CHAPTER III.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

1. General.—A brief account of the general legislative powers of the Commonwealth and States is given in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 13, pp. 927 to 951, and No. 22, page 64). It is not proposed to repeat this information in the present issue.

2. Powers and Functions of the Governor-General and of the State Governors.— A detailed statement of the powers and functions of the Governor-General and of the State Governors will be found in preceding issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 18, pp. 78 to 80), but considerations of space preclude the repetition of this information in the present volume.

3. Governor-General and State Governors.—The present Governor-General is the Right Honourable JOHN LAWRENCE, BARON STONEHAVEN, P.C., G.C.M.G., D.S.O. He assumed office on the 8th October, 1925.

The following is a list of the Governors of the various States of the Commonwealth :---

| New South Wales | Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O. |
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| Victoria | LieutColonel the Rt. Hon. ARTHUR HERBERT TENNYSON, BARON SOMERS, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. |
| Queensland | LieutGeneral SIR THOMAS HERBERT JOHN CHAPMAN GOODWIN, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. |
| South Australia | Brigadier-General SIE ALEXANDER GORE ARKWRIGHT HORE-RUTHVEN, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. |
| Western Australia | Colonel Sir William Robert Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O. |
| Tasmania | Captain SIB JAMES O'GBADY, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., J.P. |

4. The Cabinet and Executive Government.—(i) General. In both the Commonwealth and the State Legislatures the forms of government have been founded on their prototypes in the Imperial Government, and the relations established between the Ministry and the representatives of the people are in accordance with those prevailing in Great Britain. The executive powers in the Commonwealth are vested in the Governor-General in Council, and in the State Governments in the Governor in Council. The Executive Council in the Commonwealth and in the majority of the States is practically co-extensive with a group of departmental chiefs, who are usually spoken of as the Cabinet, and who change with the rise and fall of party majorities. In the Commonwealth Government, however, as well as in the States of Victoria and Tasmania, the Cabinet on leaving office remain members of the Executive Council, though they no longer attend its meetings, and it is in fact an essential feature of the Cabinet system of Government that they should not do so, except to assist the Governor in transacting purely formal business, or to advise on non-political questions. (ii) The Executive Council. This body is composed of the Governor and the Ministers of State holding office for the time being. The latter are sworn both as Executive Councillors and as Ministers controlling the different administrative departments. It should be observed that all persons living who have held Ministerial office under former Governments are also technically members of the Executive Council, and are thus liable to be specially summoned for attendance at meetings of that body. The meetings are official in character; they are presided over by the Governor-General (or Governor) and are attended by the clerk, who keeps a formal record of the proceedings. At these meetings the decisions of the Cabinet are put into official form and made effective, appointments are confirmed, resignations accepted, proceedings ordered, and notices and regulations published.

(iii) The Appointment of Ministers and of Executive Councillors. Although it is technically possible for the Governor to make and unmake cabinets at his pleasure, under all ordinary circumstances his apparent liberty in choosing his Executive Council is virtually restricted by the operation of constitutional machinery. When a Ministry is defeated in Parliament or at the polls, the procedure both in the Commonwealth and the State Parliaments generally, though not invariably, follows that prevailing in the Imperial Parliament. The customary procedure in connexion with the resignation or acceptance of office by a Ministry is described fully in previous issues of the Year Book. (See No. 6, page 942.)

(iv) Ministers in Upper or Lower Houses. The subjoined table shows the number of Ministers with scats in the Upper or Lower Houses of each Parliament in May, 1930.

| Ministers with Seats in— | C'wealth. | N.S.W. | Vict. | Q'land. | S. Aust. | W. Aust. | Tas. | Total. |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| The Upper House The Lower House | 2 11 | 3 11 | 4 8 | io | 24 | 17 | 1 6 | 13 57 |
| Total | 13 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 70 |

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS—MINISTERS IN UPPER OR LOWER HOUSES, 1930.

(v) The Cabinet. (a) General. The meetings of this body are private and deliberative. The actual Ministers of the day are alone present, no records of the meetings transpire, and no official notice is taken of the proceedings. The members of the Cabinet, being the leaders of the party in power in Parliament, control the bent of legislation, and must retain the confidence of the people and also of the Governor-Ceneral (or Governor), to whom they act as an advising body. They also in effect wield, by virtue of their seats on the Executive Council, the whole executive force of the community. In summoning, proroguing, or dissolving Parliament, the Governor-General (or Governor) is usually guided by the advice tendered him by the Cabinet, though legally in no way bound to accept such advice.

(b) Commonwealth Ministers of State. A statement showing the names of Ministers of State who have held office from the inauguration of the Commonwealth Government to 1925 will be found in Official Year Book No. 18, pages 82 and 83, but considerations of space preclude its inclusion in the present issue.

(c) State Ministries. A list of the members of the Ministry in each State in May, 1930, will be found in § 3 of this chapter.

5. Number and Salary of Members of the Legislatures.—The following table shows the number and annual salary of members in each of the legislative chambers in May, 1930:—

| Members in | C'wealth. | N.S.W. | Vict. | Q'land. | S. Aust. | W. Aust. | Tasmania. | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | Mem | BERS. | | | | |
| Upper House Lower House | | 93 90 | $\begin{array}{c} 34 \\ 65 \end{array}$ | (a) 72 | 20 46 | 30 50 | 18 30 | 231 429 |
| Total | 112 | 183 | 99 | 72 | 66 | 80 | 48 | 660 |
| | | | ANNUAL | Salary | • | | | |
| Upper House Lower House | £ 1,000 1,000 | £ 744 | £ 200 500 | £ (a) 500 | £ 400 400 | £ 600 600 | £ 370–500 400–500 | |

MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PARLIAMENTS, AND ANNUAL SALARIES, 1930.

(a) Council abolished in 1922.

The use of the expressions "Upper House" and "Lower House" in the above statement, though not justified constitutionally, is convenient, inasmuch as the legislative chambers are known by different names in the Commonwealth and in some of the States.

