

Victorian Year-Book, 1945-46.

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 the place 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.

Climate. The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months with a maximum in winter. 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 65 deg. in the south to 75 deg. in the north-west, corresponding means of the daily maxima being 80 deg. in the south and 90 deg. in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg., mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. 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. 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 70 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 91 years ended 1945 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 an average falls on 141 days per year, the annual average amount being 25.54 inches.

Further information in regard to climatic and weather conditions will be found in part "Production" 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.

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

* Anemometer head 93 feet above ground. Previous average of 6.2 m.p.h. was based on records at 50 feet above ground.

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 6,000,000 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 186,000 acre feet but has varied from 600,000 acre feet in 1893 to 11,700 in 1938.

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, 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 October, 1946, to 30th November, 1947, were as follow :—

1946.

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| 1st October | .. | Legislative Assembly resumes. |
| 7th October | .. | No trams or trains ran in Victoria for 24 hours. Strike of railway employes tied up transport on all lines: tramway employees struck in sympathy. |
| 9th October | .. | The Premier (Mr. Cain) presented the Budget in the Legislative Assembly. |
| 12th October | .. | Death of Judge O'Mara of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court. |
| 2nd November | .. | Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester arrived in Melbourne on a fortnight's farewell visit to Victoria. |
| 5th November | .. | The former Minister of the Army, Mr. Forde, appointed Australian High Commissioner to Canada. |
| 6th November | .. | H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester opened the first session of the 18th Australian Parliament. |
| 12th November | .. | Decision of Federal Cabinet to continue rationing. |
| 14th November | .. | Federal Budget presented. Reduction of Sales Tax, Customs and Excise Duty by £11½ million. |
| 19th November | .. | Decision of Federal Cabinet that the Commonwealth of Australia should join the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development under the 1944 Bretton Woods Agreement. |
- His Excellency the Governor, Sir Winston Dugan, received His Excellency, the Minister Plenipotentiary of Eire in Australia, Dr. Kiernan.

- 25th November .. Basic Wage hearing began in Melbourne.
The Prime Minister announced that the £64 million cash portion of the Second Security Loan, which opened 15th October, had been oversubscribed.
- 30th November .. By-election for the Western Province of the Legislative Council won by Mr. H. V. MacLeod.
- 9th December .. State Cabinet decided to re-appoint Mr. A. Duncan Chief Commissioner of Police for another three years.
- 11th December .. Gas rationing in Melbourne
Appointment of Mr. J. P. Breen as Australian Trade Commissioner in the Middle East.
- 13th December .. An increase of 7s. in the basic wage in all States except Tasmania, where 6s. would apply, was announced in the Full Arbitration Court and would operate from the first pay period for December.
The Prime Minister announced the relaxation of wage pegging regulations.
- 19th December .. Mr. A. A. Stirling, Australian Minister to Canada, appointed to a similar post in Washington under Mr. Makin, Australian Ambassador to U.S.A.
- 21st December .. State Houses of Parliament adjourned. During the session a record number of 125 Bills were passed.
- 1947.
- 1st January .. Australians in New Year Honours list included Mr. S. M. Bruce, former Prime Minister of Australia, who was created a Viscount; Rear-Admiral L. S. Bracegirdle, Military and Official Secretary to the Governor-General, who received the K.C.R.V.O. and Professor Kerr Grant and Mr. Rupert Shoobridge who were created Knights Bachelor.
- 13th January .. Appointment of Mr. J. V. Barry, K.C., as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria.
- 14th January .. Police Valour Badge—police equivalent to the V.C.—awarded to Constable L. J. Smythe.
- 16th January .. Gas workers resumed after a strike of 30 days.
Appointment of Mr. C. W. Frost as Australian Commissioner to Ceylon.
- 19th January .. Departure of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester from Australia. Sir Winston Dugan, Governor of Victoria, was sworn in as Administrator of the Government of Australia.
- 20th January .. Bush fires throughout State. (Thirty-one bush and grass fires—fourteen of them in forest areas).
- 31st January .. Buckingham Palace and Canberra jointly announce the appointment of Mr. W. J. McKell, Premier of New South Wales, as Governor-General of Australia.
- 4th February .. Appointment of Mr. R. R. Sholl as King's Counsel.

- 11th February .. State Government to make a grant of £50,000 towards the reconditioning of the Central Hospital which would function as the new Queen Victoria Hospital.
The Most Reverend Dr. B. Stewart was consecrated Co-adjutor Bishop of Sandhurst (Bendigo).
- 25th February .. Federal Cabinet approves concessions aggregating £33 million (approximately).
Appointment of Mr. A. S. Watt as Commonwealth Minister to Russia.
- 5th March .. Australia to make a gift of £25 million to Britain as a contribution to her war costs in the Pacific Campaign.
- 11th March .. Mr. W. J. McKell sworn in as Governor-General of Australia.
- 18th March .. Dr. C. M. Rottboll, Danish Minister to Australia presented his credentials to the Governor-General.
- 24th March .. Announcement of Royal Commission to inquire into the supply of electricity in Victoria.
- 25th March .. Grant of £20,000 to Food for Britain Appeal by State Government.
- 30th March .. Mr. Macmahon Ball appointed Australian Minister to Japan.
- 1st April .. State Cabinet appointed Judge Dethridge as deputy president of the Industrial Appeals Board.
- 4th April .. Further relaxation of wage pegging regulations.
- 21st April .. The Third Security Loan of £25 million which opened on the 14th October was oversubscribed before the closing date.
- 5th May .. Settlement of metal trades and transport strikes.
Death of Sir Louis Bussau, former State Minister and Agent-General for Victoria in London.
- 7th May .. Death of Judge W. H. Magennis, a member of the County Court Bench.
State Cabinet decided that the Charities Board of Victoria be replaced by a Hospital Commission.
- 8th May .. Restoration of electric train services after a 24 days stoppage.
- 23rd May .. Visit to Melbourne for a six days stay by ships of the U.S. Navy.
- 9th June .. The appointment of Judge E. A. Drake-Brockman as Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court from the 16th June, following the resignation of Chief Judge H. B. Piper, was announced by the Prime Minister.
- 25th June .. Melbourne commemorated the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Town of Melbourne.
- 29th June .. Australian-wide Census held.
- 3rd July .. Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery visited Victoria.
- 10th July .. The engagement of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Mountbatten was announced.

