

Victorian Year-Book, 1948-49.

PART I.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, AREA, AND CLIMATE.

Area of
Victoria.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent, of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles, or 56,245,760 acres. The following islands, together with a number of small islands around the coast and in the bays and inlets, are included in its territory:—Phillip, French, Churchill, and Elizabeth islands in Western Port Bay; Snake, Little Snake, and Sunday islands at Corner Inlet; and Lady Julia Percy island off the coast near Port Fairy. The areas in acres of these islands are—Phillip, 24,320; French, 42,000; Churchill, 140; Elizabeth, 64; Snake, 11,500; Little Snake, 1,240; Sunday, 2,640; and Lady Julia Percy, 650. Victoria is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales, from which it is separated by the River Murray, and by a straight line running in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, on Forest Hill, to Cape Howe. The total length of this boundary, following the windings of the Murray River from the South Australian border along the Victorian bank to the Indi River, thence by the Indi or Murray River to Forest Hill and thence by the straight line from Forest Hill to Cape Howe, is 1,175 miles. The length of the Murray River forming part of the boundary is 997 miles, of the Indi or Murray River, 68 miles, and of the straight line from Forest Hill to Cape Howe, 110 miles. On the west it is bounded by South Australia; on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles, and its extent of coast-line 980 miles, including the length around Port Phillip Bay 164 miles, Western Port 90 miles, and Corner Inlet 50 miles. Great Britain, inclusive of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, contains 89,041 square miles, and is therefore slightly larger than Victoria.

The most southerly point of Wilson's Promontory, in latitude 39 deg. 8 min. S., longitude 146 deg. 26 min. E., is the southernmost point of Victoria and likewise of the Australian continent; the northernmost point is where the western boundary of the State meets the Murray, latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S., longitude 140 deg. 58 min. E.; the point furthest east is Cape Howe, situated in latitude 37 deg. 31 min. S., longitude 149 deg. 59 min. E. The westerly boundary lies upon the meridian 140 deg. 58 min. E., and extends from latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S. to latitude 38 deg. 4 min. S., a distance of 280 miles.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months with a maximum in winter or spring. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the north-eastern mountain region, along the Central Divide, and in the Cape Otway Ranges where the annual average amounts to 60 inches or more in some localities. Amounts decrease towards the north-west, the driest area being the North-western Mallee where the annual average is 10 to 12 inches.

Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from less than 65 deg. in the south to just over 75 deg. in the north-west, corresponding means of the daily maxima being under 75 deg. in the far south and over 90 deg. in the far north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. except in coastal regions. In the eastern mountain region mean temperatures may be as much as 10 deg. lower than the figures quoted above. Temperatures of over 110 deg. are not uncommon in the north in summer and severe frosts occur in winter, more particularly from June to August in the lower level country, but occasionally, in some districts, as early as April and as late as October. The highest temperature recorded in the shade in any part of the State was 123.5 deg. at Mildura on 6th January, 1906, and the lowest 9 deg. on Mount Hotham on 30th July, 1931, and on 13th August, 1947. This station, however, is 5,776 feet above sea level. The lowest recorded at approximately sea level was 19 deg. at Bairnsdale on 16th August, 1896.

The relative humidity in Victoria is usually low in hot weather, though warm humid conditions may occasionally be experienced in summer. The average 3 p.m. relative humidity in January is below 30 per cent. in Northern Victoria, but south of the divide increases towards the coast from 40 to over 75 per cent. at Wilson's Promontory and Gabo Island.

Prevailing winds are southerly from November to February inclusive, with a moderate percentage of northerlies often associated with high temperatures. Considerable fluctuations of temperature occur with changes of wind in the summer months. Northerly or

westerly winds predominate from March to October inclusive. Snow falls on the mountains in the winter and spring months, but is of rare occurrence in low level parts of the State.

At Melbourne the highest shade temperature recorded in the 95 years ended 1949 was 114.1 deg. Fahr. on 13th January, 1939, and the lowest 27 deg. on 21st July, 1869. On the average, temperatures of 90 deg. or over are recorded on nineteen days per year and over 100 deg. on four days per year. Night temperatures fall below 32 deg. on about two nights per year and remain above 70 deg. also on only two nights per year.

High wet bulb temperatures are infrequent, such temperatures exceeding 75 deg. on only about two occasions in three years. The average relative humidity of the atmosphere on a summer afternoon is 50 per cent. but on very warm days it may fall to 10 per cent. or lower: in June and July in the morning it is 82 or 83 per cent. Fogs occur on four or five mornings per month in May, June, and July (twenty occurrences in June, 1937) and on 21 days per year. The average number of hours of sunshine per day is 5.6 and the average wind speed is 8.2 m.p.h. Gusts occasionally exceed 60 m.p.h., the highest on record being 72 m.p.h. on 30th May, 1923. Rain on the average falls on 156 days per year, the annual average amount being 25.89 inches.

Further information in regard to climatic and weather conditions will be found in part "Agriculture, &c.," of this volume.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Physical Geography and Geology of Victoria," by Mr. W. Baragwanath, Director of Victorian Geological Survey, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1927-28 on pages 20 to 30, and addenda thereto appear in subsequent issues of the *Year-Book*.

MOUNTAINS AND HILLS, RIVERS AND LAKES.

Mountains and Hills. The highest mountain in Victoria is Mount Bogong, situated in the county of the same name, 6,509 feet above sea-level; the next highest peaks are—Mount Feathertop, 6,306 feet; Mount Nelson 6,170 feet; Mount Fainter 6,160 feet; Mount Hotham, 6,100 feet; Mount McKay, 6,030 feet; and Mount Cope, 6,027 feet; all situated in the same county; also the Cobboras, 6,030 feet, situated between the counties of Benambra and Tambo. These, so far as is known, are the only peaks which exceed 6,000 feet in height, although, according to a list which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, there are 39 peaks between 5,000 and 6,000 feet high, and 40 between 4,000 and 5,000 feet high. It is known, moreover, that there are many peaks rising

to upwards of 4,000 feet above the level of the sea whose actual heights have not yet been determined. Although, during the winter, the peaks and higher plateaus are covered with snow, it is not perpetual and disappears during the spring.

Rivers.

The Rivers of the State form two main systems—those flowing north into or toward the Murray River and those flowing south toward the sea. The chief use of these streams is as suppliers of water for irrigation to towns and townships, and for domestic and stock purposes, either by direct diversion or after storage in reservoirs. Owing to the variability of the season and the absence of perpetual snow, the flows vary greatly from season to season and from year to year. The largest stream in Australia is the Murray, which forms the northern boundary of the State and has a total length of 1,609 miles, of which 1,211 miles are along the border. Its waters, under an Interstate agreement, are shared by New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. The longest and one of the most reliable streams in Victoria is the Goulburn, which enters the Murray near Echuca. The average annual flow of the Goulburn is 2,300,000 acre feet, and it has varied from 6,200,000 acre feet in 1917 to 567,000 in 1914. Other streams show more variation, thus the Loddon, which is next in length to the Goulburn, has an average flow of 164,000 acre feet but has varied from 600,000 acre feet in 1893 to 6,900 in 1940; even greater variation has occurred with the Campaspe River, ranging from 554,000 acre feet in 1917 to 700 acre feet in 1944.

Prior to the construction of railways throughout the State, the Goulburn and the Murray in the north and the Latrobe, Mitchell, Tambo, and Snowy in Gippsland were used to some extent for navigation in their lower reaches, but the only remaining river traffic is that on the Murray below Swan Hill. The tidal portion of the Yarra River, which forms part of the port of Melbourne, is used extensively by shipping.

Lakes.

Victoria contains numerous lakes and lagoons. These have been added to by the aforementioned water supply reservoirs, several of which, both in size and beauty, compare most favourably with the natural lakes. The lakes have various origins; some, such as Corangamite and Colac in the south-west, are of volcanic origin; others, such as the Kerang Lakes, form part of old river courses and are filled at flood periods. On the other hand the Gippsland Lakes form an estuary for a number of rivers, and are separated from the sea by only a narrow belt of sand dunes.

The main lakes formed by reservoirs are at Eildon, Nagambie, and Waranga in the Goulburn River system, at the Hume, Yarrawonga, Torrumbarry, and Mildura on the Murray River, at

Laanecoorie on the Loddon River, at Malmsbury on the Coliban River, at Glenmaggie on the Macallister River, at Melton on the Werribee River and at Lonsdale and Wartook in the Grampians Mountains. In addition, there are reservoirs at Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan. These are the five main storage basins contributing to the metropolitan water supply system.

A list of mountains and hills, rivers, and lakes in Victoria was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1915-16. This list contains information in regard to heights, lengths, and areas respectively.

THE HISTORY OF VICTORIA.

An article on this subject contributed by Professor Ernest Scott, late Professor of History in the University of Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, pages 1 to 31.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF LEADING EVENTS.

A chronological table of leading events connected with the discovery and the history of Victoria for the years 1770 to 1934 inclusive, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34. Since then the principal happenings of the year in the State have been recorded in the *Year-Book* relating thereto.

Some of the principal events in Victorian and Australian history from 1st July, 1948, to 30th June, 1949, were as follow :—

1948.

24th July	..	Death of Air Vice-Marshall S. J. Goble.
29th July	..	Opening of the London Olympic Games by King George VI.
7th August	..	By-election in the East Yarra Province for the Legislative Council resulted in the election of Mr. E. P. Cameron.
11th August	..	The Full High Court declared invalid certain sections of the <i>Commonwealth Banking Act 1947</i> .
23rd August	..	Premiers' Conference (53rd) opened at Canberra.
30th August	..	Cr. J. S. Disney elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
2nd September	..	The D.C. 3 Airliner Lutana crashed into Mt. Ben Evers, near Tamworth, N.S.W. and all occupants (10 passengers and 3 crew) were killed.
20th September	..	Responsibility for price control reverted to State Governments.
9th October	..	Death of Mrs. F. E. Brownbill, M.L.A. for Geelong.
8th November	..	D.C. 3 Airliner Kurana crash landed at Mount Macedon. The Pilot and the Co-pilot were killed and ten of the nineteen passengers were injured.

1948.

- 13th November ... Geelong by-election for the Legislative Assembly resulted in the election of Mr. E. H. Montgomery.
- 14th November ... Birth of Prince Charles Philip Arthur George to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.
- 16th November ... Death of Mr. W. Quirk, M.L.A. for Prahran.
- 22nd November ... Dr. H. C. Coombs appointed Governor of the Commonwealth Bank in succession to Mr. H. T. Armitage.
- 29th November ... Australia's first mass-produced motor car, the "Holden", publicly shown.
- 23rd December ... Execution in Tokyo of General Tojo, Japan's wartime Premier, and six other Japanese war leaders.

1949.

- 1st January ... The New Year's honours list included knighthoods for Dr. J. C. V. Behan, former warder of Trinity College; Professor Bernard Heinze, who occupies the Ormond Chair of Music at Melbourne University; the Hon. Norman Martin, Agent General for Victoria in London; and Mr. E. G. Knox, M.B.E., Managing Director and Editor in Chief of the "Argus".
- 22nd January ... Prahran by-election for the Legislative Assembly resulted in the election of Mr. F. Crean.
- 7th February ... Mr. Arthur Dean, L.L.M., K.C., appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- 22nd February ... Coastal Steamer Bombo foundered off Wollongong in heavy seas. Twelve of the crew of fourteen lost their lives.
- 4th March ... Mr. Stanley Lewis, 71, oldest barrister in active practice in Melbourne, appointed King's Council.
- 10th March ... Twenty-one persons incinerated when plane crashed near Bilinga Aerodrome, Queensland.
- 13th March ... Death of Sir Sidney Sewell, noted authority on tuberculosis.
- 19th March ... Death of Lt. Colonel E. Newland, V.C.
- 29th March ... Death of Mr. V. Galbraith, Chairman of Forests Commission.
- 6th April ... Death of Dr. Crawford Henry Mollison, Government Pathologist.
- 28th April ... Melbourne awarded the 1956 Olympic Games.
- 30th April ... Death of Sir George Louis Goudie, M.L.C.
- 4th May ... Death of Sir Raymond Connelly, former Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
- 14th May ... Death of Mr. J. R. Jewell, M.L.A. for Brunswick.
- 18th May ... Australia's first aircraft carrier, H.M.A.S. Sydney arrived in Melbourne.
- 19th May ... State Executive Council appointed Sir Charles Lowe as Royal Commissioner to inquire into Communist activities in Victoria.