6. Enactments of the Parliament.—In the Commonwealth, all laws are enacted in the name of the Sovereign, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. The subjects with respect to which the Commonwealth Parliament is empowered to make laws are enumerated in the Constitution Act. In the States, laws are enacted in the name of the Sovereign by and with the consent of the Legislative Council (except in Queensland) and Legislative Assembly or House of Assembly. The Governor-General or the State Governor acts as Viceroy as regards giving the Royal assent to or vetoing Bills passed by the Legislatures, or reserving them for the special consideration of the Sovereign. In the States, the Councils and Assemblies are empowered generally, subject to the Commonwealth Constitution, to make laws in and for their respective States, in all cases whatsoever. Subject to certain limitations, they may alter, repeal, or vary their Constitution. Where a law of a State is inconsistent with a law of the Commonwealth the latter prevails, and the former is, to the extent of the inconsistency, invalid.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

1. Qualifications for Membership and for Franchise.—The conspectus in § 4 of "General Government" in Year Book No. 13 contains particulars, as in 1920, relating to the legislative chambers in the Commonwealth and State Parliaments, and shows concisely the qualifications necessary for membership and for the franchise in each House. (These are, in the main, applicable in 1930, but it must be remembered that Queensland abolished the Upper House in 1922). It has further to be remembered that in 1925 the Commonwealth Parliament passed an Act removing the disqualification on racial grounds from (a) natives of British India and (b) persons who have become naturalized. Disqualification of persons otherwise eligible, either as members or voters, is generally on the usual grounds of being of unsound mind or attainted of treason, being convicted of certain offences, and, as regards membership, on the grounds of holding a place of profit under the Crown, being pecuniarily interested in a Government contract except as a member of an incorporated company of more than twenty-five persons, or being an undischarged bankrupt.

2. The Federal Government.--The Senate consists of 36 members, six being returned by each of the original federating States. Members of this Chamber are elected for a term of six years, but by a provision in the Constitution half the members retire at the end of every third year, although they are eligible for re-election. In accordance with the Constitution, the total number of members of the House of Representatives must be as nearly as possible double that of the Senate. In the House of Representatives the States are represented on a population basis, and the numbers stand at present as follows : -New South Wales, 28; Victoria, 20; Queensland, 10; South Australia, 7; Western Australia, 5; Tasmania, 5; Northern Territory, 1-total, 76. The Constitution provides for a minimum of five members for each original State. Members of the House of Representatives are elected for the duration of the Parliament, which is limited to three years. In elections for Senators, the whole State constitutes the electorate. For the purposes of elections for the House of Representatives, the State is divided into single electorates corresponding in number with the number of members to which the State is entitled. Members of both Houses are paid at the rate of £1,000 per annum. Further information regarding the Senate and the House of Representatives is given in preceding issues.

3. Federal Elections.-There have been eleven complete Parliaments since the inauguration of Federation. The fifth Parliament, which was opened on the 9th July, 1913, was dissolved on the 30th July, 1914, in somewhat unusual circumstances. Under Section 57 of the Constitution, it is provided that, should the Senate fail to pass, or pass with amendments, any proposed law previously passed by the House of Representatives, and should the latter House, after an interval of three months, again pass the proposed law, with or without the amendments of the Senate, and the Senate for a second time reject it or pass it with amendments to which the lower House will not agree, then the Governor-General may dissolve the two Houses simultaneously. For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth this deadlock between the Senate and the House of Representatives occurred in the second session of the fifth Parliament, and, in accordance with the section of the Constitution referred to above, both Houses were dissolved by the Governor-General. The first session of the twelfth Parliament opened on the 20th November, 1929. The first meeting at Parliament House, Canberra, was opened by H.R.H. the Duke of York on 9th May, 1927. Particulars regarding Commonwealth elections since 1917 may be found in the table given hereunder :---

FEDERAL ELECTIONS, 1917 to 1929.

| Date. | Electors Enrolled. | | | Elect | ors who | Voted. | Percentage of Electors who Voted. | | |
|-------|--------------------|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------------------------------------|------|--------|
| | Males. | Fem. | Total. | Males. | Fem. | Total. | Males. | Fem. | Total. |

| 13th December, 1919 16th December, 1922 14th November, 1925 | $\begin{matrix} 1,439,818 \\ 1,410,044 \\ 2,849,862 \\ 1,094,534 \\ 938,403 \\ 2,032,937 \\ 76,02 \\ 64,67 \\ 51,19 \\ 51 \\ 1,494,508 \\ 1,487,916 \\ 2,92,424 \\ 960,551 \\ 71,095 \\ 1,728,246 \\ 64,67 \\ 51,19 \\ 51 \\ 1,55,608 \\ 1,499,345 \\ 3,014,953 \\ 91,51 \\ 91,51 \\ 91,11 \\ 91 \\ 91 \\ 91 \\ 91 \\ 91 \\ 91 $ | 7.69 1.33 7.95 1.31 3.61 |
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| | | |

THE SENATE.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(CONTESTED ELECTORATES.)

| 13th December, 1919 16th December, 1922 14th November, 1925 17th November, 1928 | 1,396,020 1,378,254 1,635,842 1,632,897 1,450,202 1,463,951 | 2,762,633 1,063,029 2,774,274 920,177 3,268,739 1,499,000 2,914,153 1,362,675 | 9 914,816 1,977,845 76.19 7 726,686 1,646,863 65.91 3,1,488,194 2,987,200 91.63 5 1,366,137 2,728,812 93.96 | 66.9071.5952.7259.3691.1491.3993.3293.64 |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| 17th November, 1928 12th October, 1929 | 1,450,202 1,463,951 1,557,525 1,500,505 | 2,914,153 1,362,678 3,118,030 1,479,100 | 5 1,360,137 2,728,812 93.96 1,478,447 2,957,547 94.96 | 93.32 94.74 94.85 |

The percentage of electors who exercised the franchise at each election rose from 53.04 for the Senate and 55.69 for the House of Representatives in 1901 to 77.69 and 78.30 respectively in 1917. The next election in 1919 showed a considerable falling off, and in 1922 the decrease was still more marked, the respective percentages for that year being 57.95 and 59.36, or very little more than those for 1901. Compulsory voting was introduced prior to the election in 1925, and an exceedingly heavy vote was east in that year. In 1928 the results of the previous election were exceeded, and the exceptional average of nearly 94 per cent. of possible votes was recorded for each House. The highest percentage recorded, however, was in respect of the 1929 House of Representatives election, when 94.85 per cent. of the electors in the contested divisions voted.

4. Federal Referencia.—According to Section 128 of the Constitution, any proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution must, in addition to being passed by an absolute majority of each House of Parliament, be submitted to a referendum of the electors in each State, and must further be approved by a majority of the States and of the electors who voted before it can be presented for Royal Assent. Several referenda have been held from time to time, but in three cases only has any proposed law been assented to by the required majority of the electors. A statement dealing with the various referenda up to and inclusive of the year 1919, and the voting thereon was given in previous issues of the Official Year Book (see No. 18, pp. 87 to 89), but space will not permit of the incorporation of this information in the present volume. In the year 1926 a referendum was held in relation to proposed laws entitled respectively "Industry and Commerce" and "Essential Services." The result of the voting was: Industry and Commerce, votes in favour, 1,247,088; votes not in favour, 1,619,655. Essential Services, votes in favour, 1,195,502; votes not in favour, 1,597,793.