- 11th July .. Visit to Melbourne by ships of the Royal Navy.
- 20th July .. In air exercises by the R.N. ships, six men from aircraft carriers lost their lives.
- 30th June .. Resignation from the State Parliament of Mr. T. Tunnecliffe M.L.A. for Collingwood.
Death of Sir Joseph Cook, Prime Minister of Australia 1913-14.
- 7th August .. Ten men were killed in Melbourne's worst waterside disaster—a series of explosions and a fire on the ship *Mahia* at Victoria Dock.
- 13th August .. The Full High Court declared invalid Section 48 of the Commonwealth Banking Act which compelled local government authorities to trade solely with the Commonwealth Bank.
- 15th August .. Appointment at salaries of £1,500 per annum of sixteen Conciliation Commissioners by Federal Cabinet.
- 19th August .. Premiers' conference held at Canberra.
- 27th August .. State Cabinet approved of higher railway fares and freight charges to operate from 1st October.
Judge R. C. Kirby of the New South Wales District Court appointed a judge of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court.
- 4th September .. Certain types of imports banned or reduced by the Commonwealth Government in order to save dollar currency.
- 8th September .. Standard hours in Australian industry to be 40 a week instead of 44 from the first pay period in January, 1948, under a judgment delivered by the Full Arbitration Court.
- 12th September .. Death of Mr. E. J. Cotter, former M.L.A. for Richmond.
- 14th September .. Three men were killed and 26 injured when the R.A.N. minesweeper "Warrnambool" struck a mine and sank.
- 19th September .. Federal Budget presented in the House of Representatives, Sales Tax concessions, abolition of Wartime (Company) Tax and suspension of the Gold Tax.
- 20th September .. Collingwood by-election for the Legislative Assembly was won by Mr. W. J. Towers.
- 22nd September .. State Cabinet decided to increase the salaries of Supreme Court and County Court Judges.
- 25th September .. Death of Mr. J. W. Leckie, formerly a member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and of the Federal House of Representatives and of the Senate.
- 30th September .. The second session of the 36th State Parliament was formally opened by His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, Sir Winston Dugan.
- 1st October .. Legislative Council rejected the Government Supply Bill and consequently Public Servants could not be paid.
- 2nd October .. Second refusal of the Legislative Council to pass Supply Bill.

- 8th October .. A dissolution of the Legislative Assembly was granted by the Governor, Sir Winston Dugan, on the advice of the Premier Mr. J. Cain. Subsequently the Legislative Council passed a Supply Bill.
- 16th October .. His Excellency the Governor-General Mr. W. J. McKell arrived in Melbourne on his first official visit.
- 24th October .. Nominations for the State General Elections numbered 148.
- 8th November .. State General Elections held. Defeat of the Cain Government.
- 9th November .. The first Remembrance Day ceremony replacing the Armistice Day ceremony at the express wish of His Majesty the King was held at the Shrine of Remembrance.
- 15th November .. The £48 million cash portion of the Fourth Security Loan which opened on 29th October, was oversubscribed by the closing date.
- 19th November .. Announcement of a Liberal-Country Party Government.
- 20th November .. Marriage of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
State Ministry sworn in.
- 22nd November .. Death in South Africa of Sir George Knowles, Australian High Commissioner to South Africa and former Commonwealth Solicitor-General.
Archbishop Mowll of Sydney elected Primate of Australia.
- 27th November .. The Commonwealth Bank Bill which has as its object the taking over, on just terms, by the Commonwealth Bank of the banking business in Australia of private banks received the Royal Assent.

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*.

The following list, compiled by Mr. A. W. Jessep, M.Agr.Sc., B.Sc., Dip. Ed., Director of Botanic Gardens and Government Botanist, gives those pteridophytes (ferns and clubmosses) and monocotyledons which had not been recorded for this State before June, 1941. Of the 99 species, 19 had previously been misidentified with other related plants.

PTERIDOPHYTA (Ferns and Clubmosses).

Schizaeaceae—

Schizaea asperula N. A. Wakefield, "Rough Comb-fern."

Gleicheniaceae—

Sticherus tener (R.Br.) Ching, "Silky Fan-fern."

Sticherus lobatus N. A. Wakefield, "Spreading Fan-fern." (Recorded as *Gleichenia laevigata* in err.)

Marsiliaceae—

Marsilia angustifolia R. Br., "Narrow-leaf Nardoo."

Cyatheaceae—

Cyathea marcescens N. A. Wakefield, "Skirted Tree-fern."

Polypodiaceae—

Hypolepis Muelleri N. A. Wakefield, "Swamp Hypolepis." (Recorded as *H. tenuifolia* in err.)

Hypolepis rugosula (Labill.) Sm., "Rufous Hypolepis." (Recorded as *H. tenuifolia* in err.)

Lindsaya microphylla Sw., "Lace Fern."

Pteris vittata L., "Chinese Brake." (Recorded as *P. longifolia* in err.)

Blechnum procerum (Forst.) C. Chr., "Hard Water-fern."

Blechnum filiforme (A. Cunn.) Ett., "Climbing Water-fern."

Asplenium obtusatum Forst., "Blunt Shore Spleenwort."

Diplazium japonicum (Bedd.) Sw., "Small Shade Spleenwort."

Dryopteris pennigera (Forst.) C. Chr., "Naked Wood-fern."

Dryopteris Shepherdii (Kze.) C. Chr. ex N. A. Wakefield, "Shining Wood-fern" (Recorded in err. as *D. decomposita*—also present in far E. Vic.)

Dryopteris tenera (R. Br.) C. Chr., "Jungle Wood-fern."

Isoëtaceae—

Isoetes humilior F. v. M., "Covered Quillwort."

Psilotaceae—

Tmesipteris Billardieri Endl., "Long Fern Clubmoss." (Recorded as *T. tannensis* in err.)

Tmesipteris ovata N. A. Wakefield, "Blunt Fern Clubmoss." (Recorded as *T. tannensis* in err.)

Tmesipteris parva N. A. Wakefield, "Small Fern Clubmoss." (Recorded as *T. tannensis* in err.)