- 1949.
- 1st June .. Death of Chief Judge Drake-Brockman at the age of 65 years.
 - 6th June .. The Full High Court declared invalid Commonwealth regulations dealing with petrol rationing.
 - 8th June .. King's birthday honours list included the following Victorian recipients :—Sir Edmund Herring, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, Sir Gordon Keith Snow, K.B., Sir Thomas Maltby, K.B., Mr. Norman Charles Harris, C.M.G., Mrs. Mary Dora Daly, C.B.E., Lady Angliss, C.B.E., Mr. Francis Arthur Jenkins, O.B.E., Miss Agnes Morgan, O.B.E., Cr. John James Young, O.B.E., Mr. Garnett Hannell Carroll, O.B.E., Mr. Percy Dodds, M.B.E., Mr. Joseph Francis Lovewell, M.B.E., Mrs. Ida Myra Mitchell, M.B.E., Mr. Laurie Lachlan Chapman, I.S.O.
 - 16th June .. Australian mine workers, by a 16 to 1 majority, voted to stage a general coal strike.
 - 17th June .. Mr. Justice Kelly appointed Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court.
 - 18th June .. Legislative Council elections held. New members elected were Mr. J. W. Galbally (Melbourne North); Mr. H. D. Ludbrook (Ballarat) and Mr. W. Slater (Doutta Galla).
 - 20th June .. Mr. R. J. Risson appointed Chairman of the Melbourne Tramways Board.
 - 27th June .. General strike of coal miners throughout Australia began.
 - 29th June .. National Emergency (Coal Strike) Bill to "freeze" union funds for the purpose of preventing financial assistance being given to striking coal miners.

FLORA OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Flora of Victoria" by Mr. J. W. Audas, F.L.S., F.R.M.S., National Herbarium, Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* 1927-28 on pages 3 to 19, and addenda thereto in subsequent issues of the *Year-Book*.

Lists compiled by Mr. A. W. Jessep, M.Agr.Sc., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., Director of Botanic Gardens and Government Botanist, showing those pteridophytes and monocotyledons, and dicotyledons which had not been recorded for this State before June, 1941, appeared in the *Year-Books* 1945-46 and 1946-47, respectively.

THE FAUNA OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Fauna of Victoria," by the late T. S. Hall, M.A., D.Sc. (University of Melbourne), and Mr. J. A. Kershaw, F.Z.S., Curator of the National Museum, Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, and addenda thereto by Mr. Kershaw in the *Year-Books* for 1918-19 and 1920-21. Additional notes on this subject by Mr. D. Mahony, M.Sc., Director of the National Museum, Melbourne, were published in the *Year-Book* for 1931-32.

Other articles on the fauna of Victoria by members of the Museum staff have appeared in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. The titles of the articles, the names of the contributors, and the year of publication were published in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 13.

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

Constitutional History.

Regular Government of the district of Port Phillip, then part of the Crown Colony of New South Wales, was first established in 1836, when Captain Lonsdale was sent from Sydney to act as Resident Magistrate. On 1st July, 1851, following upon an Act of the Imperial Parliament, dated 5th August, 1850, and entitled "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies", the district of Port Phillip was separated from New South Wales and erected into and formed a separate colony known and designated as the Colony of Victoria.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act afore-mentioned, the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales passed the Victoria Electoral Act of 1851, which provided that the Legislative Council of Victoria should consist of 30 members, ten to be appointed by Her Majesty and twenty to be elected.

In 1852 the Imperial Government decided to invite each of the Australian Colonies to frame such a Constitution for its government as its representatives might deem best suited to its own peculiar circumstances.* The Constitution framed in Victoria, approved by the British Parliament and proclaimed in Victoria on the 23rd November, 1855, was avowedly based upon that of the United Kingdom. It provided for the establishment of two Houses of Legislature with power "to make laws, in and for Victoria in all cases whatsoever" subject to the assent of the Crown as represented generally by the Governor of the Colony; the Legislative Council, or Upper House, to consist of thirty, and the Legislative Assembly, or Lower House, of sixty members: members of both Houses to be elective and to possess property qualifications: electors of both Houses to possess either property or professional qualifications, the property qualification of both members and electors being lower in the case of the Assembly than in that of the Council: the Council not to be dissolved, but five members to retire every two years and to be eligible for re-election: the Assembly to be dissolved every five years, or oftener, at the discretion of the Governor: certain officers of the Government, four at least of whom should have seats in Parliament, to be deemed "Responsible Ministers": any member of either House accepting an office of profit under the Crown to vacate his seat, but to be capable of being re-elected.

* *Vide* article on the Constitution of Victoria by Edward Carlile, Esq., Barrister at Law, Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly and formerly Parliamentary Draftsman of Victoria, p. 610, *et seq.*, *Year-Book* 1883-84.

Modifications of the Constitution to meet changing conditions or to improve the machinery of government were made from time to time up to 1900, the more important of which may be summarized chronologically as follow :—

1856. The ballot as a means of electing members of both Houses of Parliament prescribed by Act 19 Vict. No. 12.
1857. The property qualification of members of the Legislative Assembly abolished by Act 21 Vict. No. 12.
1857. Universal manhood suffrage for electors of the Legislative Assembly made law by Act 21 Vict. No. 33.
1858. Number of members of the Legislative Assembly increased to 78 and of electoral districts to 49.
1869. Property qualification of members and electors of the Legislative Council reduced by Act 32 Vict. No. 334.
1876. By the *Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876* (40 Vict. No. 548) the number of electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly was increased from 49 to 55 and the number of members thereof from 78 to 86.
1881. Property qualification of members and electors of the Legislative Council further reduced, number of Provinces and members increased, and tenure of seats shortened by Act 45 Vict. No. 702.
1886. Reimbursement of the expenses of members of the Legislative Assembly in relation to their attendance in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties of £300 per annum provided for by Act No. 888.
1888. The number of members of the Legislative Council increased to 48 by Act 52 Vict. No. 995. The number of members of the Legislative Assembly increased to 95 and boundaries of Electoral Districts altered so that their number should be 84 and so that—with a few exceptions—only one member should represent each Constituency, by Act 52 Vict. No. 1008.

1899. Plural voting in the Legislative Assembly abolished by Act No. 1606.

1900. Voting by post introduced by Act No. 1701. The Act was to apply for a term of three years: subsequent Acts continued the measure to 31st December, 1910, when the Electoral Act (No. 2288) of that year made permanent provision for voting by post.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict. Chapter 12) which constituted the Commonwealth as from the 1st January, 1901, was given the Royal assent on 9th July, 1900. This Act may be regarded as the culmination of the labours of the Federal Council constituted by the *Federal Council of Australasia Act* 1885 (48 and 49 Vict. Cap. 60). The Acts passed by the Council had force only in those colonies which were specially legislated for, until repealed by the Federal Council.

Section 106 of the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act* provided that, subject to that Constitution, the Constitution of each State of the Commonwealth should continue as at the establishment of the Commonwealth until altered in accordance with the Constitution of the State.

Following the inauguration of the Commonwealth, the need for reducing the numbers of members in the States' Houses and for the reform of their constitutions was made manifest. Accordingly, in Victoria, there was passed the *Constitution Act* 1903, which provided for a reduction in the number of responsible ministers from ten to eight, and their salaries from £10,400 to £8,800; in the number of members of the Legislative Council from 48 to 35, but an increase in the number of electoral provinces from 14 to 17, each being 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 were to be elected for only three years. The property qualification of members of the Council was reduced from £110 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 and in that of the electoral districts from 84 to 65.

Power was given to any Minister who was 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 was empowered to suggest alterations in any Appropriation Bill, viz. (a) when in Committee, (b) on the report of the Committee, (c) on the third reading. The remedy provided to meet disagreements between the two Houses was the simultaneous dissolution of both after a Bill had 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 present Constitution. Although modifications of the Constitution of 1903 have been made from time to time, its essential framework is very little changed. A detailed description of the present Constitution will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 9 to 16. The principal modifications since 1903 are as follow :—

1908. The *Adult Suffrage Act* 1908, No. 2185, conferred the suffrage on women aged 21 years and upwards for all elections of the Assembly, and also placed them on an equality with men at elections of the Legislative Council.
1910. The *Electoral Act* 1910, No. 2288, now incorporated in The Constitution Act, provided (a) that every person of the full age of 21 years, a natural born or naturalized subject of His Majesty, and who had resided in Victoria for the six months and in any district for one month immediately preceding the date of any electoral canvass or of his claim for enrolment, was entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly; and (b) for voting by post at elections for the Legislative Council or Assembly.
1911. The system of preferential voting at elections for the Assembly was provided for by Act No. 2321. (In 1921, by Act No. 3139, this system was made applicable at elections for the Council.)
1920. The *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1919 (No. 3044) provided for the payment to any member of the Assembly who is for the time being the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition (in addition to reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his parliamentary duties) of any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of his services as such leader.

1920. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1920* (No. 3118) (a) increased the amount for Ministerial salaries to £10,000; (b) increased the amount of reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Assembly to £500 per annum.
1922. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1922* (No. 3218) provided for reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Council at the rate of £200 per annum.
1923. *The Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Act 1923* (No. 3337) provided that no woman by reason only of sex or marriage should be disqualified or disabled from or be incapable of being a candidate at any election whether for the Council or the Assembly or being elected a member of the Council or the Assembly or voting therein if elected.
1926. *The Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Act 1926* (No. 3488) made it compulsory for every elector to record his vote at every election for which he is entitled to vote. (The compulsory provision was extended to elections of the Legislative Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350)).
1927. *The Electoral (Absent Voters) Act 1927* (No. 3525) provided for the voting by absent voters at elections for the Assembly. (This provision was extended to elections of the Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350)).
1935. *The Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Act 1935* (No. 4334) allows Railway Employés and Civil Servants to contest any parliamentary election without having first to resign from the service.
1936. *The Responsible Ministers of the Crown Act 1936* (No. 4367) increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from eight to nine, and the maximum total amount of salaries paid to such Ministers from £10,000 to £11,250.
1937. *The Constitution (Reform) Act 1937* (No. 4533) altered the procedure to be adopted in the event of a disagreement between the two Houses of Parliament. In addition, the qualifications of members of the

Council were widened by reducing the age of qualification from 30 to 21 years, and the property qualifications from £50 to £25. The deposit required from a candidate for election to the Council was reduced from £100 to £50.

1940. The *Statute Law Revision Act 1940* (No. 4726) by amendment of section 27 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* (No. 3660), as amended by section 3 of the *Members of Parliament (Disqualification) Act 1939* (No. 4718) provided that it shall be lawful for the holders of the offices of (a) the Unofficial Leader of the Council and (b) "the Leader in the Assembly of any recognized party which consists of fifteen (amended to twelve by the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1942*) members at least of the Assembly of which party no member is a responsible Minister of the Crown," to receive (in addition to reimbursement of their expenses in relation to their attendance in discharge of their parliamentary duties) any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of their services in such offices.