A referendum was taken in 1928 in respect of a proposed law entitled "State Debts 1928" and a majority of votes was cast in each State in favour of the proposal, the voting for the Commonwealth being as follows: in favour, 2,237,391; not in favour, 773,352.

5. The Parliament of New South Wales.--(i) Constitution. The Legislative Council in this State is a nominee chamber, the Legislative Assembly being an elective body. Theoretically the Legislative Council may contain an unlimited number of members, and the number of members in February, 1930, was ninetythree. The tenure of the seat is for life; four-fifths of the members must be persons not holding any paid office under the Crown, but this is held not to include officers of His Majesty's sea or land forces on full or half-pay, or retired officers on pensions. A Bill for the reconstitution of the Legislative Council is to be submitted to a referendum of the electors on a date to be proclaimed. It provides that the Council shall consist of sixty members who shall be elected at a secret ballot by members of both Houses of Parliament voting as one electoral body. The term of service is to be twelve years, one-fourth of the members to be elected every three years. The Legislative Assembly consists of ninety members elected in single-seat electoral districts, who hold their seats during the existence of the Parliament to which they are elected. The duration of Parliament is limited to three vears.

(ii) Particulars of Elections. Since the introduction of responsible government in New South Wales there have been twenty-seven complete Parliaments, the first of which opened on the 22nd May, 1856, and was dissolved on the 19th December, 1857, while the twenty-seventh was dissolved on the 7th September, 1927. The twenty-eighth Parliament opened on the 3rd November, 1927. The elections of 1920, 1922, and 1925 were contested on the principle of proportional representation, but a reversion to the system of single seats and preferential voting was made at the last appeal to the people. Particulars of voting at elections from 1917 to 1927 are given below :---

| Year. | Electors Qualified to Vote. | | | Elec | tors who .V | oted. | Percentage of Electors who Voted in Contested Electorates. | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | | | |
| 1917 1920 1922 1925 1927 | 574,308 593,244 636,662 678,749 714,886 | 535,522 561,193 614,361 660,331 694,607 | 1,109,830 1,154,437 1,251,023 1,339,080 1,409,493 | 328,030 363,115 466,949 489,126 (a) | 293,354 285,594 408,515 435,853 (a) | 623,384 648,709 875,464 924,979 1,150,777 | 61.21 | 60.57 50.89 66.49 66.00 (<i>a</i>) | 61.52 56.19 69.98 69.07 82.54 | | | |
| _ . | (a) Not available. | | | | | | | | | | | |

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1917 to 1927.

The principle of one elector one vote was adopted in 1894, and that of compulsory enrolment in 1922.

. The franchise was extended to women (Women's Franchise Act) in 1902, and was exercised for the first time at a State election in 1904.

6. The Parliament of Victoria.—(i) Constitution. Both of the Victorian legislative chambers are elective bodies, but there is a considerable difference in the number of members of each House, as well as in the qualifications necessary for members and electors. The number of members in the Upper House in May, 1930, was 34, and in the Lower House, 65. In the Legislative Council the tenure of the seat is for six years, but one member for each province retires every third year, except in the case of a dissolution, when one-half of the newly-elected members hold their seats for three years only. Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected for the duration of Parliament, which is limited to three years. An elector for the Legislative Assembly may vote once only, plurality of voting having been abolished in 1899; an elector, however, qualified in more than one district, may select that for which he desires to record his vote. A preferential system of voting (see Year Book No. 6, page 1182) was for the first time adopted in Victoria at the election held in November, 1911.

(ii) Particulars of Elections. Since the introduction of responsible government in Victoria there have been twenty-nine complete Parliaments, the first of which opened on the 21st November, 1856, and closed on the 9th August, 1859, while the twenty-ninth was dissolved on the 1st November, 1929. The thirtieth Parliament was opened on the 11th December, 1929. The election for the Legislative Assembly in 1927 was the first held since the institution of compulsory voting. Particulars of voting at the elections since 1916 are given in the subjoined table :--

VICTORIAN ELECTIONS, 1916 to 1929.

| Year. | | | Electors Enrolled. | Electors Enrolled in Contested Electorates. | Electors who Voted. | Percentage of Electors who Voted in Contested Electorates. |
|-------|----|----|--------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| 1916 | | | 300,321 | 92.421 | 34.853 | 37.71 |
| 1919 | •• | | 317,593 | 133,058 | 40,393 | 30.35 |
| 1922 | | | 353,440 | 161,731 | 47,008 | . 29.07 |
| 1925 | | | 399,510 | 172,875 | 56,033 | 32.41 |
| 1928 | •• | •• | 444,278 | 268,164 | 85,372 | 31.84 |

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (LAST ELECTION 1928).

VICTORIAN ELECTIONS, 1916 TO 1929-continued.

| Year. | Electors Enrolled. | | | Elec | ctors who V | oted. | Percentage of Electors who Voted in Contested Electorates. | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Femalcs. | Total. |
| 1917 1920 1921 1924 1927 | 397,585 418,085 414,818 433,357 480,485 | 430,645 450,763 456,638 467,070 512,726 | 828,230 868,848 871,456 900,427 993,211 | 172,317 232,604 167,812 190,153 377,941 | 184,682 235,621 158,415 180,810 402,458 | 356,999 468,225 326,227 370,963 780,399 | 54.30 66.23 61.29 63.02 92.02 | 54.1261.3853.5355.7291.51 | 54.21 63.70 57.26 59.24 91.76 |
| 1929 | 496,996 | 532,174 | 1,029,170 | 308,532 | 330,836 | 639,368 | 94.11 | 93,36 | 93.72 |

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The franchise was extended to women by the Adult Suffrage Act 1908 and voting at elections for the Legislative Assembly was made compulsory in 1926.

7. The Parliament of Queensland.—(i) Constitution. As pointed out previously, the Legislative Council in Queensland was abolished in 1922, the date of Royal Assent to the Act being the 23rd March. The Legislative Assembly is composed of seventy-two members, and the State is divided into that number of electoral districts. A modified system of optional preferential voting is in operation in Queensland. (See Year Book No. 6, page 1183.)