SPERMATOPHYTA (Seed-bearing plants).

Scheuchzeriaceae—

Triglochin hexagona J. M. Black, "Six-point Arrow-grass."

Gramineae—

Cymbopogon oblectus S. T. Blake, "Bent Silky-heads."

Bothriochloa ambigua S. T. Blake, "Red-leg Grass." (Recorded as *Andropogon pertusus* in err.)

Zoisia macrantha Desv., "Prickly Couch."

Stipa verticillata Nees, "Bamboo Grass."

Stipa elatior (Benth.) Hughes, "Maritime Spear-grass."

Agrostis australiensis Mez, "Australian Bent."

Agrostis hiemalis (Walt.) B. S. P., "Winter Bent." (Recorded as *A. scabra* in err.)

Agrostis aequata Nees, "Rare Bent."

Agrostis Adamsonii J. W. Vickery, "Adamson's Bent."

Agrostis rudis Roem. et Schult., "Silver Bent."

Agrostis Muellieriana, J. W. Vickery, "Mueller Bent."

Agrostis aemula R. Br., "Plains Blown-grass." (Recorded as *Calamagrostis filiformis* in err.)

Agrostis Billardieri R. Br., "Coastal Blown-grass." (Recorded as *Calamagrostis filiformis* in err.)

Deyeuxia Benthamiana J. W. Vickery, "Alpine Bent-grass."

- Deyeuxia brachyathera* J. W. Vickery, "Tailed Bent-grass."
Deyeuxia carinata J. W. Vickery, "Keeled Bent-grass."
Deyeuxia monticola (Roem. et Schult.) J. W. Vickery, "Mountain Bent-grass."
Deyeuxia Rodwayi J. W. Vickery, "Rodway's Bent-grass."
Deyeuxia scaberula J. W. Vickery, "Rough Bent-grass."
Amphibromus Archeri (Hk. f.) P. F. Morris, "Pointed Swamp Wallaby-grass."
Amphibromus gracilis P. F. Morris, "Graceful Swamp Wallaby-grass."
Danthonia paradoxa R. Br., "Awnless Wallaby-grass."
Danthonia nuda Hk. f., "Snow Wallaby-grass."
Danthonia robusta F. v. M., "Robust Wallaby-grass."
Echinopogon Cheelii Hubbard, "Long-flower Hedgehog-grass."
Distichlis distichophylla (Labill.) Fassett, "Australian Salt Grass." (Recorded as *D. spicata* in err.)
Festuca asperula J. W. Vickery, "Graceful Fescue." (Recorded as *duriuscula* in err.)
Festuca Muelleri J. W. Vickery, "Alpine Fescue."
Chloris ventricosa R. Br., "Plump Windmill Grass."

Cyperaceae—

- Cyperus nivicola* F. v. M., "Broad-leaf Flower-rush."
Cyperus rigidellus (Benth.) J. M. Black, "Eremean Flat-sedge."
Cyperus victoriensis C. B. Clarke, "Fishbone Flat-sedge."
Cyperus sanguineo-fuscus Nees, "Common Flat-sedge." (Recorded as *C. lucidus* in err.)
Cyperus gymnocaulos Steudel, "Spiny Flat-sedge."
Scirpus productus C. B. Clarke, "Productive Club-rush."
Scirpus calocarpus S. T. Blake, "Globe-nut Club-rush." (Recorded as *S. setaceus* in err.)
Scirpus platycarpus S. T. Blake, "Glitter-nut Club-rush."
Scirpus australiensis (Maid. et Betche) S. T. Blake, "Keeled Club-rush."
Scirpus congruens (Nees) S. T. Blake, "Hyaline Club-rush."
Scirpus univodis (Delile) Boiss., "Soft Club-rush." (Recorded as *S. supinus* in err.)
Scirpus validus Vahl, "Basket Club-rush." (Recorded as *S. lacustris* in err.)
Eleocharis pallens (Benth.) S. T. Blake, "Pallid Spike-sedge."
Eleocharis minuta Boeck., "Variable Spike-sedge."
Rhynchospora glauca Vahl, "Grassy Beak-sedge."
Schoenus calyptratus Kuenth. et S. T. Blake, "Alpine Bog-rush."
Cladium procerum S. T. Blake, "Giant-headed Twig-rush." (Recorded as *C. Mariscus* in err.)
Cladium laxum (Nees) Benth., "Lax Twig-rush."
Gahnia Clarkei Benl, "Brickmaker's Sedge." (Recorded as *G. psittacorum* in err.)
Lepidosperma congestum R. Br., "Clustered Sword-sedge." (Recorded as *L. globosum* in err.)
Uncinia flaccida S. T. Blake, "Alpine Hook-sedge."
Carex Raleighii Nelmes, "Thread Sedge."
Carex hebes Nelmes, "Snow Sedge."
Carex Blakei Nelmes, "Alpine-bog Sedge."
Carex Bichenoviana Boott, "Spreading Sedge."
Carex curta Gooden., "Grey Sedge." (Recorded as *C. canescens* in err.)
Carex fascicularis Soland. ex Hk. f., "Nodding Sedge." (Recorded as *C. pseudo-cyperus* in err.)

Liliaceae—

- Dianella caerulea* Sims, "Paroo Lily."
Thysanotus junceus R. Br., "Rush Fringe-lily."
Chlorophytum alpinum (Hk. f.) Benth. ex Baker, "Green Grass-lily."

