, 1892                | 469                    |
| 25. William Shiels ...                       | 16th February, 1892              | 23rd January, 1893                 | 343                    |
| 26. James Brown Patterson                    | 23rd January, 1893               | 27th September, 1894               | 612                    |
| 27. Sir George Turner, P.C.,<br>K.C.M.G.     | 27th September, 1894             | 5th December, 1899                 | 1,895                  |
| 28. Allan McLean ...                         | 5th December, 1899               | 19th November, 1900                | 350                    |
| 29. Sir George Turner, P.C.,<br>K.C.M.G.     | 19th November, 1900              | 12th February, 1901                | 85                     |
| 30. Sir Alexander James<br>Peacock, K.C.M.G. | 12th February, 1901              | 10th June, 1902 ...                | 483                    |
| 31. William Hill Irvine ...                  | 10th June, 1902 ...              | 16th February, 1904                | 616                    |
| 32. Sir Thomas Bent,<br>K.C.M.G.             | 16th February, 1904              | 8th January, 1909                  | 1,789                  |
| 33. John Murray ...                          | 8th January, 1909                | 18th May, 1912 ...                 | 1,226                  |
| 34. William Alexander Watt                   | 18th May, 1912 ...               | 9th December, 1913                 | 205                    |
| 35. George Alexander<br>Elmslie              | 9th December, 1913               | 22nd December, 1913                | 13                     |

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—continued.

| Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.   | Date of Assumption of Office. | Date of Retirement from Office. | Duration of Office. |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 36. William Alexander Watt                | 22nd December, 1913           | 18th June, 1914 ...             | Days.<br>178        |
| 37. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G. | 18th June, 1914 ...           | 29th November, 1917             | 1,260               |
| 38. John Bowser ...                       | 29th November, 1917           | 21st March, 1918 ...            | 112                 |
| 39. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson      | 21st March, 1918 ...          | 7th September, 1923             | 1,996               |
| 40. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson      | 7th September, 1923           | 19th March, 1924                | 194                 |
| 41. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson      | 19th March, 1924              | 28th April, 1924 ...            | 40                  |
| 42. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G. | 28th April, 1924...           | 18th July, 1924 ...             | 81                  |
| 43. George Michael Prendergast            | 18th July, 1924...            | 18th November, 1924             | 123                 |
| 44. John Allan ...                        | 18th November, 1924           | 20th May, 1927 ...              | 913                 |
| 45. Edmond John Hogan                     | 20th May, 1927                |                                 |                     |

**Hogan Ministry.** As a result of the general elections held on 9th April, 1927, the Hon. J. Allan (Premier) relinquished office and the leader of the Labour party, the Hon. E. J. Hogan, was commissioned to form a new Ministry, which assumed office on 20th May, 1927. It consisted of the following members :—

HOGAN MINISTRY.

| Name.                             | Office.   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Hogan, Edmond John ..             | .. Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Markets.   |
| Tunnecliffe, Thomas ..            | .. Minister of Railways, Minister in charge of electrical undertakings, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.                |
| Lemmon, John ..                   | .. Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Labour.   |
| Bailey, Henry Stephen ..          | .. Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Water Supply, and President of the Board of Land and Works.                          |
| Prendergast, George Michael       | .. Chief Secretary.   |
| Slater, William ..                | .. Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, and Minister for Agriculture.   |
| Jones, John Percy, M.L.C.         | .. Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Mines, Minister in charge of Immigration, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works. |
| Beckett, William James, M.L.C. .. | .. Minister of Forests, Minister of Public Health, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.                                     |
| Disney, James Herbert, M.L.C. ..  | .. Minister without Portfolio.  |
| Williams, Robert, M.L.C.          | .. Minister without Portfolio.  |
| Cain, John ..                     | .. Minister without Portfolio.  |
| Webber, Gordon Charles            | .. Minister without Portfolio.  |