(ii) Particulars of Elections. Since the establishment of responsible government in Queensland there have been twenty-four complete Parliaments, the first of which opened on the 29th May, 1860, and dissolved on the 20th May, 1863, while the twenty-fourth Parliament was dissolved on the 11th April, 1929. The first session of the twenty-fifth Parliament began on the 20th August, 1929. At the elections held in May, 1915, the principle of compulsory voting was introduced for the first time in Australia. Of the total number of electors enrolled at the 1929 elections, 90.52 per cent. went to the polls. Statistics regarding the last five elections for which details are available are given below :—

| Year. | Electors Enrolled. | | | Elec | ctors who V | oted. | Percentage of Electors who Voted in Contested Electorates. | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
| 1918 1920 1923 1926 1929 | 233,342 238,750 257,001 253,571 270,327 | 191,074 206,931 219,476 224,526 239,672 | 424,416 445,681 476,477 478,097 509,999 | 176,768 187,575 194,287 209,139 228,601 | 163,901 168,651 174,980 191,916 209,647 | 340,669 356,226 369,267 401,055 438,248 | 75.75 78.57 80.72 89.77 89.69 | 85.78 81.50 83.96 90.13 91.45 | 80.27 79.93 82.23 89.94 90.52 |

QUEENSLAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, 1918 to 1929.

The election of 1907 was the first State election in Queensland at which women voted, the privilege being conferred under the Elections Acts Amendment Act 1905.

8. The Parliament of South Australia.—(i) Constitution. In this State there is a Legislative Council composed of twenty members and a House of Assembly with fortysix members, both chambers being elective. The State is divided into five districts, which return four members each to the Legislative Council. For the House of Assembly, eight districts return three members each, and eleven districts two members each.

(ii) Particulars of Elections. Since the inauguration of responsible government in South Australia there have been twenty-six complete Parliaments, the first of which was opened on the 22nd April, 1857. The twenty-sixth Parliament opened on the 17th May, 1927, and closed on the 20th February, 1930. The first session of the twentyseventh Parliament began on the 27th May, 1930. Particulars of voting at recent elections are given below :—

| Year. | E | lectors Enrol | led. | Elec | tors who Vo | ted. | Percentage of Electors who Voted in Contested Electorates. | | |
|-------|--------|---------------|--------|----------|-------------|--------|--|----------|--------|
| 10011 | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
| | | | Leo | HSLATIVE | COUNCIL. | | | | |

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS, 1918 to 1930.

House of Assembly.

| 1921 1924 | 126,669 134,091 141,944 152,997 (a) | 137,931 147,899 | 258,712 272,022 289,843 309,588 325,244 | 91,451 87,712 110,127 | 77,600 73,453 104,611 | 134,243 169,051 161,165 214,738 222,819 | 70.10 69.65 80.64 | $57.64 \\ 56.05 \\ 74.31$ | $\begin{array}{c} 63.77 \\ 62.71 \\ 77.43 \end{array}$ |
|--------------|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|--------------|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|

(a) Not available.

It is interesting to note that South Australia was the first of the States to grant women's suffrage (under the Constitution Amendment Act 1894), the franchise being exercised for the first time at the Legislative Assembly election on the 25th April, 1896.

9. The Parliament of Western Australia.—(i) Constitution. In this State both Chambers are elective. For the Legislative Council there are thirty members, each of the ten Provinces returning three members, while the Legislative Assembly is composed of fifty members, one member being returned by each of the fifty electoral districts. At the expiration of two years from the date of election to a seat in the Legislative Council, and every two years thereafter, the junior member for the time being for each province retires. Seniority is determined (a) by the date of election, (b) if two or more members are elected on the same day, then the junior is the one who polled the least number of votes (c) if the election be uncontested, or in case of an equality of votes, then the seniority is determined by the alphabetical precedence of surnames and, if necessary, Christian names. Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected for three years.

(ii) Particulars of Elections. Since the establishment of responsible government in Western Australia there have been thirteen complete Parliaments, the first of which was opened on the 30th December, 1890, while the foutcenth Parliament was elected on 12th April, and 10th May, 1930. The preferential system of voting in use in

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Western Australia is described in Year Book No. 6, page 1184. Particulars relating to the last five Assembly and Council elections for which particulars are available are given in the tables below :---

| Year. | Е | lectors Enr | olled. | Elec | tors who Vo | oted. | Percentage of Electors who Voted in Contested Electorates. | | | |
|-------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--|----------|--------|--|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | |

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

| 1920 1922 1924 1926 | 43,897 39,566 | 14,900 14,838 14,904 15,120 | 52,037 55,198 58,801 54,686 | 17,524 16,552 23,956 | 3,406 4,763 4,569 8,136 | 22,287 21,121 32,092 | 46.16 47.06 60.55 | 28.28 33.81 39.25 53.80 | $\begin{array}{r} 42.82 \\ 45.12 \\ 58.68 \end{array}$ |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1928 | 54,822 | | 73,898 | 24,877 | 8,151 | | | 46.75 | |

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

| 1917 1921 1924 | 93,106 89,523 101,717 | 73,845 75,165 88,152 | 166,951 164,688 189,869 | 45,453 54,747 55,591 | 40,167 44,211 43,800 | 85,620 98,958 99,391 | 59.46 69.16 66.00 | $ \begin{array}{r} 65.51 \\ 65.22 \\ 59.00 \end{array} $ | $62.15 \\ 67.34 \\ 62.32$ |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1927 | 113,072 122,576 | 97,877 | 210,949 230,076 | 76,307 75,206 | 66,199 | 142,506 139,013 | | 72.42 | |

Particulars of the Council election held in May, 1930, will, if available, be found in the Appendix.

Women's suffrage was granted by the Electoral Act of 1899. At the 1921 elections the first woman member elected to an Australian Parliament was returned.

10. The Parliament of Tasmania.—(i) Constitution. In Tasmania there are two legislative chambers—the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, both bodies being elective. The Council consists of eighteen members, returned from fifteen districts, Hobart returning three, Launceston two, and the remaining thirteen districts sending one member each. There are five House of Assembly districts corresponding to the Commonwealth electoral districts, each returning six members, who are elected under a system of proportional representation which first came into force at the 1909 elections. (See Year Book No. 6, page 1185.) The annual salaries of members of the House of Assembly range from £400 to £500, and of the Legislative Council from £370 to £500 according to the area of the electorate and the distance from the capital.

In 1924 and again in 1925 the House of Assembly contested, with at least temporary success, the power of the Legislative Council to amend money bills. The matter was settled by "The Constitution Act 1926," which provides that all money bills shall originate in the Assembly, that all money votes shall be recommended by the Governor, and that the Council may amend bills other than those for appropriating public moneys or fixing a rate for income or land tax. The Council has no power to insert a provision for the appropriation of money or the imposing of a burden on the people.