Orchidaceae—

- Thelymitra MacKibbinii* F. v. M., "Brilliant Sun-orchid."
Thelymitra cyanea (Lindl.) Benth., "Rare Alpine Sun-orchid."
Thelymitra irregularis W. H. Nicholls, "Crested Sun-orchid."
Prasophyllum Beagleholei W. H. Nicholls, "Narrow Midge-orchid."
Prasophyllum densum FitzG., "Dense Midge-orchid."
Prasophyllum Morrisii W. H. Nicholls, "Bearded Midge-orchid." (Recorded as *P. fimbriatum* in err.)
Prasophyllum diversiflorum W. H. Nicholls, "Variable Leek-orchid."
Prasophyllum pallidum W. H. Nicholls, "Pale Leek-orchid."
Prasophyllum parviflorum (Rogers) W. H. Nicholls, "Slender Leek-orchid."
Caladenia tessellata FitzG., "Tawny Spider-orchid."
Caladenia FitzGeraldii H. M. R. Rupp, "Clubbed Spider-orchid."
Caladenia hastata (Nicholls) H. M. R. Rupp, "Spear-tip Spider-orchid."
Cryptostylis erecta R. Br., "Tartan Tongue-orchid."
Pterostylis Baptistii FitzG., "King Greenhood."
Pterostylis foliata Hk. f., "Slender Greenhood."
Pterostylis reflexa R. Br., "Lesser Autumn Greenhood."
Pterostylis celans H. M. R. Rupp., "Portland Greenhood."
Pterostylis crypta W. H. Nicholls, "Hidden Greenhood."
Sarcanthus tridentatus (Lindl.) H. M. R. Rupp, "Tangle Orchid."

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.

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.

* *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*.

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.

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 :—

The present Constitution.

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 preferential system of 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.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

Governors of
Victoria.

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, Kt. (Acting)	3rd March, 1873 ..	19th March, 1873
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.	31st March, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry, Kt. (Acting) ..	3rd January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (Acting)	11th January, 1875 ..	14th January, 1876
The Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, G.C.M.G., P.C.	27th February, 1879 ..	18th April, 1884
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (Acting)	18th April, 1884 ..	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. {	15th July, 1884 ..	8th March, 1889
	18th October, 1889 ..	15th November, 1889
Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (Acting) {	9th March, 1889 ..	17th October, 1889
	16th November, 1889 ..	27th November, 1889
The Right Honorable John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	28th November, 1889 ..	12th July, 1895
The Honorable John Madden, LL.D. (Acting) {	26th January, 1893 ..	11th May, 1893
	27th March, 1895 ..	22nd October, 1895
The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B. {	25th October, 1895 ..	31st March, 1900
	29th December, 1896 ..	16th February, 1897
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (Acting) {	27th September, 1897 ..	10th October, 1897
	23rd March, 1898 ..	21st October, 1898
	15th January, 1900 ..	10th December, 1901
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)		
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
	6th July, 1908 ..	27th July, 1908
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, K.C.M.G.	27th July, 1908 ..	19th May, 1911
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	19th May, 1911 ..	24th May, 1911
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, Baronet, K.C.M.G.	24th May, 1911 ..	31st January, 1914
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	28th August, 1913 ..	23rd February, 1914
Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G.	23rd February, 1914 ..	30th January, 1920
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	30th July, 1919 ..	24th February, 1921
The Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E.	24th February, 1921 ..	7th April, 1926
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) {	1st April, 1923 ..	24th October, 1923
	8th April, 1926 ..	27th June, 1926
Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.	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
	3rd October, 1930 ..	21st January, 1931
	24th June, 1931 ..	14th May, 1934
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor		
Captain The Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.	14th May, 1934 ..	5th April, 1939
Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	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
Major-General Sir Winston Joseph Dugan, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.*	6th September, 1944 ..	29th January, 1945
	17th July, 1939	
Lieutenant-General Sir Edmund Francis Herring, 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

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.

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

MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Name of Minister.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.
William Lonsdale	Colonial Secretary	} 15th July, 1851
Alastair Mackenzie	Colonial Treasurer	
Charles Hotson Ebdon	Auditor-General ..	
Robert Hoddle	Surveyor-General ..	
Alexander McCrae	Chief Postmaster ..	
William Foster Stawell	Attorney-General ..	} 13th April, 1852
Redmond Barry	Solicitor-General ..	
James Horatio Nelson Cassell	Collector of Customs	
Edward Eyre Williams	Solicitor-General ..	
James Croke	Solicitor-General ..	
Frederick Armand Powlett	Colonial Treasurer	
Hugh Culling Eardley Childers	Auditor-General ..	
Andrew Clarke	Surveyor-General ..	
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster	Colonial Secretary	
William Lonsdale	Colonial Treasurer	
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 several Governments from 1855 to 1947 are listed hereunder:—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
1. William Clark Haines	28th November, 1855	11th March, 1857 ..	Days. 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
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

MINISTERS 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.
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		

The 53rd Ministry, in which the Hon. John Cain, was Premier, resigned on 20th November, 1947, and the 54th Ministry under the leadership of the Hon. Thomas T. Hollway took office on the same date. The general elections for the Legislative Assembly were held on 8th November, 1947.

The personnel of the 54th Ministry is as follows :—

The Hon. T. T. Hollway, M.L.A.	Premier and Treasurer.
„ „ J.G. B. McDonald, M.L.A.	President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Land and Survey, Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Soldier Settlement.
„ „ Colonel W. S. Kent-Hughes, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., E.D., M.L.A.	Minister of Transport, Minister of Public Instruction, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.

The Hon. K. Dodgshun, M.L.A. . .	Chief Secretary.
„ „ T. D. Oldham, M.L.A.	Attorney-General and Solicitor-general.
„ „ A. A. Dunstan, M.L.A.	Minister of Health.
„ „ Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Dennett, M.L.A.	Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forests, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
„ „ J. A. Kennedy, M.L.C. . .	Commissioner of Public Works, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
„ „ J. H. Lienhop, M.L.C. . .	Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings and Minister of Mines.
„ „ H. J. T. Hyland, M.L.A.	Minister of Labour and Minister of State Development.
„ „ A. G. Warner, M.L.C. . .	Minister in Charge of Materials and Minister of Housing.
„ „ P. T. Byrnes, M.L.C. . .	Minister without Portfolio.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1947.