The names of members and of officers of Parliament and of the constituencies which the members represent are given below :—

## MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1927.

### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President : Hon. Sir F. G. Clarke, K.B.E.

| Name of Province.  | Name of Member.  | Date of Retirement. |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| Bendigo .. ..      | Hon. J. Sternberg .. ..  | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. H. Keck .. ..   | 1931                |
| East Yarra .. ..   | Hon. J. K. Merritt .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. W. H. Edgar (Chairman of Committees)  | 1931                |
| Gippsland .. ..    | Hon. M. McGregor .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. G. M. Davis .. ..   | 1931                |
| Melbourne .. ..    | Hon. H. H. Smith .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. H. I. Cohen, K.C. .. ..   | 1931                |
| Melbourne East ..  | Hon. J. P. Jones (Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Mines and Minister in charge of Immigration) | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. D. L. McNamara .. ..  | 1931                |
| Melbourne North .. | Hon. E. L. Kiernan .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. W. J. Beckett (Minister of Forests and Minister of Public Health)                                   | 1931                |
| Melbourne South .. | Hon. T. H. Payne .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. Sir F. G. Clarke, K.B.E. (President)  | 1931                |
| Melbourne West ..  | Hon. R. Williams (Minister without Portfolio)  | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. J. H. Disney .. ..  | 1931                |
| Nelson .. ..       | Hon. T. Beggs .. ..  | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. E. G. Bath .. ..  | 1931                |
| Northern .. ..     | Hon. R. H. S. Abbott .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. G. J. Tuckett .. ..   | 1931                |
| North-Eastern ..   | Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris .. ..  | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. A. M. Zwar .. ..  | 1931                |
| North-Western ..   | Hon. W. P. Crockett .. ..  | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. G. L. Goudie .. ..  | 1931                |
| Southern .. ..     | Hon. W. C. Angliss .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. W. L. R. Clarke .. ..   | 1931                |
| South-Eastern ..   | Hon. W. Tyner .. ..  | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. A. E. Chandler .. ..  | 1931                |
| South-Western ..   | Hon. H. F. Richardson .. ..  | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. H. Hitchcock .. ..  | 1931                |
| Wellington .. ..   | Hon. F. W. Brawn .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. A. Bell .. ..   | 1931                |
| Western .. ..      | Hon. M. Saltau .. ..   | 1928                |
|                    | Hon. E. J. White .. ..   | 1931                |

Clerk of the Legislative Council: T. R. Gilchrist.

Clerk Assistant: W. R. Heywood.

Usher, Accountant, and Clerk of Committees: P. T. Pook.

Clerk of the Records: H. B. Jamieson.

Clerk of the Papers: L. V. Hoyle.



MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1927—*continued.*

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Speaker : Hon. O. R. Snowball.