(ii) Particulars of Elections. The first Tasmanian Parliament opened on 2nd December, 1856, and closed on 8th May, 1861. There have been twenty-two complete Parliaments since the inauguration of responsible government. Particulars of the voting at the last five elections for the House of Assembly are given hereunder :--

| Year, | Е | lectors Enro | lled. | Elec | tors who Ve | Percentage of Electors who Voted in Contested Electorates. | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Ma ⁱ es. | Females. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
| 1913 1916 | 53,372 54,466 | 51,920 | 105,292 107,321 | 38,700 41,427 | 32,102 37,557 | 70,802 78,984 | 72.51 | 61.83 | $67.24 \\ 73.60$ |
| 1910 1919 1922 | 54,400 53,205 54,958 | 52,855 54,336 55,591 | 107,541 110,549 | 41,427 37,037 38,457 | 34,027 31,295 | 71,064 69,752 | 69.61 69.96 | 62.62 56.30 | 66.08 63.09 |
| 1925 1928 | 56,667 55,058 | 58,234 56,898 | 114,901 111,956 | 41,322 46,769 | 35,959 | 77,281 91.679 | 72.92 | 61.81 | 67.25 81.90 |

TASMANIAN ELECTIONS, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, 1913 to 1928.

The present members of the Legislative Council have been elected at various dates and the following particulars are given of the last contested election in each case—number of electors on the roll, 48,897; number of votes recorded, male 17,680, female 5,462, total 23,142; percentage of persons who voted to the number on the roll, 49.81.

The suffrage was granted to women under the Constitution Amendment Act 1903, and compulsory voting came into force on the passage of the Electoral Act in 1928.

3. Administration and Legislation.

1. The Commonwealth Parliaments.—The first Parliament of the Commonwealth was convened by proclamation dated 29th April, 1901, by His Excellency the late Marquis of Linlithgow, then Earl of Hopetoun, Governor-General. It was opened on the 9th May following by H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York, who had been sent to Australia for that purpose by His Majesty the King, the Rt. Hon. Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., being Prime Minister.

The following table gives the number and duration of Parliaments since Federation :---

| Number of Parliament. | | | Date of Opening. | Date of Dissolution. | | |
|--|--|------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| First Second Fourth Fifth Sixth Sixth Seventh Eighth Ninth Tenth Eleventh Twelfth | ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· | ···· | 9th May, 1901 2nd March, 1904 20th February, 1907 1st July, 1910 9th July, 1913 8th October, 1914 14th June, 1917 26th February, 1920 28th February, 1923 13th January, 1926 6th February, 1929 20th November, 1929 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 23rd November, 1903 12th October, 1906 19th February, 1910 23rd April, 1913 30th July, 1914 (a) 26th March, 1917 3rd November, 1919 6th November, 1922 3rd October, 1925 9th October, 1928 16th September, 1929 | |

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTS, 1901 to 1930.

(a) On this occasion the Governor-General, acting on the advice of the Ministry, and under section 57 of the Constitution, granted a dissolution of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, this being the first occasion since Federation on which a dissolution of both Houses had occurred. 2. Governors-General and Ministries.—The following statements show the names of the several Governors-General, and the Ministries which have directed the administration of the affairs of the Commonwealth since its creation :—

(a) GOVERNORS-GENERAL.

- Rt. Hon. EARL OF HOPETOUN (afterwards MARQUIS OF LINLITHGOW), P.C., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. Sworn 1st January, 1901; recalled 9th May, 1902.
- Rt. Hon. HALLAM BARON TENNYSON, G.C.M.G. (Act. Governor-General). Sworn 17th July, 1902.
- Rt. Hon. HALLAM BARON TENNYSON, G.C.M.G. (Governor-General). Sworn 9th January, 1903; recalled 21st January, 1904.
- Rt. HON. HENRY STAFFORD BARON NORTHCOTE, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., C.B. Sworn 21st January, 1904; recalled 8th September, 1908.
- Rt. Hon. WILLIAM HUMBLE EARL OF DUDLEY, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., etc. Sworn 9th September, 1908; recalled 31st July, 1911.
- Rt. Hon. THOMAS BARON DENMAN, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O. Sworn 31st July, 1911; recalled 16th May, 1914.
- Rt. Hon. SIR RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON (afterwards VISCOUNT NOVAE OF RAITH), P.C., G.C.M.G. Sworn 18th May, 1914; recalled 5th October, 1920.
- Rt. Hon. HENRY WILLIAM BARON FORSTER OF LEPE, P.C., G.C.M.G. Sworn 6th October, 1920; recalled 7th October, 1925.
- Rt. Hon. JOHN LAWRENCE BARON STONEHAVEN, P.C., G.C.M.G., D.S.O. Sworn 8th October, 1925.

(b) MINISTRIES.

(i) BARTON GOVERNMENT, 1st January, 1901, to 23rd September. 1903.

(ii) FIRST DEAKIN GOVERNMENT, 23rd September, 1903, to 26th April, 1904.

- (iii) WATSON GOVERNMENT (Labour), 26th April to 17th August, 1904.
- (iv) REID-McLEAN GOVERNMENT, 17th August, 1904, to 4th July, 1905.
- (v) SECOND DEAKIN GOVERNMENT, 4th July, 1905, to 12th November, 1908.
- (vi) FIRST FISHER GOVERNMENT (Labour), 12th November, 1908, to 2nd June, 1909.
- (vii) THIRD DEAKIN GOVERNMENT, 2nd June, 1909, to 29th April, 1910.
- (viii) SECOND FISHER GOVERNMENT (Labour), 29th April, 1910, to 24th June, 1913.
 - (ix) COOK GOVERNMENT, 24th June, 1913, to 17th September, 1914.
 - (x) THIRD FISHER GOVERNMENT (Labour), 17th September, 1914, to 27th October, 1915.
- (xi) FIRST HUGHES GOVERNMENT (Labour), 27th October, 1915, to 14th November, 1916.
- (xii) SECOND HUGHES GOVERNMENT (Labour), 14th November, 1916, to 17th February, 1917.
- (xiii) AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WAR GOVERNMENT, 17th February, 1917, to 10th January, 1918.
- (xiv) AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WAR GOVERNMENT, 10th January, 1918, to 9th February, 1923.
- (XV) BRUCE-PAGE GOVERNMENT, 9th February, 1923, to 22nd October, 1929.

(c) Scullin Government from 22nd October, 1929.

DEPARTMENTS.

MINISTERS (1930).

Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs, and Minister for Rt. Hon. JAMES HENRY SCULLIN, P.C.* Industry

| Treasurer . | • | •• | •• | •• | •• | •• | Hon. EDWARD GRANVILLE THEODORE.* |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----|---|
| Vice-President | of the E | xecutive | Council | •• | •• | •• | Hon. JOHN JOSEPH DALY. |
| Attorney-Gener | al | •• | •• | | •• | | Hon. FRANK BRENNAN. |
| Postmaster-Gen | eral and | d Ministe | r for Wo | rks and 1 | Railways | | Hon. JOSEPH ALOYSIUS LYONS. |
| Minister for Tra | de and | Customs | | | •• | •• | HON. JAMES EDWARD FENTON. |
| Minister for Ho | me Affa | irs | •• | | | •• | Hon. ARTHUR BLAKELEY. |
| Minister for Hea | alth, and | d Minister | r in Charg | e of Rep | atriation | •• | HOD. FRANK ANSTEY. |
| Minister for Def | ence | •• | | | | •• | Hon. ALBERT ERNEST GREEN. |
| Minister for Mar | rkets an | d Transp. | ərt | | •• | | Hon. PARKER JOHN MOLONEY. |
| Assistant Minist | ers | •• | | | •• | | Hon. JOHN BARNES. Hon. FRANCIS MICHAEL FORDE. Hon. JOHN ALBERT BEASLEY. |

 The Treasurer resigned office on the 9th July, 1930, and the Prime Minister was sworn in as Treasurer on the same date. 3. State Ministries.—The names of the members of the Ministries in each State in May, 1930, are shown in the following statement. The date on which each Ministry was sworn in is stated in parentheses :—

STATE MINISTRIES, 1930.

NEW SOUTH WALES (18th October, 1927).

Premier— HON. T. R. BAVIN, K.C.
Secretary for Public Works— HON. E. A. BUTTENSHAW.
Attorney-General and Vice-President of the Executive Council— HON. F. S. BOYCE, K.C., M.L.C.
Minister for Lands— HON. R. T. BALL.
Minister for Agriculture— HON. H. V. C. THORBY.
Minister for Education— HON. D. H. DRUMMOND.
Minister for Local Government— HON. M. F. BRUXNER, D.S.O. Colonial Secretary— Hon. F. A. CHAFFEY. Minister of Justice— Hon. J. R. LEE. Minister for Labour and Industry— Hon. E. H. FARRAR, M.L.C. Minister for Public Health— Hon. R. ARTHUR, M.D. Colonial Treasurer— Hon. B. S. B. STEVENS. Secretary for Mines and Minister for Forests— Hon. R. W. D. WEAVER. Honorary Minister— HON. J. RYAN, M.L.C.

VICTORIA (12th December, 1929). (Labour.)

Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Markets— Hon. E. J. HOGAN,

Chief Secretary— Hon. T. TUNNECLIFFE.

Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Labour—

HON. J. LEMMON.

- President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Water Supply— HON. H. S. BAILEY.
- Minister of Railways, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works-HON. J. CAIN.

Minister of Forests, Minister of Public Health, and Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works-.Hon. W. J. BECKETT, M.L.C.

QUEENSLAND (21st May, 1929).

Premier, Chief Secretary, and Vice-President of the Executive Council— Hon. A. E. MOORE.

Minister for Public Instruction and Works-HON. R. M. KING.

Treasurer-Hon. W. H. BABNES.

Home Secretary— Hon. J. C. PETERSON.

Attorney-General— Hon. N. F. Macgroarty. C.5408.—3 Minister for Lands-Hon. W. A. DEACON.

Minister for Agriculture and Stock-HON. H. F. WALKEB.

Minister for Railways— Hon. G. Morgan.

Minister for Labour and Industry-HON. H. E. SIZER.

Minister for Mines— Hon. E. A. Atherton.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (17th April, 1930). (Labour.)

Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Education---

HON. L. L. HILL.

Chief Secretary and Minister of Marine-

HON. J. JELLEY, M.L.C.

Attorney-General, Minister of Local Government, and Minister of Railways-

HON. W. J. DENNY, M.C.

of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Minister of Mines—

HON. R. S. RICHARDS.

Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Industry, and Minister of Labour and Employment—

HON. J. MoInnes.

Minister of Agriculture, of Immigration 'of Repatriation, and of Irrigation, and Commissioner of Forest Lands---

HON. S. R. WHITFORD, M.L.C.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (24th April, 1930).

Premier and Treasurer— Hon. Sig J. Mitchell, K.C.M.G.

Minister for Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply---HON. C. F. BAXTER, M.L.C.

Attorney-General-

HON. T. A. L. DAVY.

Minister for Agriculture— Hon. P. D. FERGUSON. Chief Secretary— HON. N. KEENAN, K.C. Minister for Lands— HON. C. G. LATHAM. Minister for Works and Metropolitan Water Supply— HON. J. LINDSAY. Minister for Mines and Railways—

HON. J. SCADDAN.

TASMANIA (15th June, 1928).

Premier, Treasurer, and Minister Controlling Hydro-Electric Department— HON. J. C. MOPHEE. Chief Secretary and Minister for Railways and Mines— HON. C. E. W. JAMES. Attorney-General and Minister for Educa-

tion-

HON. H. S. BAKER.

Minister for Lands, Works, Forestry, and Agriculture— HON. SIR W. H. LEE, K.C.M.G.

Ministers without Portfolio-

HON. A. L. WARDLAW, M.L.C.

HON. C. W. GRANT.

Hon. E. Hobbs.

4. The Course of Legislation.—The actual legislation by the Commonwealth Parliament up to the end of the 1929 session is indicated in alphabetical order in "Vol. XXVII. of the Acts of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, passed during the year 1929, with Tables, Appendix, and Indexes." A "Chronological Table of Acts passed from 1901 to 1929, showing how they are affected by subsequent legislation or lapse of time "is also given, and further "A Table of Commonwealth Legislation," for the same period. "in relation to the several provisions of the Constitution," is furnished. Reference should be made to these for complete information. In previous issues of the Official Year Book an analytic table was included showing the nature of Commonwealth legislation in force at the end of the latest year available. A classified analysis up to the end of the year 1928 will be found in No, 22, pp. 76 to 84, but it has not been found possible to renew the table in the present issue.

5. Legislation During the Current Year.—In recent issues of the Official Year Book the plan was adopted of giving a summary of the more important legislative enactments of the Commonwealth and State Parliaments during the current year, but considerations of space preclude the inclusion of this information in the present issue.

§ 4. Cost of Parliamentary Government.