The names of members, the constituencies which they represent, and the name of the clerk of Parliaments 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. A. J. Pittard, C.B.E.	1949
	Hon. J. F. Kittson	1952
Bendigo	Hon. J. H. Lienhop (Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings and Minister of Mines.	1949
	Hon. Col. G. V. Lansell, C.M.G., V.D. ..	1925
Doutta Galla ..	Hon. P. J. Clarey	1949
	Hon. P. Jones	1952
East Yarra ..	Hon. W. H. Edgar	1949
	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.C. (President) ..	1952
Gippsland ..	Hon. W. MacAulay	1949
	Hon. T. Harvey	1952
Higinbotham ..	Hon. J. A. Kennedy (Commissioner of Public Works, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	1949
	Hon. A. G. Warner (Minister in Charge of Materials and Minister of Housing)	1952
Melbourne ..	Hon. D. L. McNamara	1949
	Hon. W. J. Beckett	1952
Melbourne North ..	Hon. L. H. McBrien	1949
	Hon. A. M. Fraser	1952
Melbourne West ..	Hon. P. L. Coleman	1949
	Hon. P. J. Kennelly	1952
Monash	Hon. Sir F. G. Clarke, K.B.E.	1949
	Hon. Sir Frank Beaurepaire	1952
Northern	Hon. G. J. Tuckett	1949
	Hon. D. J. Walters	1952
North-Eastern ..	Hon. P. P. Inchbold (Chairman of Committees)	1949
	Hon. I. A. Swinburne	1952

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1947—*continued.*

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—*continued.*

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
North-Western ..	Hon. Sir G. L. Goudie	1949
	Hon. P. T. Byrnes (Minister without Portfolio)	1952
Southern ..	Hon. G. L. Chandler	1949
	Hon. Sir W. Angliss	1952
South-Eastern ..	Hon. C. P. Gartside	1949
	Hon. C. E. Isaac	1952
South-Western ..	Hon. G. S. McArthur	1949
	Hon. A. E. McDonald	1952
Western ..	Hon. H. V. MacLeod	1949
	Hon. R. C. Rankin	1952

Clerk of the Legislative Council: H. B. Jamieson.

VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Speaker: The Hon. T. K. Maltby.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
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Allendale ..	R. T. White
Ballaarat ..	Hon. T. T. Hollway (Premier and Treasurer)
Barwon ..	Hon. T. K. Maltby (<i>Speaker</i>)
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	T. W. Mitchell
Bendigo ..	Hon. L. W. Galvin
Borong ..	W. J. Mibus
Box Hill ..	C. O. Reid
Brighton ..	Brigadier R. W. Tovell, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.
Brunswick ..	J. R. Jewell
Camberwell ..	R. K. Whately
Carlton ..	Hon. W. P. Barry
Caulfield ..	Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Dennett (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forests, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Clifton Hill ..	J. L. Cremean
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	W. R. Dawnay-Mould
Dundas ..	W. J. F. McDonald
Elsternwick ..	J. Don, M.B.E.
Essendon ..	A. R. Bateman
Evelyn ..	Hon. W. H. Everard
Footscray ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Geelong ..	Mrs. F. E. Brownbill
Gippsland East ..	Hon. A. E. Lind (Chairman of Committees)

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1947—*continued.*THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Gippsland North..	W. O. Fulton
Gippsland South	Hon. H. J. T. Hyland (Minister of Labour and Minister of State Development)
Gippsland West ..	M. Bennett
Glen Iris ..	L. G. Norman
Goulburn ..	P. S. Grimwade
Grant ..	F. C. T. Holden
Hampden ..	H. E. Bolte
Hawthorn ..	F. L. Edmunds
Ivanhoe ..	R. C. Curnow
Kew ..	Colonel the Hon. W. S. Kent Hughes, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., E.D. (Minister of Transport, Minister of Public Instruction, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Korong ..	Hon. A. A. Dunstan (Minister of Health)
Malvern ..	Hon. T. D. Oldham (Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General)
Melbourne ..	Hon. T. Hayes
Mentone ..	H. V. Drew
Mernda ..	A. E. Ireland
Midlands ..	Hon. C. P. Stoneham
Mildura ..	N. Barclay
Moonee Ponds ..	S. Merrifield
Mornington ..	Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.
Murray Valley ..	G. C. Moss
Northcote ..	Hon. J. Cain
Oakleigh ..	J. S. Lechte
Polwarth ..	E. F. Guye
Portland ..	H. R. Hedditch
Port Melbourne ..	T. P. Corrigan
Prahran ..	W. Quirk
Preston ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Rainbow ..	K. Dodgshun (Chief Secretary)
Richmond ..	S. M. Keon
Ripon ..	R. C. Guthrie
Rodney ..	R. K. Brose
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir G. H. Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Shepparton ..	Hon. J. G. B. McDonald (President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Soldier Settlement)
St. Kilda ..	Hon. A. Michaelis
Sunshine ..	A. E. Shepherd
Swan Hill ..	Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Hipworth, E.D.
Toorak ..	R. B. Hamilton
Warrnambool ..	Hon. H. S. Bailey
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 1947 there were 36 Parliaments. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament, 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 1947.

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

VICTORIA—STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1946 AND 1947.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the period 1st January, 1946, to 1st July, 1947:—

Act No.	Date (1946).	
5109 ..	27th March	.. The <i>Geelong Land Act</i> 1946 provides for the revocation of the permanent reservation of certain land in the City of Geelong which is no longer required for the purpose of such reservation and for the alienation of such land from the Crown.
5110 ..	9th April	.. The <i>Transport Regulation (Amendment) Act</i> 1946 repeals the provision of the Transport Regulation Acts that required licences for taxi cabs and hire cars to be granted as of right.
5111 ..	9th April	.. The <i>Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) Act</i> 1946 requires employers to grant to their employes two weeks holiday with pay after each year of employment. The benefits of this provision will not apply to employes whose terms of employment are regulated by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or to employes who are entitled to more favourable benefits under a determination of a wages board or under the terms of their employment.

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5111 .. 9th April—

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Payment in lieu of provision of the annual holiday is forbidden except where employment is terminated before the employé has completed the year of employment, in which case a pro rata payment is to be made to the worker.

The Act contains detailed provisions with respect to the granting of the annual holidays and the determination of disputes in connexion therewith, prohibiting employers or employés from contracting out of the benefits of the Act and forbidding the employment of workers during their annual holiday.

5112 .. 16th April

.. The *Mornington Sewerage Authority (Validation Act 1946)* removes doubts as to the validity of certain notices of the Mornington Sewerage Authority and rates affected thereby.

5113 .. 30th April

.. The *Local Government (Emergency Housing Accommodation) Act 1946* amends the *Local Government (Emergency Housing Accommodation) Act 1945* by transferring from municipal councils to the Minister the responsibilities of councils under that Act and by providing a speedier and more efficient procedure for enforcing the occupation of unoccupied dwelling houses.