1944. The *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1944* provided for an allowance at the rate of £250 per annum to each of not more than three responsible Ministers of the Crown not receiving a salary as such, the allowance to be in addition to the reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his Parliamentary duties as a member of the Council or of the Assembly. The Act also repealed a provision penalizing members of Parliament who accept offices of profit under the Crown within six months after they cease to be members and increased the reimbursement expenses of members of the Legislative Council from £200 to £350 per annum and of members of the Legislative Assembly from £500 to £650 per annum.

1947. The *Officials in Parliament Act 1947* (No. 5252) by amendment of Division Two, Part II., of the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, increased from nine to ten the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown who may sit in Parliament, and made provision with respect to allowances payable to Ministers not receiving salaries. Provision was also made for the payment of an allowance to Party and Government Whips and to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet.

1948. *The Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5296) increased the salaries, allowances and reimbursement of expenses of members of Parliament, Ministers and other Parliamentary officers. Members of the Legislative Assembly are to be paid £1,050 per annum plus £100 in the case of members elected for country and urban districts, and Members of the Legislative Council £750 per annum plus £100 in the case of members elected for country provinces. The Premier is to be paid £2,750 per annum plus £250 if he represents a country or urban electoral district plus an entertainment allowance of £500; and the other responsible Ministers are to be paid lesser amounts. The President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly are to be paid £1,300 and £1,500 respectively plus £100 if elected for a country or urban province or district plus an entertainment allowance of £150. The Chairman of Committees in the Assembly is to be paid £1,300, and in the Council £1,000 plus, in either case, £100 if he represents a country or urban district or province. An allowance of £500 per annum is appropriated for the Leader of the Opposition. Increases are provided for the party and Government whips and the Parliamentary secretary to the Cabinet.

The Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1948 (No. 5309), which is complementary to the *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5296), increased from £1 to £2 per fortnight the deductions to be made from members' salaries towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund; and extended the benefits derivable from that Fund in the case of retiring allowances to members and pensions to widows of members.

The Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948 (No. 5349) increased the salary of the President of the Legislative Council; and provided for payment of allowances to the Unofficial Leader in the Council and to the Leader of a Third Party in the Assembly.

1949. *The Governor's Salary Act 1949* (No. 5380), which was reserved for and received the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, increased the amount that may under *The Constitution Act Amendment Acts* be appropriated for the salary staff and other expenses of the Governor of Victoria.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

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

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Charles Joseph La Trobe ..	30th September, 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 December, 1855 ..
Major-General Edward Macarthur (Acting) ..	1st January, 1856 ..	26th December, 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 (Acting) ..	3rd March, 1873 ..	19th March, 1873 ..
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G. ..	31st March, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879 ..
Sir Redmond Barry (Acting) ..	3rd January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875 ..
Sir William Foster Stawell (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 (Acting) ..	18th April, 1884 ..	15th July, 1884 ..
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. ..	15th July, 1884 ..	8th March, 1889 ..
Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (Acting) ..	18th October, 1889 ..	15th November, 1889 ..
The Right Honorable John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G. ..	9th March, 1889 ..	17th October, 1889 ..
The Honorable John Madden, LL.D. (Acting) ..	16th November, 1889 ..	27th November, 1889 ..
The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B. ..	28th November, 1889 ..	12th July, 1895 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (Acting) ..	26th January, 1893 ..	11th May, 1893 ..
The Right Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (Acting) ..	27th March, 1895 ..	24th October, 1895 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	25th October, 1895 ..	31st March, 1900 ..
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S. ..	29th December, 1896 ..	16th February, 1897 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	27th September, 1897 ..	10th October, 1897 ..
Major-General Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B. ..	23rd March, 1898 ..	21st October, 1898 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	15th January, 1900 ..	10th December, 1901 ..
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S. ..	10th December, 1901 ..	24th November, 1903 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	24th November, 1903 ..	25th April, 1904 ..
Major-General Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B. ..	25th April, 1904 ..	6th July, 1908 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	20th March, 1907 ..	18th November, 1907 ..
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, K.C.M.G. ..	6th July, 1908 ..	27th July, 1908 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	27th July, 1908 ..	19th May, 1911 ..
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, Baronet, K.C.M.G. ..	19th May, 1911 ..	24th May, 1911 ..
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	24th May, 1911 ..	31st January, 1914 ..
Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G. ..	28th August, 1913 ..	23rd February, 1914 ..
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	23rd February, 1914 ..	30th January, 1920 ..
The Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E. ..	30th July, 1919 ..	24th February, 1921 ..
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) ..	24th February, 1921 ..	7th April, 1926 ..
Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. ..	1st April, 1923 ..	24th October, 1923 ..
	8th April, 1926 ..	27th June, 1926 ..
	28th June, 1926 ..	23rd June, 1931 ..

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—*continued*.

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	26th April, 1929 ..	27th October, 1929
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor	3rd October, 1930 ..	21st January, 1931
Captain The Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.	24th June, 1931 ..	14th May, 1934
Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	14th May, 1934 ..	5th April, 1939
	20th May, 1937 ..	28th September, 1937
	29th March, 1938 ..	23rd September, 1938
	5th April, 1939 ..	17th July, 1939
	12th September, 1941 ..	23rd November, 1941
	28th July, 1944 ..	30th July, 1944
	6th September, 1944 ..	29th January, 1945
Major-General The Right Hon. Lord Dugan, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.*	17th July, 1939 ..	20th February, 1949
Lieutenant-General The Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D., K.C., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	1st February, 1946 ..	18th February, 1946
	17th May, 1946 ..	23rd October, 1946
	19th January, 1947 ..	11th March, 1947
	14th June, 1947 ..	17th June, 1947
	14th October, 1947 ..	
	1st January, 1948 ..	31st January, 1948
	27th July, 1948 ..	23rd August, 1948
	27th August, 1948 ..	20th September, 1948
	1st October, 1948 ..	30th October, 1948
	14th December, 1948 ..	16th December, 1948
General Sir Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.	21st February, 1949 ..	17th October, 1949
	18th October, 1949 ..	

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 24th January, 1847.

* On leave from 17th May, 1946, to 23rd October, 1946, and administered the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia from 6th September, 1944, to 29th January, 1945, and from 19th January, 1947, to 10th March, 1947.

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 Edden	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 ..	
Frederick Armand Powlett ..	Colonial Treasurer	
		21st July, 1852
		30th September, 1852

MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—continued.

Name of Minister.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.
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

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

The names of the Premiers of the Governments
Ministries, 1855 to 1950. from 1855 to 1950 are listed hereunder:—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration 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 MacPherson	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., K.C.M.G.	27th September, 1894	5th December, 1899	1,895

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.
			Days.
28. Allan McLean ..	5th December, 1899	19th November, 1900	350
29. Sir George Turner, P.C., K.C.M.G.	19th November, 1900	12th February, 1901	85
30. Sir Alexander James 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, 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 Elmslie	9th December, 1913	22nd December, 1913	13
36. William Alexander Watt	22nd December, 1913	18th June, 1914 ..	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 ..	22nd November, 1928	553
46. Sir William Murray McPherson, K.B.E.	22nd November, 1928	12th December, 1929	385
47. Edmond John Hogan	12th December, 1929	19th May, 1932 ..	889
48. Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S.	19th May, 1932 ..	2nd April, 1935 ..	1,048
49. Albert Arthur Dunstan	2nd April, 1935 ..	14th September, 1943	3,088
50. John Cain ..	14th September, 1943	18th September, 1943	5
51. Albert Arthur Dunstan	18th September, 1943	2nd October, 1945	746
52. Ian Macfarlan, K.C.	2nd October, 1945	21st November, 1945	51
53. John Cain ..	21st November, 1945	20th November, 1947	730
54. Thomas Tuke Hollway	20th November, 1947	3rd December, 1948	380
55. Thomas Tuke Hollway	3rd December, 1948	27th June, 1950 ..	572
56. John Gladstone Black McDonald	27th June, 1950 ..		

The general elections for the Legislative Assembly were held on the 13th May, 1950. The 55th Ministry resigned on the 27th June, 1950, and on the same date the 56th Ministry, under the leadership of the Hon. J. G. B. McDonald, took office.

The personnel of the 56th Ministry is as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon. J. G. B. McDonald	..	Premier and Treasurer
" " Keith Dodgshun	..	Chief Secretary, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and Minister in Charge of Immigration.
" " A. E. Lind	..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister of Forests, and President of the Board of Land and Works.
" " H. J. T. Hyland	..	Minister of Transport, Minister of State Development, Minister in Charge of Prices, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" " G. C. Moss	..	Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" " R. K. Brose	..	Minister of Water Supply and Minister for Conservation
" " W. O. Fulton	..	Minister of Health
" " T. W. Mitchell	..	Attorney-General and Solicitor-General

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

" " P. T. Byrnes	..	Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
" " P. P. Inchbold	..	Minister of Education
" " I. A. Swinburne	..	Minister in Charge of Housing and Minister in Charge of Materials
" " Trevor Harvey	..	Minister of Labour

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1950.

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

VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President: Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.C.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Ballaarat..	Hon J. F. Kittson, M.M.	1952
	Hon. H. C. Ludbrook	1955
Bendigo ..	Colonel the Hon. G. V. Lansell, C.M.G., V.D.	1952
	Hon. J. H. Lienhop	1955
Doutta Galla ..	Hon. P. Jones	1952
	Hon. W. Slater	1955
East Yarra..	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.C. (President)	1952
	Hon. E. P. Cameron	1955

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1950—*continued.*THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—*continued.*

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Gippsland ..	Hon. T. Harvey, Minister of Labour ..	1952
	Hon. W. MacAulay	1955
Higinbotham ..	Hon. A. G. Warner	1952
	Hon. Sir James Kennedy	1955
Melbourne ..	Hon. W. J. Beckett	1952
	Hon. F. M. Thomas	1955
Melbourne North ..	Hon. A. M. Fraser	1952
	Hon. J. W. Galbally	1955
Melbourne West ..	Hon. P. J. Kennelly	1952
	Hon. P. L. Coleman	1955
Monash	Hon. Sir Frank Beaurepaire	1952
	Hon. Sir Frank Clarke, K.B.E.	1955
Northern	Hon. D. J. Walters	1952
	Hon. G. J. Tuckett	1955
North-Eastern ..	Hon. I. A. Swinburne (Minister in Charge of Housing and Minister in Charge of Materials)	1952
	Hon. P. P. Inchbold (Minister of Education)	1955
North-Western ..	Hon. P. T. Byrnes (Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Lands and Works)	1952
	Hon. C. E. McNally	1955
Southern	Hon. Sir William Angliss	1952
	Hon. G. L. Chandler	1955
South-Eastern ..	Hon. C. E. Isaac	1952
	Hon. C. P. Gartside	1955
South-Western ..	Hon. A. E. McDonald	1952
	Hon. G. S. McArthur	1955
Western	Hon. R. C. Rankin (Chairman of Committees) ..	1952
	Hon. H. V. McLeod	1955

Clerk of the Legislative Council: R. S. Sarah.

VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Speaker: The Hon. A. Michaelis.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park ..	P. K. Sutton
Allendale ..	R. T. White
Ballaarat ..	Hon. T. T. Hollway
Barwon ..	Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	Hon. T. W. Mitchell (Attorney-General and Solicitor-General)
Bendigo ..	Hon. L. W. Galvin
Borong ..	W. J. Mibus (Chairman of Committees)
Box Hill ..	G. O. Reid

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1950—continued.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Brighton ..	Brigadier the Hon. R. W. Tovell, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.
Brunswick ..	P. J. Randles
Camberwell ..	R. K. Whately
Carlton ..	Hon. W. P. Barry
Caulfield ..	Lieut-Colonel the Hon. A. H. Dennett
Clifton Hill ..	J. P. O'Carroll
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	W. R. Dawnay-Mould
Dundas ..	W. J. F. McDonald
Elsternwick ..	Hon. J. Don, M.B.E.
Essendon ..	G. Fewster
Evelyn ..	A. J. Leckie
Footscray ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Geelong ..	J. McR. Dunn
Gippsland East ..	Hon. A. E. Lind (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister of Forests, and President of the Board of Land and Works)
Gippsland North	Hon. W. O. Fulton (Minister of Health)
Gippsland South	Hon. H. J. T. Hyland (Minister of Transport, Minister of State Development, Minister in Charge of Prices, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Gippsland West ..	L. J. Cochrane
Glen Iris ..	Hon. L. G. Norman
Goulburn ..	J. H. Smith
Grant ..	A. J. Fraser, M.C.
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte
Hawthorn ..	L. Tyack
Ivanhoe ..	R. C. Curnow
Kew ..	A. G. Rylah, E.D.
Korong ..	K. H. Turnbull
Malvern ..	Hon. T. D. Oldham
Melbourne ..	Hon. T. Hayes
Mentone ..	G. E. White
Mernda ..	A. E. Ireland
Midlands ..	Hon. C. P. Stoneham
Mildura ..	N. Barclay, D.C.M.
Moonee Ponds ..	S. Merrifield
Mornington ..	Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.
Murray Valley ..	Hon. G. C. Moss (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Northcote ..	Hon. J. Cain
Oakleigh ..	V. J. Doube
Polwarth ..	Hon. E. F. Guye
Portland ..	R. W. Holt
Port Melbourne ..	T. P. Corrigan
Prahran ..	F. Crean
Preston ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Rainbow ..	Hon. K. Dodgshun (Chief Secretary, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and Minister in Charge of Immigration)

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1950—continued.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Richmond ..	F. R. Scully
Ripon ..	E. Morton
Rodney ..	Hon. R. K. Brose (Minister of Water Supply and Minister for Conservation)
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Shepparton ..	Hon. J. G. B. McDonald (Premier and Treasurer)
St. Kilda ..	Hon. A. Michaelis (Speaker)
Sunshine ..	A. E. Shepherd
Swan Hill ..	Lieut-Colonel the Hon. J. A. Hipworth, E.D.
Toorak ..	E. R. T. Reynolds, K.C.
Warnambool ..	R. W. Mack
Williamstown ..	Hon. J. Lemmon
Wonthaggi ..	W. J. Buckingham

Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly: F. E. Wanke.

**Number of
Parliaments
and their
duration.**

During the period 1856 to 1950 there were 37 Parliaments. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament (1856 to 1927), the number of days in session, and the percentage of the latter to the former was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 21. Similar information in regard to the twenty-ninth and subsequent Parliaments is shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS,
1927 TO 1950.**

Number of Parliament.	Period.	Duration of Parliament.	Days in Session.	
			Number.	Percentage to Duration.
		Days.		
Twenty-ninth	1927-29	850	542 ..	63·8
Thirtieth	1929-32	864	596 ..	69·0
Thirty-first	1932-35	963	471 ..	48·9
Thirty-second	1935-37	902	506 ..	56·1
Thirty-third	1937-40	848	403 ..	47·5
Thirty-fourth	1940-43	1,093	735 ..	67·2
Thirty-fifth	1943-45	828	667 ..	80·5
Thirty-sixth	1945-47	681	424 ..	62·3
Thirty-seventh	1947-50	864	840 ..	97·2

VICTORIA—STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1949.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1949 :—

Act No. Date (1949).

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|------|----|------------|----|--|
| 5362 | .. | 26th April | .. | The <i>Miners Phthisis (Treasury Allowances) Amendment Act</i> 1949 increases the rate of payment that may be made to sufferers from miners' phthisis. |
| 5363 | .. | 10th May | .. | The <i>Country Roads (Financial) Act</i> 1949 authorizes the Raising of Money for Permanent Works on State Highways, Tourists' Roads and Forest Roads, and sanctions the Issue and Application for that purpose of the Money so raised or of Money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, amends the Country Roads Acts, and is for other purposes. |
| 5364 | .. | 10th May | .. | The <i>Horsham Land Act</i> 1949 provides for an Enlargement of the purposes of the Reservation of certain Land at Horsham now reserved as a Site for a Racecourse and other purposes of Public Recreation. |
| 5365 | .. | 16th May | .. | The <i>Mental Institution Benefits Act</i> 1949 authorizes the State of Victoria to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia whereby the Commonwealth will provide financial assistance towards the costs of mental institutions and the State will cease to charge fees in respect of patients in such institutions. |
| 5366 | .. | 19th May | .. | The <i>Royal Commission (Communist Party) Act</i> 1949 authorizes the Governor in Council to appoint a Judge of The Supreme Court of the State of Victoria as a Royal Commissioner to inquire into and report upon the origins, aims, objects, and funds of the Communist Party in Victoria and matters related thereto, and makes provision in respect of the powers and proceedings of the Commissioner. |
| 5367 | .. | 24th May | .. | The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Chairman) Act</i> 1949 increases the maximum salary that may be paid to the chairman of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board. |
| 5368 | .. | 24th May | .. | The <i>State Electricity Commission (Chairman) Act</i> 1949 increases the maximum salary that may be paid to the chairman of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria. |
| 5369 | .. | 24th May | .. | The <i>River Murray Waters Act</i> 1949 ratifies an agreement to vary previous agreements between the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia relating to the control and use of the waters of the Murray River. |

Act No. Date (1949).

- 5370 .. 31st May .. The *Soldier Settlement Act* 1949 amends the Soldier Settlements Acts in various respects, particularly by providing for the appointment and powers of a deputy secretary to the Soldier Settlement Commission, by making provision for the application of the Superannuation Acts to certain officers transferred from the Commonwealth to the employment of the Commission, by increasing the loan raising authority of the Commission, by amendments relating to the valuation of Crown Lands for the purposes of the Soldier Settlement Acts and the determination of the gross value and settlement value of allotments, by enabling the grant of temporary leases of allotments to discharged soldiers pending the grant of interim leases with provision for the case of deceased settlers, by extending the power to make advances to discharged soldiers and enabling certain Crown lessees to mortgage their leases, by requiring the Commission to make payments to municipalities equivalent to municipal rates on certain lands acquired and held by the Commission, and by sundry amendments relating to the granting of leases, the rights of settlers and the duties of the Commission.
- 5371 .. 31st May .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £6,054,926 to the service of the year 1949-50.
- 5372 .. 31st May .. The *Agricultural Education Act* 1949 consolidates and amends the Acts relating to agricultural education, provides for the appropriation of moneys to the Melbourne University for purposes of agricultural education and research and of other moneys, to be applied as the Governor in Council thinks fit, for investigations and educational work in relation to irrigation, and authorizes the employment in certain Government departments by special contract of fifty graduates in agricultural science.
- 5373 ... 7th June .. The *Forestry Pulp and Paper Company's Afforestation Contracts Act* 1949 gives legislative sanction to certain alterations of the terms and conditions of contracts made between the Forestry Pulp and Paper Company of Australia Limited and purchasers of subdivisonal allotments from the company relating to the establishing and harvesting of plantations of trees for commercial purposes and the distribution of the net proceeds.
- 5374 .. 7th Jun .. The *Shearers Accommodation Act* 1949 amends and consolidates the statute law relating to accommodation for persons employed in or about sheep shearing sheds. Such accommodation and other amenities are to be provided as prescribed by the Act, which also prescribes the

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- rights and duties of shearers and shed-owners in relation thereto and provides for the inspection and determination of suitability of such accommodation and amenities and for the settling of disputes.
- 5375 .. 7th June .. The *Water Act* 1949 makes various amendments to the Water Acts, particularly in relation to the making of contracts by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, the constitution and abolition of drainage districts and the levying of general drainage rates, the abolition of free headworks, the Water Supply Works Depreciation Fund and Account, flood protection works on railway lands, the constitution of certain water authorities, the rating of certain occupied Crown land, and various administrative matters.
- 5376 .. 7th June .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £840,000 to the service of the year 1948-49.
- 5377 .. 7th June .. The *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts (Financial) Act* 1949 transfers the loan liability of the First Mildura Irrigation Trust to the State.
- 5378 .. 7th June .. The *Collingwood (Unimproved Rating Poll) Act* 1949 postpones the time for taking the Poll on a Proposal to adopt Rating on Unimproved Values in the City of Collingwood and is for other purposes connected therewith.
- 5379 .. 7th June .. The *Crimes Act* 1949 abolishes the death penalty in all cases other than treason and murder, abolishes corporal punishment for boys and the use of irons and restricts the infliction of corporal punishment on males over 16 years to cases of punishment for crimes involving cruelty or great violence, establishes (as alternatives to murder, manslaughter, &c.) the new felonies of infanticide (i.e., the killing of a child by its mother while mentally disturbed consequent on the birth) and child destruction (i.e., the wilful destruction of a viable child before birth), provides that sentence of death shall not be pronounced on persons under 18 and that children under 8 cannot be guilty of any offence, reduces the penalties for and amends the law relating to certain sexual offences and child stealing, enlarges the jurisdiction of petty sessions in larceny and similar offences, adds certain grave offences against female children to the cases in which the wife is a competent but not compellable witness against her husband, extends the offence of receiving to cases in which the property was stolen outside Victoria, precludes the trial judge from sitting in the Full Court on a criminal appeal, and empowers justices on the hearing of an information to adjourn the hearing and release the defendant on a bond.

Act. No.	Date (1949).	
5380	13th July*	The <i>Governor's Salary Act 1949</i> (which was reserved for and received the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon) increases the amount that may under The Constitution Act Amendment Acts be appropriated for the salary staff and other expenses of the Governor of Victoria.
5381	16th August	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £6,546,222 to the service of the year 1949-50.
5382	16th August	The <i>Wrongs (Tort-feasors) Act 1949</i> which follows with variations the provisions of Part II. of the English <i>Law Reform (Married Women and Tort-Feasors) Act 1935</i> , makes provision with respect to proceedings against and contribution between joint and several tort-feasors.
5383	16th August	The <i>State Development Act 1949</i> makes Permanent Provision with respect to the Constitution of the State Development Committee.
5384	6th September	The <i>Grain Elevators (Financial) Act 1949</i> repeals a provision of the Grain Elevators Acts which required debentures and stock issued under those Acts to be redeemed within a fixed period.
5385	27th September..	The <i>Imported Materials Loan and Application Act 1949</i> authorizes the Raising of Money towards the Cost of Certain Materials imported from outside Victoria and sanctions the Issue and Application for such Purposes of the Money so raised or of Money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
5386	27th September..	The <i>Royal Commission (Communist Party) Amendment Act 1949</i> amends provisions of the <i>Royal Commission (Communist Party) Act 1949</i> (see No. 5366) relating to the compelling of attendance of witnesses and the punishing of contempt in relation to the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into activities of the Communist Party.
5387	27th September..	The <i>Minister of Education Act 1949</i> changes the Title of Minister of Public Instruction to that of Minister of Education.
5388	27th September..	The <i>Municipal Endowment (Temporary Discontinuance) Act 1949</i> extends for a further year the discontinuance of payment from consolidated revenue of endowment of municipalities.
5389	11th October	The <i>Land Tax Act 1949</i> declares the rate of Land Tax for the year ending 31st December, 1950.
5390	11th October	The <i>Stamps (Increased Duty Continuance) Act 1949</i> makes permanent the increase (previously operating from year to year) of rates of stamp duty on cheques, receipts, conveyances, transfers, partitions, and leases of land, settlements, and insurance licences.

* Reserved 26th April, 1949. Proclamation of the Royal Assent published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, 13th July, 1949.