1. General.—The following statement shows the cost of parliamentary government in the Commonwealth and in each State, as well as the cost per head of population, for the year ended 30th June, 1929. In order to avoid incorrect conclusions as to the cost of the Governor-General's or Governor's establishment, it may be pointed out that a very large part of the expenditure (with the exception of the item "Governor's salary") under the head of Governor-General or Governor represents official services entirely outside the Governor's personal interests, and carried out at the request of the Government.

| Particulars. | C'with. | N.S.W. | Vic. | Q'land. | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Total. |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Governor-General or Governor- | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Governor's Salary | 12,000 | | | | | 3,339 | 3,000 | 36,339 |
| Official Secretary's salary Clerks, etc. | 642 | 828 | | 380 | 10 | 350 407 | | 1,658 |
| Orderlies ·· ·· | | 423 | 666 | | 1 373 | 313 | | 4,713 |
| Other messengers | ¦ •• | 154 | ••• | · · · | 1,109 | •• | | 1,263 |
| Wages—Housemaids, stew- ards, gamekeepers, etc | 7,004 | 1,265 | 1,339 | 1,952 | l · | | 663 | 12,223 |
| Country residence- | | 001 | | | 1 | | | , |
| Gardener · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | 281 868 | | | $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 269\\ 13 \end{array} \right.$ | } 1,359 | | 2,913 |
| Furniture, stores, and sta- | | | · · | า | 1 | ጎ | | |
| tionery | 682 682 | 224 115 | 267 253 | 2,225 | 686 | 1 90.9 | 1.074 | |
| Postal, cables, etc Travelling expenses and con- | 1,110 | 115 | 200 | 2,420 | 1 ** | 1,303 | 1,074 | 11,577 |
| veyance of officers | 3,202 | 10 | | J | l | | | |
| Incidental expenses (country residence) | | 213 | 142 | | 20 | | | |
| Other expenses | k14,905 | 416 | | 431 | 2,743 | 1,327 | 200 | 22,121 |
| Allowance to LieutGovernor | •• | •• | •• | 1,000 | •• | 661 | | 1,661 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 39,547 | 10,176 | 10,065 | 10,322 | 10,362 | 9,059 | 4,937 | 94,468 |
| 2. Rrecutive Council- | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries of Officers | (a) | 839 | 520 | 30 | | 100 | (g) | 1,489 |
| Other expenses | (a) | •• | 71 | 80 | | | (g) | 151 |
| Total | (m) | | | | | | | |
| Total | (a) | | 591 | 110 | ••• | 100 | (g) | 1,640 |
| 3. Ministry— | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries of Ministers | 15,300 | 23,414 | 10,000 | 12,814 | 7,750 | 8,200 | 5,250 | 82,728 |
| Ministerial functions | (b) | | (b) | | 151 | 2,355 | 317 | 2,823 |
| Special Reports for Cabinet Premiers' Conference | (b) 177 | 233 | (b) (b) | | | 242 | 1 | 50 |
| Travelling expenses | 7,078 | •• | (b) | | 334 | 2,548 | <u>}</u> 1,160 | 11,870 |
| Total | 22,555 | 23,697 | 10,000 | 12,814 | 8,333 | 13,345 | 6,727 | 97,471 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Parliament- | | | | | | | | |
| A. Upper House : | | | { | | | | | |
| President and Chairman of Committees | 2,000 | 1,900 | 1,149 | | 800 | 1.800 | 300 | - 0.0 |
| Allowance to members | 35,542 | | 5.961 | | 6,699 | 18,500 | 7,770 | 7,949 74,472 |
| Railway passes | 5,760 | | (d)8,500 | •• | 1,212 | 5,776 | 998 | 40,459 |
| B. Lower Houre: | 1,059 | 40 | (e) | •• | 19 | 140 | (b) | 1,258 |
| Speaker and Chairman of | | 0-0-1 | | 1 | | , i | | |
| Allowance to members | 2,000 73,719 | 2,790 69,378 | 2,129 28,406 | 1,898 | 1,400 | 1,800 | 350 | 12,367 |
| Allowance to members Railway passes | 12,160 | 18,396 | 28,406 (f) | 45,436 (1) | 16,000 2,788 | $26,393 \\ 11,546$ | 12,300 1,610 | 271,632 46,500 |
| Postage for members | 2,799 | 2,692 | (ď)900 | 1,462 | 231 | 340 | | 40,500 8,424 |
| | |] | | —— | | | | · |
| Carried forward | 135,039 | | 47,045 | 48,796 | 29,149 | | | |

COST OF PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT, 1928-1929.

| De dévelore | (Paulth | New | Vic. | Q'land. | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Total. |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Particulars. | C WILD. | N.S.W. | vic. | Q IANU. | 5.A. | ···.A. | 143. | i otai. |
| Brought forward | £ 135,039 | £ 113,409 | £ 47,045 | £ 48,796 | £ 29,149 | £ 66,295 | £ 23,328 | £ 453,061 |
| 4. Parliament-continued. | ! | , | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| C. Both Houses : | : | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Standing Committee on Pub- lic Works— | | | | | | | Ì | |
| Remuneration of mem- bers | 1 2,000 | 4,992 | 1,497 | | 1,892 | | 185 | 10,566 |
| Salaries of Staff and | | i i | | | | | | |
| contingencies Printing | 2,250 | 3,004 | 1,665 | •• | 1,718 | •• | | 8,632 |
| Hansard | 7,313 17,625 | $^{6,865}_{12,145}$ | $5,476 \\ 8,501$ | $2,889 \\ 2,967$ | $1,802 \\ 5,907$ | $2,518 \\ 983$ | 3,964 | 26,863 52,092 |
| Parliamentary reporting | 11,020 | 12,110 | 0,001 | 2,001 | 0,001 | | ., | , |
| staff— Salaries | 12,179 173 | 10,099 | $^{6,702}_{60}$ | | 5,700 122 | $4,118 \\ 126$ | | 41,579 481 |
| Contingencies Library— | ł | | | | | 100 | () | |
| Salaries | 5,814 | 2,875 986 | $1,792 \\ 998$ | 1,156 59t | $780 \\ 515$ | 275 | (h) (h) | 12,517 6,492 |
| Salaries of other officers and staff | 35,444 | 26,983 | 15,755 | 6,726 | 4,917 | 6,992 | 2,890 | 99,707 |
| Travelling expenses of officers and staff | 560 | | | | | | (<i>h</i>) | 560 |
| Other | 11,266 | (b) | •• | ••• | 185 | | (<i>h</i>) | 11,451 |
| D. Miscellaneous- Fuel, light, heat, power, water Posts, telegraphs, telephones Furniture, stores, and sta- tionery Other | 2,248 791 2,618 145,702 | (b) 1,194 | $\left. \left. \right. \right\} ^{783}_{1,409}_{1,334}$ | $\begin{cases} 344 \\ 250 \end{cases}$ | 1,09: 39(408 3,394 | (b) \1,932 645 | $\left.\right\}_{1,152}^{(b)}$ | 74,4 5 4 |
| Total | 284,144 | 185,011 | 93,017 | 72,805 | 57,978 | 83,984 | | 808,455 |
| 5. Electoral— Salaries Cost of elections, contingen- cies, etc. | 80,978 165,282 | • . i | 919 17,627 | | | 2,637 1,199 | (g) 2,834 | 94,179 282,381 |
| Total | 246,260 | 60,587 | 18,546 | 35,781 | 8,716 | 3,836 | 2,834 | 376,560 |
| Royal Commissions, Select Com- mittees, etc., including fees and other expenses of Commis- sioners, fees of counsel, costs incurred by Ministers, cost of overtime worked by Depart- ments preparing information, | 00.00 | | | | | 1 00- | | 29,147 |
| bonuses, etc. | 22,335 | 2,452 | 547 | 2,293 | 235 | 1,285 | | |
| Total | 22,335 | 2,452 | 547 | 2,293 | 235 | 1,285 | | 29,147 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 614,841 | 282,762 | 132,766 | 134,125 | 85,621 | 111,609 | 46,017 | 1,407,741 |
| Cost per head of population | 1s. 11d. | 2s. 4d. | 1s. 6d. | 2s. 11d. | 2s. 11d. | 5s. 6d. | 4s. 3d. | 4s. 5d. |