5114 .. 30th April

.. The *Housing (Commonwealth and State Agreement) Act 1946* ratifies the execution for and on behalf of the State of Victoria of an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the several States of Australia in relation to housing projects, approves the agreement so executed, and amends the *Slum Reclamation and Housing (Financial) Act 1938* and makes further provision in relation to the said agreement.

5115 .. 7th May

.. The *Factories and Shops (Early Closing) Act 1946* abolishes the late closing of shops on Friday nights and night before public holidays, and prescribes the general hour for closing shops to be six o'clock on Monday to Friday except in certain specified cases where an earlier or later hour is provided.

5116 .. 14th May

.. The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act 1946* brings under State administration the control of building operations and of those building materials which are in short supply heretofore administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security Regulations. The Act which is of limited duration prohibits any building operations from being undertaken without the consent of the Minister except in certain specified cases, principally in the cases of houses not exceeding 1,250 square feet in area, certain farm buildings, and minor repairs to buildings. The Minister is empowered to require that building materials be produced and distributed in accordance with priorities determined by him. The Act binds the Crown.

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| 5117 | .. 14th May | .. The <i>Water (Levee Banks) Act 1946</i> enables the Governor in Council to proclaim areas in which levee banks on rivers and water courses are not to be constructed or altered except under licence from the Crown. Provision is made for the removal of unauthorized levee banks, for the granting and cancellation of licences, and for the protection of the Crown and other persons from liability. |
| 5118 | .. 14th May | .. The <i>Co-operative Housing Societies Act 1946</i> amends the <i>Co-operative Housing Societies Act 1944</i> by reducing from forty to twenty-five the number of persons required for the formation of a Co-operative Housing Society outside the metropolitan area; by providing for the registration of mortgages given by Co-operative Housing Societies as security for loans; by amending the mode of valuing properties; and by increasing the maximum liability of the State under guarantees and indemnities given under the Co-operative Housing Societies Acts. |
| 5119 | .. 14th May | .. The <i>Local Government (Municipal Rolls) Act 1946</i> enables certain occupiers of Commonwealth property to be enrolled as voters for and to vote at municipal elections. |
| 5120 | .. 14th May | .. The <i>Public Works Loan and Application Act 1946</i> 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. |
| 5121 | .. 14th May | .. The <i>Totalizator (Charities) Act 1946</i> enables the Treasury's share of the proceeds from totalizators at a race meeting on Victory Day 1946 to be allotted to two specified charities. |
| 5122 | .. 14th May | .. The <i>Drought Relief Act 1946</i> provides for the raising of £235,000 by loan and the application of that sum and of Commonwealth contributions in grants to cereal farmers who have suffered hardship in consequence of drought during 1945. |
| 5123 | .. 14th May | .. The <i>Taxation (Arrangements) Act 1946</i> enables the temporary continuance in State employment of the Commissioner of Taxes and Deputy Commissioners of Taxes notwithstanding their permanent transfer to the Commonwealth pursuant to the uniform taxation arrangements. The Act also enables administration relating to probate duty to be carried out by an officer other than the Commissioner of Taxes. |

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5124 .. 17th May

.. The *Public Service Act 1946* consolidates with amendments the law relating to the public service of Victoria.

Teachers and professional officers in the Education Department are to be transferred from the public service to the teaching service under the conditions set out in Act No. 5125. The Public Service Board is to be reconstituted on a slightly different basis consisting of three members, namely—the chairman, Government representative, and a service representative elected by members of the public service. Two such elected members will be elected, one to represent the technical and general Division in the Mental Hygiene Branch and one to represent the remainder of the public service, but only the elected member concerned with the business before the Board will sit with the Board. The chairman is to hold office until he attains the age of sixty-five years and the other members for such term not exceeding three years as is fixed before appointment or election. Provision is made for deputy members and for conduct of proceedings of the Board.

The Board is charged with the promotion of efficiency in the working of departments, overseeing critically the method of conducting business in departments, supervising and improving the recruitment of the public service, the determination of salaries wages and terms or conditions of employment of the public service, appointments and promotions of officers in the public service, recommendations for the creation and abolition of offices in the public service and other specified functions.

The public service is to consist of four Divisions, namely, the First Division (consisting of permanent heads of departments) the Administrative Division, the Professional Division, and the Technical and General Division. Appointments to the Administrative Division are to be made after examination and to the lowest class and are to be of persons between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years except in the case of appointments from the Technical and General Division or of ex-service personnel. Appointments to the Professional Division are to be made to the lowest class from persons registered by the Board as having passed the prescribed examination. Appointments to the Technical and General Division are to be made from persons registered by the Board for employment therein.

In appointments to offices in the public service consideration is to be given first to relative efficiency and then to relative seniority. Applications are to be called for before appointments are made. If no fit applicant is available in

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5124 .. 17th May—
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the appropriate division an officer from another division may be appointed or (if there is no such fit applicant) a fit person not in the public service may be appointed.

Provision is made for annual increments within classes and for automatic time promotion from the lowest to the second lowest class whether or not a vacancy exists, subject only to proof of sufficient aptitude. Provision is also made for temporary employment of persons whose names are registered therefor.

The salaries wages and terms or conditions of service or employment in the public service are to be as determined by the Public Service Board, but subject to disallowance by both Houses of Parliament. Provision is made for six months long service leave with pay for officers after twenty years' service and a further three months leave after each additional period of ten years' service.

5125 .. 17th May

.. *The Teaching Service Act 1946* consolidates with amendments the law relating to the teaching service in the Education Department.

A teachers Tribunal is to be established to determine salaries wages and terms or conditions of service for employment in the teaching service, and the relative number of positions for teachers on the classified roll for each class of each Division, to hear appeals against decisions of committees of classifiers, to deal with charges under the Act against teachers and to appoint teachers and professional officers.

The Tribunal will consist of a chairman, a Government representative, and a teachers' representative elected by the teachers. The chairman is to hold office until he reaches the age of sixty-five and the other members are to hold office for a term not exceeding three years fixed before appointment or election.