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5391	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Railways (Long Service) Act 1949</i> amends the Railways (Long Service) Acts by enabling Railway Commissioners to take the benefit of long service leave when they retire on account of age, similarly to railway officers.
5392	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Williamstown Lands Act 1949</i> revokes the Permanent Reservations and Crown Grants of certain Lands at Williamstown, and is for other purposes.
5393	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Greta Lands Exchange Act 1949</i> provides for the Revocation of the Reservation of certain Land in the Parish of Greta temporarily reserved as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Exchange thereof for certain other Land in the said Parish to be reserved as a Site for Public Recreation.
5394	.. 11th October	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,128,785 to the service of the year 1948-49.
5395	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Superannuation (Amendment) Act 1949</i> extends the class of officers to whom the Superannuation Acts apply.
5396	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Mines (Amendment) Act 1949</i> amends provisions of the <i>Mines Act 1928</i> relating to the interpretation of "mineral," the forfeiture to the Crown of mining plant and property left on abandoned leases, the measure of compensation payable by applicants for mineral leases, entry on land for the purpose of surveys and geological surveys, rules for the safe conduct of mines, the inspection of mines and machinery, the use of boilers in mines, and the collection of geological data from persons sinking shafts or boreholes.
5397	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Coal (Overseas Purchase) Amendment Act 1949</i> increases the amount that may be raised and applied to meet expenses of the Government incurred in the purchase and delivery of coal from overseas.
5398	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act 1949</i> extends for a further year the suspension of the annual payment of £50,000 from the consolidated revenue into the Country Roads Board Fund under s. 38 (2) of the <i>Country Roads Act 1928</i> .
5399	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Lancefield and Kilmore Railway (Disposal of Land) Act 1949</i> provides for the Sale and otherwise dealing with Land upon which the Lancefield and Kilmore Railway was constructed.
5400	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Treasury Bonds Act 1949</i> authorizes the issue of Treasury Bonds to fund the State deficit for the financial year 1948-49.

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5401	.. 11th October	.. The <i>North-West Mallee Settlement Areas (Amendment) Act</i> 1949 permits an increase in the maximum amount of compensation payable to persons whose holdings are surrendered to the Crown pursuant to the <i>North-West Mallee Settlement Areas Act</i> 1948.
5402	.. 11th October	.. The <i>Administration and Probate Duties Act</i> 1949 extends for a further year the additional probate duties payable on estates and settlements which were imposed by the <i>Finance Act</i> 1930.
5403	.. 25th October	.. The <i>Judges Pensions Act</i> 1949 amends the provisions of the Supreme Court Acts and County Court Acts relating to pensions of judges and provides for the payment of pensions to widows of judges.
5404	.. 25th October	.. The <i>Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act</i> 1949 nominates the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as the authority which, under the Town and Country Planning Acts, may prepare a planning scheme for the metropolitan area of Melbourne. The Act contains provisions with respect to the preparation of such plan and enables the Board to levy a metropolitan planning rate.
5405	.. 25th October	.. The <i>State Forests Loan and Application Act</i> 1949 authorizes the Raising of Money for State Forests and sanctions the Issue and Application for that purpose of the Money so raised or of Money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
5406	.. 25th October	.. The <i>Legal Profession Practice Act</i> 1949, by abolishing the requirement for reciprocity between Victoria and the State of qualification, amends the conditions on which legal practitioners qualified in other States of Australia may be admitted to practice in Victoria.
5407	.. 25th October	.. The <i>Forests (Exchange of Lands) Extension Act</i> 1949 extends for a further three years the period within which exchanges may be made of forest lands for unoccupied Crown lands.
5408	.. 25th October	.. The <i>Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund (Winding-up) Act</i> 1949 provides for the winding up of a fund subscribed for relief of dependants of miners who died in the Creswick mine accident in 1882.
5409	.. 4th November	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £20,192,014 to the service of the year 1949-50.
5410	.. 8th November	.. The <i>Castlemaine Land Act</i> 1949 revokes the Crown Grant of certain Lands at Castlemaine set apart for a General Market, and is for other purposes.

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- 5411 .. 8th November .. The *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1949* amends the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1947* in anticipation of the proclamation of the commencement of that Act. The title of the administering authority is changed from "Land Conservation Authority" to "Soil Conservation Authority" and the constitution of the Authority is altered. The functions of the Authority in relation to soil erosion are varied; the constitution of advisory committees is altered; the functions of the Land Utilization Advisory Council are revised; and amendments are made to provisions of the 1947 Act relating to the giving of directions as to land utilization, the imposition of conditions on the use of land, entry on land, and appeals by aggrieved owners and occupiers.
- 5412 .. 8th November .. The *Public Account Advances (Amendment) Act 1949* increases the amount of temporary advances which the Treasurer and the Victorian Railways Commissioners may obtain from the Public Account.
- 5413 .. 8th November .. The *Mothercraft Nurses Act 1949* provides for the registration of mothercraft nurses. The Chief Health Officer is to keep a register of persons who are qualified as prescribed, and is to grant to such persons certificates of registration which will be of annual duration and may be renewed. Registration may be cancelled for fraud or on other grounds after full inquiry by the Chief Health Officer, from whom there is an appeal to a stipendiary magistrate. No persons other than those registered as mothercraft nurses may use any designation suggesting that they are mothercraft nurses or wear prescribed badges, uniforms &c.
- 5414 ... 8th November .. The *Rural Finance Corporation Act 1949* provides for the constitution of a Rural Finance Corporation the objects of which are to encourage and assist country settlement and development, stimulate country production, improve conditions for, and protect, maintain, and improve country industries, and encourage the establishment of new country industries by making advances at the lowest possible rates of interest and otherwise as prescribed.
- The corporation is to hold all its real and personal property on account of the Crown. Liabilities of the corporation are guaranteed by the Government of Victoria. Loan moneys for the use of the corporation may be provided by government borrowing or by the issue by the corporation of debentures or stock on the security of the revenue funds and assets of the corporation. Provision is made for a sinking fund, a reserve fund, temporary advances from the public account, annual financial statements and audit of accounts.

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The corporation is authorized to grant out of its funds loans to any persons or bodies establishing or carrying on any country industry. No further loans or advances are to be made under the Milk and Dairy Supervision Acts, Marketing of Primary Products Acts, Farmers Advances Acts or Farm Water Supplies Advances Acts.

As from a proclaimed day the corporation is also to be the successor of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Board, no further stay orders are to be issued and no further plans of debt adjustment are to be confirmed under the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Acts, and every stay order under those Acts is to be cancelled. Farmers may apply to the corporation for assistance in securing discharge of debts by means of composition or schemes of arrangement with creditors together with advances by the corporation. A Rural Rehabilitation Fund is to be established into which will be paid all moneys standing to the credit of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Fund and moneys payable to the corporation in respect of debt adjustment of farmers.

The corporation may undertake insurance of properties over which it has taken security in respect of loans. The provisions of the Instruments Acts as to liens on crops are modified in favour of the corporation.

5415 .. 8th November .. The *Co-operative Housing Societies Act* 1949 amends provisions of the Co-operative Housing Societies Acts relating to the age of houses for the purchase of which a co-operative housing society may be formed, and the indemnification of societies by the Treasurer.

5416 ... 8th November .. The *Latrobe Valley Development Loan and Application Act* 1949 provides for the constitution of a Latrobe Valley Development Advisory Committee the function of which is to make recommendations to the Minister concerning advances by way of grant or loan to public and responsible authorities in respect of approved developmental works, and to secure co-ordination between proposed works and activities of the various authorities in the Latrobe Valley. Provision is made for the raising of government loans to be applied in the making of advances by the Minister to authorities in accordance with the Act, and for the acquisition of land by the Board of Land and Works.

5417 ... 9th November .. The *Liquid Fuel Act* 1949 provides for the rationing of motor spirit and any other proclaimed liquid fuels. Such rationing was previously administered by the Commonwealth under National Security Regulations which were declared by the High Court to be no longer sustainable under the Commonwealth Defence power.

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- 5418 .. 15th November The *Water Supply Loan and Application Act 1949* authorizes the Raising of Money for Irrigation Works, Water Supply Works, Drainage Flood Protection and River Improvement Works in Country Districts and Works under the River Murray Waters Acts, and sanctions the Issue and Application of the Money so raised and of other Money available for such purposes under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
- 5419 ... 15th November .. The *Fire Brigades (Appeal Tribunal) Act 1949* provides for the constitution of a Metropolitan Fire Brigades Appeal Tribunal the function of which is to hear and determine appeals by members of permanent metropolitan fire brigades against punishment imposed by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.
- 5420 .. 22nd November .. The *Railway Loan Application Act 1949* sanctions the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Moneys available for Railways under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
- 5421 .. 22nd November .. The *Local Authorities Superannuation (Amendment) Act 1949* amends the Local Authorities Superannuation Acts in relation to the definition of "permanent employés," the increase and decrease of insurance cover and contributions on the increase or decrease of salaries of employés, the acceptance and revocation of acceptance by the Local Authorities Superannuation Board of insurance policies lodged with the Board, the payment of premiums, the cancellation of policies held by the Board, the creation of a reserve account, contributions by authorities to the Fund, payments of small amounts to personal representatives without production of probate or letters of administration, the remuneration of members of the Board, the establishment of a contingent account, and the certification of returns by authorities.
- 5422 .. 22nd November The *Public Works Loan and Application Act 1949* authorizes the Raising of further Money for Public Works and other purposes and sanctions the Issue and Application for such Purposes of the Money so raised or of Money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and is for other purposes.
- 5423 .. 22nd November The *Motor Car (Registration) Act 1949* amends the Motor Car Acts consequentially on the transfer of the control of petrol rationing from the Commonwealth to the State.
- 5424 .. 22nd November The *Barwon River Improvement (Amendment) Act 1949* provides a commencing date for the *Barwon River Improvement Act 1939*, enables the Barwon River Improvement rate to be assessed on unimproved capital value as an alternative to net

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annual value, and enables the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust to raise moneys for the purposes of the Barwon River Improvement Acts by the issue of debentures on the security of the rates leviable under those Acts.

- 5425 .. 28th November .. The *Portland Harbour Trust Act* 1949 provides for the appointment of Portland Harbor Trust Commissioners to take over from the Department of Public Works the management of the port of Portland and to develop that port in accordance with schemes as agreed upon between the Commissioners and the Minister or, in default of agreement, as determined by the Governor in Council. The port and certain adjacent lands are vested in the Commissioners, who are empowered to collect tolls, rates and charges and to borrow moneys by the issue of debentures or stock. Government loans may also be made available for the purposes of the Act. All liabilities of the Commissioners are guaranteed by the Government of Victoria. Provision is made for accounts audit regulations and administrative and other miscellaneous matters.
- 5426 .. 28th November .. The *Land (Grants and Leases) Act* 1949 authorizes the grant of Crown lands for purposes of housing in relation to industries outside the metropolis of Melbourne.
- 5427 .. 28th November .. The *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act* 1949 reconstitutes the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as a body of seven instead of five commissioners, amends provisions of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Acts relating to the calling for tenders and the payment of sewerage rates, and empowers the Trust to assess rates on the basis of unimproved capital value as an alternative to net annual value.
- 5428 .. 28th November .. The *Metropolitan Gas Company's Act* 1949 enables the Metropolitan Gas Company to increase its capital and to subdivide its shares, and amends the conditions on which the undertaking of that Company may be acquired by authorized public statutory corporations.
- 5429 .. 6th December .. The *Prices Regulation Act* 1949 removes doubts as to the operation of transitory provisions of the Prices Regulation Acts relating to the transfer of responsibility for price control from the Commonwealth to the State, extends the period of operation of the Prices Regulation Acts, and amends provisions of those Acts relating to restrictions on the eviction of lodgers.
- 5430 .. 6th December .. The *Masseurs (Registration) Act* 1949 authorizes the registration as masseurs of certain persons trained outside Victoria, and amends the provisions of the Masseurs Acts relating to the use of titles by unregistered persons.