COST OF PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT-continued.

(a) Included under Governor-General. (b) Not available separately. (c) Included under Executive Council. (d) Both Houses. (e) Included under Lower House. (f) Included under Upper House.
(g) Duties performed by Chief Secretary's Department. (h) Included under Miscellaneous, etc.
(e) Members of the Legislative Assembly and ex-members of the Legislative Council have passes for the whole of the State. (k) Includes rent of buildings, Melbourne and Canberra, £10,500.
(l) Includes interest and sinking fund, Parliament House, Canberra, £31,953.

Figures showing total cost and cost per head during each of the last five years are given in the next table.

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STRENGTH OF CIVIL SERVICE.

| Year. | C'with. | N.S.W. | Vic. | Q'land. | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Total. |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| | | | То | TAL. | + | | <u>-</u> | |
| 1924-25 1925-26 1926-27 1927-28 1928-29 | £ 404,021 511,474 530,414 473,288 614,841 | £ 288.331 229,246 248.744 302,880 282,762 | £ 115,626 121,415 148,816 128,507 132,766 | £ 86,408 107,166 109,887 115,118 134,125 | £ 81,409 94,130 106,703 89,166 85,621 | £ 92,338 103,371 115,383 118,190 111,609 | £ 37,478 40,240 37,258 49,266 46,017 | £ 1,105,61 1,207,04 1,297,20 1,276,41 1,407,74 |

COST OF PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT, 1924-25 TO 1928-29.

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

| 1924-25 1925-26 1926-27 1927-28 1928-29 | s. d. 1 4 1 8 1 9 1 6 1 11 | $\begin{array}{c} s. \ d. \\ 2 \ 7 \\ 1 \ 11 \\ 2 \ 1 \\ 2 \ 6 \\ 2 \ 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | 8. d. 2 1 2 5 2 6 2 7 2 11 | <i>s. d.</i> 3 0 3 4 3 9 3 1 2 11 | s. d. 5 1 5 5 6 1 6 0 5 0 | s. d. 3 5 3 9 3 6 4 7 4 3 | $\begin{array}{c} s. \ d. \\ 3 \ 9 \\ 3 \ 11 \\ 4 \ 3 \\ 4 \ 1 \\ 4 \ 5 \end{array}$ |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | |

§ 5. Strength of the Civil Service.

The strength of the permanent Civil Service at a definite point of time is not available, as the dates to which annual records are made up vary in different State Departments. The following table excludes temporary (except railways and Government tramways) and part-time officers (registrars of births and deaths, postal contractors, etc.); naval, air, and military employees; and certain others, such as those employed in State trading undertakings:—

CIVIL SERVICE-NUMBER OF PERMANENT OFFICERS, 1928-29.

| State, etc. | | ar | ways nd ays (a). | Poli | ce. | Teac | hers. | | he r ments. | Total Persons. |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| ; | | М. | F. | М. | F. | M. | F. | М. | F. | |
| Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Sonth Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory | | 58, 32, 20, 9, 9, | 733 945 094 828 595 | $ \begin{array}{r} 13\\ 3,439\\ 2.108\\ 1,125\\ 789\\ 544\\ 238\\ 89\\ \end{array} $ | 5 4 12 5 1 | 4,994 3,529 1,607 1,381 721 367 5 | 7.008 5,922 2,332 2,194 1,446 989 8 | 25,3396,4473,2654,8091,5711,445621 (b) | 3,425 1,714 841 1,399 162 275 180 (b) | 30,501 81,618 48,402 32,517 15,203 14,264 3,991 52 |
| Australia | { | (c) 133, | (c) 930 | 8,295 8,3 | 27 22 | 12,004 32, | 19,899 ,803 | 43,497 | 7,996 | 226,548 |

(a) Salaried and wages staff; includes temporary employees—Municipal Tramways excluded. (b) Included with Commonwealth. (c) Not available.

§ 6. Consular Representatives of Foreign Countries in Australia.

The following tabular statement shows the number of consular representatives of foreign countries in each State for the year 1930 :---

| Argentine Repub Austria . Belgium . Brazil . | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· | ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· | N.S.W. 1 1 3 2 1 1 2 2 2 3 2 1 1 3 4 2 1 1 3 4 2 | Vic. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 | Q'land. | S.A. 1 | W.A. | Tas. 1 | Tota Aust 4 2 8 1 4 3 2 3 2 5 13 |
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| Austria Belgium . Bolivia Brazil . Chile . Chile . China . Costa Rica . Costa . | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· | ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· | 1 3 2 1 1 2 2 2 3 2 1 1 3 4 2 | 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 | | 1 1 2 1 | ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· | ··· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· | 2 8 1 4 3 2 3 2 5 13 |
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Countries having Consuls-General in Sydney are Belgium, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Siam, Sweden, and United States. Those having Consuls-General in Melbourne are Colombia, Honduras, and Peru.