Teachers are to be classified among three Divisions, namely, the primary schools division, the secondary schools division, and the technical schools division. There is to be a committee of classifiers for each of the divisions consisting of an independent chairman, the chief inspector of the relevant class of school and a senior teacher in the relevant school division elected by teachers in that division. The relative number of positions for teachers on the classified roll for each class of each division is to be prescribed by regulations made after consideration of any relevant report to the Tribunal from the committee of classifiers for the division and after consultation with the Director of Education. In adjusting the teaching staff and allotting teachers to schools the Director of Education is to have regard to such regulations.

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Each committee of classifiers is to prepare a classified roll of classified teachers for the relevant division. Provision is made for supplementary classified rolls and the transfer of teachers from one classified roll to another, and also for the employment of student teachers, sewing mistresses, temporary teachers, and teachers of prescribed special subjects.

The salaries and conditions of employment of the teaching service are to be as determined by the Tribunal subject to disallowance by both Houses of Parliament. Appointments to vacancies and promotions are to be made by the appropriate committee of classifiers. Teachers classified in the lowest class will proceed by automatic time promotion to the second lowest class subject to proof of sufficient aptitude.

Certain provisions of Act No. 5124 are applied for the purposes of this Act including in particular the provisions of that Act relating to long service leave.

5126 .. 17th May

.. The *Police Regulation Act 1946* provides for the constitution of a Police Classification Board to determine the conditions of service of members of the police force including salaries and wages, allowances, hours of duty, special rates of pay, annual leave and sick leave and conditions to be observed in effecting promotions and filling vacant positions.

The Board is to consist of a county Court judge as chairman, a Government representative, and a representative of the police force elected by members of the police force. Members of the Board are to hold office for a term not exceeding three years fixed before appointment or election. Determinations of the Board are to be subject to disallowance by both Houses of Parliament.

The Act amends the disciplinary provisions of the *Police Regulation Act 1928* by withdrawing from the Chief Commissioner the right of awarding punishment except in cases where the member pleads guilty or wishes to be dealt with by the Chief Commissioner, and in both such cases only where the Chief Commissioner considers that he can appropriately deal with the matter in view of the limited punishments he is authorized to award. In other cases the appropriate disciplinary authority is to be a Police Disciplinary Board consisting of a police magistrate, with both a deliberative and a casting vote, and a senior police officer. Provision is made for an appeal from the Police Disciplinary Board to a judge of county courts.

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5126 .. 17th May—
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Amendments are made to the Police Regulation Act in relation to penalties for influencing elections or causing disaffection, and to enable the Police Association to be affiliated with any federation of police associations or police unions in Australia, notwithstanding that some of the other affiliated associations may also be affiliated with political or industrial organizations.

Provision is made for long service leave of six months with pay to members of the force who have completed twenty years' service and a further three months' leave after any additional ten years' service.

5127 .. 17th May

.. The *Railways (Long Service) Act 1946* amends the *Railways (Long Service) Act 1942* by providing that long service leave granted to officers and employés of the railways service shall as far as possible be similar to the long service leave granted to the public Service, teaching service, and police force under Acts Nos. 5134 to 5126.

5128 .. 27th May

.. The *Workers' Compensation Act 1946* liberalizes the conditions on which workers' compensation is payable by extending the categories of workers and employers, of industrial diseases, and of medical practitioners who may certify for the purposes of the Acts, by increasing the benefits (including medical and hospital expenses) payable to injured workers, and by widening the circumstances in which and the class of dependants to whom in case of death compensation is payable.

The Act provides for the appointment of a deputy chairman of the Workers' Compensation Board and of conciliation officers and a registrar of the Board, extends the Board's control over compensation payments and also the powers of the Board at enquiries, and provides for summary procedure by the Board in appropriate cases.

Provision is made for compensation to be paid by lump sums or by instalments; no further certificates are to be given approving schemes of compensation outside the Act; and increased penalties are provided for failure of employers to insure.

5129 .. 27th May

.. The *Sewerage Districts (Amendment) Act 1946* removes certain restrictions on the making of Government loans to sewerage authorities; enables unimproved values to be used for assessing rates; reduces from six to four months the period for which unpaid rates shall be interest free; enables sewerage authorities to receive sewerage from premises outside the sewerage district; authorizes advances to sewerage authorities to meet preliminary costs of surveys and works; and enables sewerage authorities (including the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) to make agreements for the admission of trade waste into sewers.

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5130	.. 27th May	.. The <i>Factories and Shops (Bread) Act 1946</i> prohibits master bakers from making or baking bread outside the hours fixed for the making or baking of bread by employes, and provides an interpretation of "baking of bread".
5131	.. 27th May	.. The <i>Crimes (Indeterminate Sentences) Act 1946</i> validates certain recommittals to reformatory prisons of persons released on probation.
5132	.. 27th May	.. The <i>Medical (Chemists Apprentices') Act 1946</i> authorizes suitable reductions of the period of apprenticeship of chemists' apprentices who have been on war service.
5133	.. 27th May	.. The <i>Soldier Settlement (Amendment) Act 1946</i> extends the powers of the Soldier Settlement Commission to subdivide land by enabling the setting aside of portions of the land for public purposes and the disposal of unsuitable portions. Provision is made for the appointment of assessors, two of whom will sit with the judge during hearings of disputed claims for compensation. The power of the Commission to make advances to discharged soldiers is extended to include the making of advances in kind of stock implements and equipment, and administrative matters incidental thereto.
5134	.. 27th May	.. This Act applies out of the consolidated revenue the sum of £223,277 to the service of the year 1945-46.
5135	.. 27th May	.. This Act applies out of the consolidated revenue the sum of £6,055,371 to the service of the year 1946-47.
5136	.. 27th May	.. The <i>Apprenticeship Act 1946</i> reconstitutes the Apprenticeship Commission by granting additional representation thereon; provides for the appointment of a deputy chairman to trade committees; gives greater discretion to the Apprenticeship Commission in allowing special cases of applications for apprenticeship; amends the provisions of the Apprenticeship Acts relating to allowances by employers of time off for instruction of apprentices and as to the determination of differences between employers and apprentices concerning indentures of apprenticeship; removes certain restrictions on the employment of improvers; provides that the Metropolitan Industrial Court is to have exclusive jurisdiction in proceedings for offences against the Apprenticeship Acts committed within the metropolis of Melbourne; revises the inspectorial powers of departmental and other officials; provides for