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- 5431 .. 6th December .. The *Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act 1949* consolidates with substantial amendments the statute law relating to vermin and noxious weeds. The Act provides for the appointment and duties of a superintendent and inspectors of vermin and noxious weed destruction. Subject to the Act the Board of Land and Works is charged with the destruction of vermin and noxious weeds on unoccupied Crown lands and on the lands of certain public authorities. In respect of all other lands the owner and occupier are charged with the responsibility. As to roads the Governor in Council may proclaim areas in which the Board of Land and Works is to destroy vermin and noxious weeds on roads but in all other cases the duty will lie on the adjoining owners and occupiers.
- Provision is made for orders for the destruction of vermin, penalties for failure to comply, entry on land, and destruction of vermin and harbors for vermin by inspectors at the expense of the owner or occupier. Similar provision is made in relation to the destruction of noxious weeds. The Act provides for the recovery from the owners and occupiers concerned of expenses incurred by inspectors in the suppression of vermin and noxious weeds and for charging the land therewith.
- Government moneys are made available for meeting certain expenses and making advances to owners and occupiers.
- 5432 .. 6th December .. The *Health (Tuberculosis Arrangement) Act 1949* ratifies and approves an Arrangement with the Commonwealth of Australia with respect to Tuberculosis, provides for the Appointment of a Director of Tuberculosis, and is for other purposes.
- 5433 .. 6th December .. The *Justices (Service of Process) Act 1949* provides that in districts to be specified by proclamation no civil process shall be served by members of the police force unless such process is of such kind as may lawfully be served only by the police, and in the case of offences against the Motor Car Acts permits the service of summonses by post with provision for the re-hearing of information in cases where the summons does not in fact come to the notice of the defendant before conviction.
- 5434 .. 6th December .. The *Police Offences (Amendment) Act 1949* provides severe penalties or summary conviction for assaulting members of the police force.
- 5435 .. 6th December .. The *Revocation and Excision of Crown Reservations Act 1949* provides for the Revocation of the Permanent Reservations of certain Lands.
- 5436 .. 6th December .. The *Coal Mine Workers Pensions (Amendment) Act 1949* increases Certain Pensions and Additional Payments under the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Acts.

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5437	.. 6th December	.. The <i>Health (Cattle) Act</i> 1949 permits, subject to specified conditions, the removal of cattle from sewerage farms and their slaughter for human consumption.
5438	.. 6th December	.. The <i>Soldier Settlement (Amendment) Act</i> 1949 amends provisions of the Soldier Settlement Acts relating to notices of compulsory acquisition of land, the method of valuation of land compulsorily acquired, the power of the Commission to rescind the allocations of allotments to applicants, the maximum amount that may be advanced by the Commission for the purchase of farms, the purposes for which advances may be made, assistance to temporary lessees of soldier settlement lands, and consent by the Minister to the sale of land otherwise than to discharged soldiers.
5439	.. 6th December	.. The <i>Footwear Regulation (Amendment) Act</i> 1949 amends provisions to the <i>Footwear Regulation Act</i> 1928 as to the marketing of footwear for sale, with a view to uniform legislation being adopted in all the Australian States.
5440	.. 6th December	.. This Act applies a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on 30th June, 1950, and appropriates the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.
5441	.. 6th December	.. The <i>Croydon Fruit Cool Stores Act</i> 1949 provides for the transfer of the control of the Croydon Fruit Cool Stores from a trust constituted under the <i>Fruit and Vegetables Act</i> 1928 to a co-operative company.
5442	.. 6th December	.. The <i>Licensing (Amendment) Act</i> 1949 amends provisions of the <i>Licensing Act</i> 1928 relating to the mode of applying for certain licences.
5443	.. 6th December	.. The <i>Local Government Act</i> 1949 provides for the appointment of scrutineers to certain municipal polls, prescribes qualifications for municipal electrical engineers, provides for the appointment of a Municipal Engineers Board and amends provisions of the Local Government Acts relating to other municipal boards, empowers councils to contribute to the cost of litigation affecting the municipality but to which the council is not a party, exempts from municipal rates certain lands held by British Dominion and foreign Governments, increases the maximum amount in the pound at which rates may be levied, prescribes a minimum rate of five shillings for rateable property, permits rates on farm lands to be assessed at a lower basis than on other lands in municipalities where rating on unimproved values is in force, extends the classes of works for which municipalities may borrow moneys or raise additional overdrafts, authorizes municipalities to contribute to the cost of certain works on railway land, relaxes the operation of the uniform building regulations in relation to certain imported pre-cut houses, and amends provisions of the Local Government Acts relating to removal of officers, by-law making

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- powers, rating on lands, forms of rates and accounts, appeals against valuations, fees for certificates of charges, audit of accounts, salaries of inspectors of municipal accounts, the calling of tenders, subdivisions of land, construction and widening of streets, scaffolding inspection, and building regulations.
- 5444 .. 6th December .. The *Milk Pasteurization Act* 1949 repeals the *Milk Pasteurization Act* 1943 which never came into operation, and substitutes a new scheme for the supply of pasteurized milk. A Milk Pasteurization Committee is to be appointed with functions of surveying pasteurization facilities and advising and reporting to the Minister in relation thereto. As from a prescribed day no milk except milk pasteurized at premises licensed under the Act and bottled and sealed as prescribed is to be sold or delivered in prescribed districts. Provision is made for the licensing of occupiers of premises equipped for the pasteurization bottling and sealing of milk, and for compensation of owners or occupiers of premises adversely affected by the operation of the Act.
- 5445 .. 6th December .. The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Amendment) Act* 1949 amends provisions of the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts relating to the description of building operations which may be undertaken without the consent of the Minister, and the control of the sale purchase, supply, delivery, and receipt of building materials. In addition to imposing penalties, courts are empowered to order any structure erected or altered in contravention of the Act to be pulled down. The operation of the principal Act is extended for a further year.
- 5446 .. 6th December .. The *Tourist's Resorts Development (Financial) Act* 1949 increases the amount that may be borrowed for the purposes of the Tourists' Resorts Development Acts and increases the annual payment from the Country Roads Board Fund into the Tourists' Resorts Fund.
- 5447 .. 6th December .. The *Public Library National Gallery and Museums Act* 1949 provides for the appointment of trustees for the Museum of Applied Science of Victoria as part of the combined organization of the Public Library National Gallery and Museums.
- 5448 .. 6th December .. The *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* 1949 amends provisions of the Police Regulation Acts relating to pensions and long service leave of members of the Police Force.
- 5449 .. 6th December .. The *Business Investigations Act* 1949 extends with modifications the operation of the *Companies (Special Investigations) Act* 1940 to certain businesses other than companies, places restrictions on the offering for subscription or purchase of interests in such businesses and prohibits the sale of interests in any business which has illegal objects.

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5450 6th December The *Motor Car (Amendment) Act 1949* amends provisions of the Motor Car Acts relating to the definition of motor cars and motor cycles, the registration and identification of vehicles, the licensing of drivers, the cancellation and suspensions of licences to drive, speed and weight limits, the size, construction, &c., of cars and loads, lights on cars and the procedure to be taken in the case of accidents. The Act also authorizes the refusal or cancellation of driving licences on grounds of prior conviction or bodily infirmity, increases the penalties for dangerous and careless driving, requires driving licences to be cancelled by the court in certain cases, prescribes conditions which must be observed when motor cycles are driven on highways, and extends the provisions of the Motor Car Acts relating to driving while under the influence of liquor to driving while under the influence of drugs.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Elections for
the Legislative
Council, 1949.

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 18th June, 1949, when thirteen of the seventeen provinces were contested. The following tables show the number of electors on the roll for each province, the results of the election and the numbers and proportion who voted in each province where an election was held.

NUMBERS OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ON 30TH JUNE, 1949.

Electoral Province.	Numbers of Electors on Rolls.								
	Ratepayers' Roll.			General Roll.			Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ballaarat	15,773	7,009	22,782	93	55	148	15,866	7,064	22,930
Bendigo	15,629	7,971	23,600	84	82	166	15,713	8,053	23,766
Doutta Galla ..	30,142	13,655	43,797	97	88	185	30,239	13,743	43,982
East Yarra	32,473	15,761	48,234	207	236	443	32,680	15,997	48,677
Gippsland	16,797	5,358	22,155	625	46	671	17,422	5,404	22,826
Higinbotham ..	31,197	15,158	46,355	75	78	153	31,272	15,236	46,508
Melbourne	24,132	11,828	35,960	66	72	138	24,198	11,900	36,098
Melbourne North	35,400	14,327	49,727	650	958	1,608	36,050	15,285	51,335
Melbourne West	27,102	11,708	38,810	64	138	202	27,166	11,846	39,012
Monash	28,344	16,156	44,500	160	115	275	28,504	16,271	44,775
Northern	15,193	5,007	20,200	76	67	143	15,269	5,074	20,343
North-Eastern ..	13,853	4,666	18,519	57	61	118	13,910	4,727	18,637
North-Western ..	14,420	4,784	19,204	145	70	215	14,565	4,854	19,419
Southern	21,755	10,223	31,978	74	35	109	21,829	10,258	32,087
South-Eastern ..	21,011	10,310	31,321	60	41	101	21,071	10,351	31,422
South-Western ..	18,984	7,453	26,437	106	70	176	19,090	7,523	26,613
Western	16,047	5,599	21,646	234	162	396	16,281	5,761	22,042
Grand Total ..	378,252	166,973	545,225	2,873	2,374	5,247	381,125	169,347	550,472

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS, 1949.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
BALLAARAT—		NORTHERN—	
H. C. Ludbrook	9,264	G. J. Tuckett*	8,350
G. Stewart	6,673	J. G. Gorton	7,958
N. T. Callow	3,043	Informal	124
Informal	277		
Final Count—		NORTH-EASTERN—	
H. C. Ludbrook	10,780	P. P. Inchbold*	8,062
G. Stewart	8,200	J. C. Tilson	6,780
		Informal	198
BENDIGO—		NORTH-WESTERN—	
J. H. Lienhop*	12,139	C. E. McNally	9,194
A. Brownbill	7,620	H. R. Paton	6,523
Informal	173	Informal	155
DOUTTA GALLA—		SOUTH-EASTERN—	
W. Slater	19,041	C. P. Gartside*	14,575
D. C. Don	17,146	F. R. Moore	7,942
Informal	531	Informal	367
GIPPSLAND—		SOUTH-WESTERN—	
W. A. V. Macaulay*	10,547	G. S. McArthur*	10,758
E. H. Bawden	7,249	J. G. R. Horne	5,322
Informal	290	J. W. Carr	4,598
		Informal	258
MELBOURNE—		WESTERN—	
F. M. Thomas*	13,798	H. V. McLeod*	10,501
J. Eddy	7,869	S. R. Dawson	7,062
Informal	445	Informal	163
MELBOURNE NORTH—			
J. W. Galbally	23,992		
L. H. McBrien*	18,623		
Informal	444		
MONASH—			
Sir F. G. Clarke*	17,652		
P. E. Joske	12,558		
Informal	847		

* Sitting Member.

UNCONTESTED PROVINCES.

Province.	Member.
East Yarra	E. P. Cameron
Higinbotham	J. A. Kennedy
Melbourne West	P. L. Coleman
Southern	G. L. Chandler

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED
AT THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 18TH JUNE, 1949.