| Name of Electoral District.   | Name of Member.  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Albert Park .. ..             | R. M. Cuthbertson.   |
| Allandale .. ..               | Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, K.C.M.G.   |
| Ballarat .. ..                | W. J. McAdam.  |
| Barwon .. ..                  | E. Morley.   |
| Benalla .. ..                 | E. F. Cleary.  |
| Benambra .. ..                | Hon. H. Beardmore.   |
| Bendigo .. ..                 | A. E. Cook.  |
| Boroondara .. ..              | R. Linton.   |
| Brighton .. ..                | O. R. Snowball (Speaker).  |
| Brunswick .. ..               | J. R. Jewell.  |
| Bulla-Dalhousie .. ..         | R. T. Pollard.   |
| Carlton .. ..                 | R. H. Solly (Chairman of Committees).  |
| Castlemaine and Kyneton .. .. | Hon. H. S. W. Lawson.  |
| Caulfield .. ..               | F. E. Forrest.   |
| Clifton Hill .. ..            | M. M. Blackburn.   |
| Coburg .. ..                  | F. Keane.  |
| Collingwood .. ..             | Hon. T. Tunnecliffe (Minister of Railways and<br>Minister in charge of electrical undertakings). |
| Dandenong .. ..               | Hon. F. Groves.  |
| Dundas .. ..                  | Hon. W. Slater (Attorney-General, Solicitor-<br>General, and Minister for Agriculture).          |
| Essendon .. ..                | A. S. Drakeford.   |
| Evelyn .. ..                  | W. H. Everard.   |
| Flemington .. ..              | J. J. Holland.   |
| Footscray .. ..               | Hon. G. M. Prendergast (Chief Secretary).  |
| Geelong .. ..                 | W. Brownbill.  |
| Gippsland East .. ..          | A. E. Lind.  |
| Gippsland North .. ..         | J. W. McLachlan.   |
| Gippsland South .. ..         | H. G. Bodman.  |
| Gippsland West .. ..          | A. L. N. Walter.   |
| Goulburn Valley .. ..         | Colonel Hon. M. W. J. Bouchier, C.M.G., D.S.O.   |
| Grant .. ..                   | R. T. Hjorth.  |
| Gunbower .. ..                | Hon. H. Angus.   |
| Hampden .. ..                 | A. Hughes.   |
| Hawthorn .. ..                | Hon. Sir W. M. McPherson, K.B.E.   |
| Heidelberg .. ..              | Hon. G. C. Webber (Minister without Portfolio).  |
| Kara Kara-Borung .. ..        | Hon. J. W. Pennington, O.B.E.  |

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1927—*continued.*THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

| Name of Electoral District. | Name of Member.  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Kew .. ..                   | W. S. Kent Hughes.   |
| Korong-Eaglehawk ..         | A. A. Dunstan.   |
| Lowan .. ..                 | Hon. M. E. Wettenhall.   |
| Maryborough-Daylesford ..   | G. C. Frost.   |
| Melbourne .. ..             | T. Hayes.  |
| Mildura .. ..               | A. G. Allnutt.   |
| Mornington .. ..            | Hon. A. Downward.  |
| Northcote .. ..             | Hon. J. Cain (Minister without Portfolio).   |
| Nunawading .. ..            | E. W. Greenwood.   |
| Oakleigh .. ..              | S. H. Reid.  |
| Ouyen .. ..                 | H. Glowrey.  |
| Polwarth .. ..              | J. McDonald.   |
| Port Fairy-Glenelg ..       | E. E. Bond.  |
| Port Melbourne .. ..        | J. L. Murphy.  |
| Prahran .. ..               | A. R. Jackson.   |
| Richmond .. ..              | E. J. Cotter.  |
| Rodney .. ..                | Hon. J. Allan.   |
| St. Kilda .. ..             | B. Gray.   |
| Stawell and Ararat ..       | Hon. R. F. Toutcher.   |
| Swan Hill .. ..             | Hon. F. E. Old.  |
| Toorak .. ..                | Hon. Dr. S. S. Argyle.   |
| Upper Goulburn .. ..        | Hon. E. J. Mackrell.   |
| Upper Yarra .. ..           | G. H. Knox.  |
| Walhalla .. ..              | W. A. Moncur.  |
| Wangaratta-Ovens ..         | Hon. Sir J. Bowser.  |
| Waranga .. ..               | E. A. Coyle.   |
| Warrenheip-Grenville ..     | Hon. E. J. Hogan (Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Markets).                          |
| Warrnambool .. ..           | Hon. H. S. Bailey (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey and Minister of Water Supply). |
| Williamstown .. ..          | Hon. J. Lemmon (Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Labour).                  |
| Wonthaggi .. ..             | W. G. McKenzie.  |

Clerk of Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly : W. R. Alexander, J.P.

Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Private Bills : W. R. Barstow, J.P.

Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms : F. E. Wanke.

Reader and Clerk of the Record : G. R. Webb.

Accountant and Assistant Clerk of Committees : P. P. Conlan.