Province.	Number of Electors on Rolls.	Number of Electors who Voted.	Informal Votes.	Number who Voted. by Post.	Per- centage of Electors who Voted.
Ballaarat	22,930	19,257	277	678	83·98
Bendigo	23,766	19,932	173	890	83·87
Doutta Galla	43,982	36,718	531	700	83·48
East Yarra*.. .. .	48,677	..	..	..	..
Gippsland	22,826	18,086	290	82	79·23
Higinbotham*	46,508	..	..	..	..
Melbourne	36,098	22,112	445	685	61·26
Melbourne North	51,335	43,059	444	818	83·88
Melbourne West*	39,012	..	..	..	..
Monash	44,775	31,057	847	695	69·36
Northern	20,343	16,432	124	123	80·77
North-Eastern	18,637	15,040	198	126	80·70
North-Western	19,419	15,872	155	96	81·73
Southern*	32,087	..	..	..	..
South-Eastern	31,422	22,884	367	326	72·83
South-Western	26,613	20,936	258	450	78·67
Western	22,042	17,726	163	253	80·42
Total number of electors ..	550,472	..	..	..	..
Less uncontested provinces ..	166,284
Total contested provinces ..	384,188	299,111	4,272	5,922	77·86

* Uncontested.

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The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each district on 30th June, 1949.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1949.

Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.
METROPOLITAN.		COUNTRY.	
Albert Park	25,956	Allendale	15,222
Box Hill	28,911	Ballaarat	21,470
Brighton	28,550	Barwon	15,709
Brunswick	25,192	Benalla	13,582
Camberwell	26,362	Benambra	12,990
Carlton	26,440	Bendigo	22,116
Caulfield	24,515	Borung	13,628
Caulfield	24,515	Dundas	15,016
Clifton Hill	25,634	Evelyn	16,144
Coburg	24,990	Geelong	21,322
Collingwood	25,498	Gippsland East	12,935
Dandenong	31,846	Gippsland North	14,855
Elsternwick	23,478	Gippsland South	15,464
Essendon	27,901	Gippsland West	15,449
Footscray	25,036	Goulburn	13,293
Glen Iris	25,315	Grant	15,730
Hawthorn	24,469	Hampden	14,519
Ivanhoe	28,953	Korong	12,809
Kew	24,279	Mernda	15,693
Malvern	22,417	Midlands	14,855
Melbourne	24,009	Mildura	14,072
Mentone	29,475	Mornington	17,090
Moonee Ponds	26,558	Murray Valley	14,801
Northcote	25,087	Polwarth	14,658
Oakleigh	26,347	Portland	14,840
Port Melbourne	28,016	Rainbow	12,470
Prahran	25,893	Ripon	14,755
Preston	26,978	Rodney	14,426
Richmond	25,589	Scoresby	16,652
St. Kilda	24,679	Shepparton	15,800
Sunshine	27,119	Swan Hill	13,905
Toorak	22,936	Warrnambool	14,567
Williamstown	26,874	Wonthaggi	15,386
Total	835,302	Total	506,223
		Grand Total	1,341,525

**Elections,
Legislative
Assembly,
1950.**

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 13th May, 1950, there were contests in 62 of the 65 constituencies. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,362,851—656,800 males and 706,051 females. In contested districts 94·40 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes, the proportion for males being 95·28 per cent. and for females 93·58 per cent.

The following table shows the number of electors, the votes polled, and the percentage of the latter to the former in the various electoral districts.

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL
ELECTION ON 13TH MAY, 1950.**

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Albert Park ..	11,771	13,844	25,615	10,494	12,750	23,244	89·15	92·10	90·74
Allendale ..	7,662	7,675	15,337	7,354	7,316	14,670	95·98	95·32	95·65
Ballaarat ..	9,834	11,825	21,659	9,527	11,438	20,965	96·88	96·73	96·80
Barwon* ..	7,653	8,497	16,150						
Benalla ..	7,081	6,705	13,786		6,785	12,988	95·82	92·51	94·21
Benambra ..	7,227	6,332	13,559		5,829	12,501	92·32	92·06	92·20
Bendigo ..	10,328	12,038	22,366		9,977	21,515	96·60	95·85	96·20
Borong ..	6,748	6,944	13,692		6,522	13,154	96·65	95·51	96·07
Box Hill ..	14,379	16,338	30,717	13,879	15,102	28,981	96·52	92·43	94·35
Brighton* ..	12,739	15,691	28,430						
Brunswick ..	12,091	12,985	25,076	11,611	12,162	23,773	96·03	93·66	94·80
Camberwell ..	11,961	15,105	27,066	11,513	13,847	25,360	96·25	91·67	93·70
Carlton ..	12,665	13,473	26,138	11,920	12,335	24,255	94·12	91·55	92·80
Caulfield ..	10,502	13,293	23,795	9,824	11,996	21,820	93·54	90·24	91·70
Clifton Hill ..	12,085	13,337	25,422	11,596	12,372	23,968	95·95	92·76	94·28
Coburg ..	12,423	13,208	25,631	11,907	12,620	24,527	95·85	95·55	95·69
Collingwood ..	12,281	13,383	25,664	11,534	11,840	23,374	93·92	88·47	91·08
Dandenong ..	17,951	17,167	35,118	16,846	16,368	33,214	93·84	95·35	94·58
Dundas ..	7,593	7,510	15,103	7,364	7,139	14,503	96·98	95·06	96·03
Elsternwick ..	10,547	12,447	22,994	9,868	11,559	21,427	93·56	92·87	93·19
Essendon ..	14,343	15,279	29,622	13,959	14,282	28,241	97·32	93·47	95·34
Evelyn ..	8,712	8,364	17,076	8,165	7,764	15,929	93·72	92·83	93·28
Footscray ..	12,297	12,780	25,077	11,753	11,883	23,636	95·58	92·98	94·25
Geelong ..	9,963	11,615	21,578	9,554	10,955	20,509	95·89	94·32	95·05
Gippsland East ..	6,963	6,193	13,156	6,555	5,794	12,349	94·14	93·56	93·87
Gippsland North ..	9,186	7,057	16,243	8,426		14,996	91·73	93·10	92·32
Gippsland South ..	8,503	7,779	16,282	7,987	7,492	15,479	93·93	96·31	95·07
Gippsland West ..	8,456	7,579	16,035	7,794	7,256	15,050	92·17	95·74	93·86
Glen Iris ..	12,145	14,296	26,441	11,664	13,380	25,044	96·04	93·93	94·72
Goulburn ..	7,198	6,581	13,779	6,899	6,144	13,043	95·85	93·36	94·66
Grant ..	8,204	8,038	16,242	7,927	7,236	15,163	96·62	92·02	93·36
Hampden ..	7,391	7,085	14,476	7,077	6,736	13,813	95·75	95·07	95·42
Hawthorn ..	10,390	13,691	24,081	9,874	12,677	22,551	95·03	92·59	93·63
Ivanhoe ..	14,607	16,288	30,895	13,851	15,205	29,056	94·82	93·35	94·05
Kew* ..	10,509	13,603	24,112						
Korong ..	6,523	6,257	12,780	6,352	5,840	12,192	97·38	93·43	95·40
Malvern ..	9,231	13,344	22,575	8,844	12,093	20,937	95·81	90·63	92·74
Melbourne ..	11,692	12,529	24,221	10,931	10,996	21,927	93·49	87·76	90·53
Mentone ..	14,776	16,431	31,207	14,096	15,399	29,495	95·40	93·72	94·51
Mernda ..	8,243	8,154	16,397	7,780	7,424	15,204	94·38	91·05	92·72

* Uncontested.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 13TH
MAY, 1950—continued.

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Midlands	7,298	7,621	14,919	7,103	7,314	14,417	97.33	95.97	96.64
Mildura	7,466	6,731	14,197	6,990	6,439	13,429	93.62	95.66	94.59
Moonee Ponds ..	12,647	13,922	26,569	12,118	13,239	25,357	95.82	95.09	95.44
Mornington	8,812	9,155	17,967	8,284	8,432	16,716	94.01	92.10	93.03
Murray Valley ..	7,846	7,497	15,343	7,597	7,054	14,651	96.83	94.09	95.49
Northcote	11,899	13,456	25,355	11,553	12,959	24,512	97.09	96.31	96.68
Oakleigh	13,024	14,055	27,079	12,613	13,254	25,867	96.84	94.30	95.52
Polwarth	7,566	7,169	14,735	7,233	6,895	14,128	95.60	96.18	95.88
Portland	7,714	7,340	15,054	7,463	7,018	14,481	96.75	95.61	96.19
Port Melbourne ..	13,246	13,434	26,680	12,346	12,581	24,927	93.21	93.65	93.43
Prahran	10,334	14,471	24,805	9,909	13,460	23,369	95.89	93.01	94.21
Preston	13,666	14,268	27,934	13,252	13,532	26,784	96.97	94.84	95.88
Rainbow	6,534	5,820	12,354	6,262	5,554	11,816	95.84	95.43	95.65
Richmond	11,582	13,722	25,304	11,006	13,144	24,150	95.03	95.79	95.44
Ripon	7,341	7,612	14,953	7,100	7,223	14,323	96.72	94.89	95.79
Rodney	7,511	7,089	14,600	7,174	6,686	13,860	95.51	94.32	94.93
Scoresby	8,670	9,009	17,679	8,159	8,300	16,459	94.11	92.13	93.10
Shepparton	8,470	7,845	16,315	8,104	7,385	15,489	95.68	94.14	94.94
St. Kilda	11,307	12,417	23,724	10,513	11,620	22,133	92.98	93.58	93.29
Sunshine	13,847	13,973	27,820	13,442	13,008	26,450	97.08	93.09	95.08
Swan Hill	7,228	6,814	14,042	6,945	6,310	13,255	96.08	92.60	94.40
Toorak	9,155	13,734	22,889	8,831	13,032	21,863	96.46	94.89	95.52
Warrnambool ..	7,327	7,179	14,506	6,997	6,990	13,987	95.50	97.37	96.42
Williamstown ..	13,391	13,592	26,983	12,862	12,841	25,703	96.05	94.47	95.26
Wonthaggi	8,066	7,386	15,452	7,820	6,935	14,755	96.95	93.89	95.49
Total all districts ..	656,800	706,051	1,362,851	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uncontested districts ..	30,901	37,791	68,692	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total contested districts	625,899	668,260	1,294,159	596,357	625,377	1,221,734	95.28	93.58	94.40

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
ALBERT PARK—		CAMBERWELL—	
P. K. Sutton	11,807	R. K. Whately*	16,390
R. Schilling*	11,230	J. C. Stewart	8,788
Informal	207	Informal	182
ALLENDALE—		CARLTON—	
S. K. Glover	6,274	W. P. Barry*	17,692
R. T. White*	4,973	A. F. K. Block	6,124
T. H. Grigg	3,314	Informal	439
Informal	109	CAULFIELD—	
Final Count—		A. H. Dennett*	13,816
R. T. White	8,058	D. L. H. Elliston	7,814
S. K. Glover	6,503	Informal	190
BALLAARAT—		CLIFTON HILL—	
T. T. Hollway*	10,646	J. P. O'Carroll*	16,004
J. J. Sheehan	9,735	K. J. Withers	7,633
A. J. G. Nicholls	421	Informal	331
Informal	163	COBURG—	
BENALLA—		K. P. Hayes	9,462
F. A. Cook*	7,466	C. Mutton*	7,977
J. C. Pennington	5,174	J. H. Morris	6,852
Informal	348	Informal	236
BENAMBRA—		Final Count—	
T. W. Mitchell*	9,050	C. Mutton	14,085
J. Ronan	3,187	K. P. Hayes	10,206
Informal	264	COLLINGWOOD—	
BENDIGO—		W. J. Towers*	18,026
L. W. Galvin*	12,633	R. S. Taylor	4,918
H. E. Every	8,724	Informal	430
Informal	158	DANDENONG—	
BORUNG—		W. R. Dawnay-Mould*	16,521
W. J. Mibus*	7,354	L. R. Coates	16,391
R. A. Levitzke	5,677	Informal	302
Informal	123	DUNDAS—	
BOX HILL—		W. J. F. McDonald*	6,828
G. O. Reid*	15,942	J. G. Toleman	6,039
R. J. Gray	12,819	G. R. Kirsopp	1,524
Informal	220	Informal	112
BRUNSWICK—		Final Count—	
P. J. Randles*	16,626	W. J. F. McDonald	8,059
B. J. Cann	6,805	J. G. Toleman	6,332
Informal	342	ELSTERNWICK—	
		J. Don*	12,932
		H. A. Lorback	8,351
		Informal	144

* Sitting Member.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
ESSENDON—		GLEN IRIS—	
G. Fewster	13,725	L. G. Norman*	16,532
A. R. Bateman*	12,910	G. L. Noad	8,333
A. D. Dodds	1,319	Informal	179
Informal	287		
Final Count—		GOULBURN—	
G. Fewster	14,339	J. H. Smith	6,476
A. R. Bateman	13,615	P. S. Grimwade*	4,873
		W. J. Hoddinott	1,637
		Informal	57
EVELYN—		Final Count—	
R. J. Leckie	8,466	J. H. Smith	6,774
J. S. Dunbar	5,413	P. S. Grimwade	6,212
C. E. Wolfe	1,863		
Informal	187		
		GRANT—	
FOOTSCRAY—		L. F. C. D'Arcy	6,833
J. J. Holland*	16,902	A. J. Fraser	4,727
L. L. Gordon	5,061	F. C. T. Holden*	3,454
J. C. Arrowsmith	1,295	Informal	149
Informal	378	Final Count—	
		A. J. Fraser	7,627
GEELONG—		L. F. C. D'Arcy	7,387
J. McR. Dunn	11,405		
E. H. Montgomery*	9,014	HAMPDEN—	
Informal	90	H. E. Bolte*	7,830
		P. L. Denigan	5,856
GIPPSLAND EAST—		Informal	127
A. E. Lind*	8,421		
G. W. Savage	3,691	HAWTHORN—	
Informal	237	C. J. Murphy	9,361
		L. Tyack	8,887
GIPPSLAND NORTH—		F. L. Edmunds*	4,100
J. A. Johns	7,179	Informal	203
W. O. Fulton	4,658	Final Count—	
D. H. Fowler	3,018	L. Tyack	12,134
Informal	141	C. J. Murphy	10,214
Final Count—			
W. O. Fulton	7,487		
J. A. Johns	7,368	IVANHOE—	
		R. C. Curnow*	16,850
GIPPSLAND SOUTH—		D. J. Walker	11,997
H. J. T. Hyland*	11,544	Informal	209
D. H. Bertram	3,525		
Informal	410		
		KORONG—	
GIPPSLAND WEST—		K. H. Turnbull	4,428
L. J. Cochrane	6,137	J. D. C. McLean	3,957
B. M. Morris	6,047	J. G. Matheson	3,718
M. Steward	2,517	Informal	89
Informal	349	Final Count—	
Final Count—		K. H. Turnbull	7,313
L. J. Cochrane	7,844	J. D. C. McLean	4,790
B. M. Morris	6,857		

* Sitting Member.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

(Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
MALVERN—		MURRAY VALLEY—	
T. D. Oldham*	11,949	G. C. Moss*	5,697
A. L. Cahill	6,828	N. Stewart	5,418
M. Brown	1,868	J. C. Tilson	3,423
Informal	292	Informal	113
MELBOURNE—		Final Count—	
T. Hayes*	14,219	G. C. Moss	8,609
J. Eddy	7,340	N. Stewart	5,929
Informal	368		
MENTONE—		NORTHCOTE—	
G. E. White	15,046	J. Cain*	17,040
H. V. Drew*	14,231	T. W. Templeton	7,301
Informal	218	Informal	171
MERENDA—		OALKEIGH—	
A. E. Ireland*	8,792	V. J. Doube	11,720
R. A. Smith	5,695	C. E. Laming	8,833
Informal	717	J. S. Lechte*	5,084
MIDLANDS—		Informal	230
C. P. Stoneham*	8,094	Final Count—	
H. S. Boyle	5,054	V. J. Doube	12,820
J. W. Wright	1,156	C. E. Laming	12,817
Informal	113		
MILDURA—		POLWARTH—	
L. F. C. Garlick	6,266	E. J. Guye*	8,094
N. Barclay*	4,889	E. W. Morris	4,575
K. Richardson	2,127	J. G. R. Horne	1,391
Informal	147	Informal	68
Final Count—		PORTLAND—	
N. Barclay	6,703	R. W. Holt	7,392
L. F. C. Garlick	6,579	H. R. Hedditch*	5,508
		C. W. Buerckner	1,510
		Informal	71
MOONEE PONDS—		PORT MELBOURNE—	
S. Merrifield*	14,073	T. P. Corrigan*	18,598
J. F. Rossiter	7,902	A. W. Taylor	4,587
B. O'Callaghan	3,154	R. S. Gibson	1,239
Informal	228	Informal	503
MORNINGTON—			
W. W. Leggatt*	9,847	PRAHRAN—	
A. A. Higgins	4,566	F. Crean*	12,879
A. G. Allnutt	2,133	C. C. Barrington	10,267
Informal	170	Informal	223

* Sitting Member.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
PRESTON—		SUNSHINE—	
W. Ruthven*	17,007	A. E. Shepherd*	20,369
V. T. Hauser	9,561	M. H. James	5,823
Informal	216	Informal	258
RAINBOW—			
K. Dodgshun*	8,403	SWAN HILL—	
J. E. Menadue	3,288	J. A. Hipworth*	6,792
Informal	125	S. Lockhart	6,339
RICHMOND—		Informal	124
F. R. Scully*	17,569		
R. Skinner	4,504	TOORAK—	
K. C. Miller	1,510	E. R. T. Reynolds*	12,509
Informal	567	H. J. Peagram	9,178
RIPON—		Informal	176
E. Morton	6,991		
R. C. Guthrie*	5,640	WARRNAMBOOL—	
A. W. Vanston	1,642	J. B. Farrell	5,804
Informal	50	R. W. Mack	4,745
Final Count—		H. S. Bailey*	3,349
E. Morton	7,351	Informal	89
R. C. Guthrie	6,922	Final Count—	
RODNEY—		R. W. Mack	7,102
R. K. Brose*	7,796	J. B. Farrell	6,796
W. B. Heily	5,801		
Informal	263	WILLIAMSTOWN—	
ST. KILDA—		J. Lemmon*	16,560
A. Michaelis*	11,477	B. M. Edwards	6,571
J. P. Bourke	10,464	A. H. Dobbin	2,264
Informal	192	Informal	308
SCORESBY—			
G. H. Knox*	12,036	WONTHAGGI—	
E. R. Chambers	4,126	W. J. Buckingham*	6,016
Informal	297	P. L. C. Vagg	5,161
SHEPPARTON—		R. E. McIndoe	3,499
J. G. B. McDonald*	6,395	Informal	79
G. R. Anderson	5,263	Final Count—	
H. B. Causer	3,698	W. J. Buckingham	9,256
Informal	133	P. L. C. Vagg	5,420
Final Count—			
J. G. B. McDonald	9,439		
G. R. Anderson	5,917		

* Sitting Member.

UNCONTESTED DISTRICTS.

District.	Member.
Barwon	T. K. Maltby
Brighton	R. W. Tovell
Kew	A. G. Rylah

The first general election for the Legislative Assembly was held in the year 1856. The proportion of electors of contested districts who voted at each of the general elections held since that year is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1856-1950.

Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Electors of Contested Districts who Voted.
	Per cent.		Per cent.		Per cent.
1856 ..	*	1889 ..	66·58	1921 ..	57·26
1859 ..	*	1892 ..	65·12	1924 ..	59·24
1861 ..	*	1894 ..	70·99	1927 ..	91·76†
1864 ..	*	1897 ..	70·33	1929 ..	93·72
1866 ..	55·10	1900 ..	63·47	1932 ..	94·20
1868 ..	61·59	1902 ..	65·47	1935 ..	94·39
1871 ..	65·02	1904 ..	66·72	1937 ..	93·96
1874 ..	61·00	1907 ..	61·26	1940 ..	93·41
1877 ..	62·29	1908 ..	53·64	1943 ..	87·00§
1880 (Feb.)	66·56	1911 ..	63·61	1945 ..	87·98§
1880 (July)	65·85	1914 ..	53·92	1947 ..	93·44
1883 ..	64·96	1917 ..	54·21	1950 ..	94·40
1886 ..	64·70	1920 ..	63·70		

* Not available.

† The increase in the percentage of voters is accounted for by voting having been made compulsory by Act No. 3488, passed on 23rd December, 1926.

‡ The decreases are due to the absence of many electors on war service.

Preferential voting. The system of preferential voting was provided for by Statute in 1911 for Legislative Assembly elections, in 1921 for Legislative Council triennial elections, and in 1936 for Legislative Council general elections directly following upon a dissolution of the Council in consequence of disagreements between the two Houses. An illustration of this system of voting is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 19.

In 29 of the 62 contested districts in the Legislative Assembly election of 13th May, 1950, there were more than two candidates. In twelve of these the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In seven of the other seventeen contests the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second and subsequent preferences were distributed.

VICTORIA—PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTIONS.

By-elections held in Victoria since 17th July, 1949, were as follows:—

Legislative Assembly—

17th December, 1949	..	Mr. J. P. O'Carroll, elected for Clifton Hill Electoral District.
17th December, 1949	..	Mr. A. G. Rylah, elected for Kew Electoral District.
17th December, 1949	..	Mr. F. R. Scully, elected for Richmond Electoral District.

PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Clifton Hill Electoral District.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election	..	12,754	14,019	26,773
Number of electors who voted	.. ..	10,305	11,289	21,594
Percentage of electors who voted	.. ..	80·80	80·53	80·66

Kew Electoral District.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election	..	10,700	13,554	24,254
Number of electors who voted	.. ..	8,786	11,494	20,280
Percentage of electors who voted	.. ..	82·11	84·80	83·62

PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS—*continued.*LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Richmond Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election ..	11,961	13,621	25,582
Number of electors who voted	11,000	11,615	22,615
Percentage of electors who voted	91·97	85·27	88·40

THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA.

An article on the "Agent-General for Victoria" was published in the *Year-Book* for 1937-38, pages 21 and 22.

The *Agent-General's Act* of 1945 simplifies and consolidates the statutory provisions relating to the administration of the office of the Agent-General for Victoria.

The Acting Agent-General for Victoria in Great Britain is Mr. S. G. Carter, Victoria House, Melbourne-place, Strand, London, W.C.2.

REFERENDUM, 1948.

On the 29th May, 1948, a Referendum was taken to amend the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act. Voting was as follows :—

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PRICE CONTROL).

State.	Votes in Favour of Proposed Law.	Votes Not in Favour of Proposed Law.	Percentage of Votes Recorded in Favour.		Percentage of Votes Recorded Not in Favour.		Informal Votes.
			(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	
			To Formal Votes.	To Electors Enrolled.	To Formal Votes.	To Electors Enrolled.	
New South Wales	723,183	1,012,639	41·66	38·45	58·34	53·84	26,269
Victoria	559,361	893,937	44·63	41·38	55·37	51·33	16,739
Queensland ..	187,955	422,236	30·80	28·07	69·20	63·06	7,487
South Australia ..	167,171	229,438	42·15	39·54	57·85	54·27	6,169
West Australia ..	105,605	168,088	38·59	35·06	61·41	55·80	4,589
Tasmania ..	50,437	91,845	35·45	31·99	64·55	58·25	2,853
Total ..	1,793,712	2,618,183	40·66	37·49	59·34	54·73	64,106