Clerk of the Papers : H. K. McLachlan.

Chief *Hansard* Reporter : A. H. Angel.

Librarian (Acting) : E. L. Frazer.

# FOREIGN CONSULS.

The following is a return of Consuls-General and Consuls for Victoria of foreign countries :—

## CONSULS-GENERAL.

| Country.                  | Name.                                   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Argentina .. ..           | Bartoli, U. A.                          |
| China .. ..               | Ouei Tze-King.                          |
| Colombia .. ..            | Lyle, M.                                |
| Germany .. ..             | Busing, Dr. Hans.                       |
| Honduras .. ..            | Mattei, Senor Don Rafael Medina (Hon.). |
| Norway .. ..              | Arentz, E. K. B.                        |
| Peru .. ..                | Vargas, L. A.                           |
| Swiss Confederation .. .. | Stahel, G. (Hon.).                      |
| United States .. ..       | Garrels, A.                             |

## CONSULS.

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Austria .. ..         | Hauser, L. (Hon.).                 |
| Belgium .. ..         | Barber, C. (Acting).               |
| Chili .. ..           | Le Plastrier, C. W.                |
| Czecho-Slovakia .. .. | Peacock, E. R. (Hon.).             |
| Denmark .. ..         | Holdenson, P. J. (Hon.).           |
| France .. ..          | Turck, R.                          |
| Greece .. ..          | Maniachi, A. V. (Hon.).            |
| Guatemala .. ..       | De Bavay, Auguste.                 |
| Italy .. ..           | Grossardi, Commendatore A.         |
| Japan .. ..           | McBeath, Sir W. G., K.B.E. (Hon.). |
| Netherlands .. ..     | Wright, F. H. (Hon.).              |
| Nicaragua .. ..       | Mattei, Senor Don Rafael Medina.   |
| Norway .. ..          | Schreuder, A. T. (Hon.).           |
| Panama .. ..          | Kelson, V. J. (Acting).            |
| Portugal .. ..        | Thomson, J. (Hon.).                |
| Salvador .. ..        | Karagheusian, V. N. T. (Hon.).     |
| Spain .. ..           | Cave, H. (Hon.).                   |
| Sweden .. ..          | Helin, H. (Hon.).                  |
| Switzerland .. ..     | Frossard, P.                       |
| United States .. ..   | Robinson, T. H.                    |
| Uruguay .. ..         | Morell, S. J. (Hon.).              |

## VICE-CONSULS.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Argentina .. ..                | Mackay, S.                     |
| Brazil, United States of .. .. | Sheppard, H. A.                |
| China .. ..                    | Uo Kao.                        |
| Denmark .. ..                  | Belcher, E. N. (Geelong).      |
| Finland .. ..                  | Sleigh, H. C. (Hon.) (Acting). |
| Germany .. ..                  | Fricke, H. H. F.               |
| Greece .. ..                   | Martyn, J.                     |
| Italy .. ..                    | Vitali, L. B. (Hon.).          |
| Japan .. ..                    | Black, P. J. (Hon.).           |
| Norway .. ..                   | Howard, J. (Hon.).             |
| Paraguay .. ..                 | Fraser, W. S.                  |
| United States .. ..            | Moran, J. E.                   |
| .. ..                          | Wasson, T. C.                  |
| .. ..                          | Callanan, L. J.                |

## CONSULAR AGENT.

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Brazil .. .. | Sheppard, R. |
|--------------|--------------|

**TRADE COMMISSIONERS.**

The following Trade Commissioners have been appointed by the countries mentioned to represent them in Victoria :—

## Representing—

|                |    |    |                 |
|----------------|----|----|-----------------|
| United Kingdom | .. | .. | Setchell, H. E. |
| Canada         | .. | .. | Ross, D. H.     |
| New Zealand    | .. | .. | Manson, H. J.   |
| United States  | .. | .. | Pauly, Elmer G. |

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