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5136 ..	27th May—	regulations authorizing the Commission to inflict fines upon apprentices; and imposes a penalty for the engagement of apprentices in apprenticeship trades without the approval of the Commission.
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5137 ..	3rd October ..	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £2,066,615 to the service of the year 1946-47.
5138 ..	29th October ..	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £447,041 to the service of the year 1945-46.
5139 ..	31st October ..	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £4,391,351 to the service of the year 1946-47.
5140 ..	12th November..	The <i>Nicholson-street Tramway Construction Act 1946</i> authorizes the construction by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board of an electric tramway in Nicholson-street, East Brunswick.
5141 ..	12th November..	The <i>Burke-road Tramway Construction Act 1946</i> authorizes the construction by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board of an electric tramway in Burke-road in the Cities of Camberwell and Kew.
5142 ..	12th November..	The <i>Ballaarat Gas Company's Act 1946</i> extends the borrowing powers of the Ballaarat Gas Company.
5143 ..	12th November..	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Contributions) Act 1946</i> extends for a further period of twelve months the period for which contributions are to be made by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to certain municipalities towards the construction and maintenance of roads.
5144 ..	19th November..	The <i>Stamps (Betting Tax) Act 1946</i> increases the stamp duties payable on bookmakers' licences and permits, bookmakers' statements and betting tickets and amends the law relating to the collection of those duties.
5145 ..	19th November..	The <i>Juries (Fees) Act 1946</i> increases the rates of compensation payable to jurors and consequently amends the law relating to court fees payable for civil cases tried before juries.
5146 ..	19th November..	The <i>Cattle and Swine Compensation Act 1946</i> permits the extension of the period in which cattle and swine compensation is payable in cases where there is reasonable ground for delay in applying for compensation.
5147 ..	19th November..	The <i>Marine (Pilots and Pilotage Rates) Act 1946</i> enables pilots' licences for Port Phillip to be issued to certain ex-service personnel, and temporarily increases certain maximum rates of pilotage.

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5148 ..	19th November..	The <i>Patriotic Funds Act 1946</i> widens the definition of "Patriotic Fund" for the purposes of the Patriotic Funds Act, and provides penalties for certain dishonest practices connected with patriotic funds.
5149 ..	19th November..	The <i>Stock Foods (Amendment) Act 1946</i> provides a uniform definition of "sell" for the purposes of the Stock Foods Acts and amends the provisions of those Acts relating to samples of stock foods.
5150 ..	19th November..	The <i>Municipal Endowment (Temporary Discontinuance) Act 1946</i> extends for a further period of twelve months the period during which Government endowment of municipalities is discontinued.
5151 ..	19th November..	The <i>Medical Practitioners Registration Act 1946</i> provides for the registration as Victorian medical practitioners of certain alien doctors registered under Commonwealth National Security Regulations and of certain ex-service personnel.
5152 ..	19th November..	The <i>Seeds Act 1946</i> includes pease among the seeds to which the Seeds Acts apply.
5153 ..	19th November..	The <i>Water Act 1946</i> increases the maximum salary of State Rivers and Water Supply Commissioners; amends the provisions of the Water Acts relating to the apportionment of surplus water for irrigation, licences for water easements, and acquisition of land; enables the Commission to remit rates in certain circumstances; re-defines the qualifications required of engineers of water supply; extends the powers of water authorities to restrict the cultivation clearing and burning of land near water channels in the north-west of Victoria; provides for <i>pro rata</i> calculation of rates when supplementary valuations are made during the financial year; authorizes the recovery of interest on judgment debts for rates; enables the recovery of water rates and charges by sale of the land concerned; and prescribes penalties for the pollution of water in drains under the control of the Commission.
5154 ..	19th November..	The <i>Clifton Hill Land Act 1946</i> severs certain land in the City of Melbourne from the Municipal District of the City of Melbourne and annexes the said land to the Municipal District of the City of Collingwood.
5155 ..	19th November..	The <i>Tobacco Sellers Act 1946</i> regulates wholesale sales of tobacco, provides that all tobacco sellers' licences shall be issued by the Labour Department instead of by courts of petty sessions and increases the fee for certificates of registration.

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| 5156 .. | 26th November.. | The <i>Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act 1946</i> continues for a further period of twelve months the temporary credit to consolidated revenue (instead of to the Country Roads Board Fund) of fees for licences to drive motor cars, and similarly continues the temporary suspension of the annual payment of £50,000 from consolidated revenue into the Country Roads Board Fund. |
| 5157 .. | 26th November.. | The <i>Moorpanyal Land Act 1946</i> ratifies an agreement between the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, the Geelong Harbour Trust Commissioners, and the Ford Manufacturing Company of Australia Proprietary Limited, to authorize the divesting of certain lands from the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners and the transfer thereof to the said Company. |
| 5158 .. | 26th November.. | The <i>Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) (Amendment) Act 1946</i> amends the <i>Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) Act 1946</i> to facilitate the provision of annual holidays for employes at Christmas or some other annual occasion when any establishment is temporarily closed. |
| 5159 .. | 3rd December .. | The <i>Factories and Shops (Wages Boards) Act 1946</i> amends the special provisions of the <i>Factories and Shops Acts</i> relating to wages boards for vegetable growers and nurserymen. |
| 5160 .. | 3rd December .. | The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Amendment) Act 1946</i> amends the provisions of the <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts</i> relating to offences by passengers on tramcars and omnibuses. |
| 5161 .. | 3rd December .. | The <i>Infectious Diseases Hospital (Borrowing) Act 1946</i> increases the borrowing powers of the Queen's Infectious Diseases Hospital Board. |
| 5162 .. | 3rd December .. | The <i>University (Mildura Branch) Act 1946</i> authorizes the University of Melbourne to establish and conduct as part of the University a branch near Mildura with residential educational establishments for staff and students, and make financial provision for the purpose. |
| 5163 .. | 3rd December .. | The <i>Farmers Protection (Amendment) Act 1946</i> extends for a further period of twelve months the time in which applications may be made by farmers for limited stay orders in respect of old debts, and consequentially extends the duration of limited and general stay orders. |
| 5164 .. | 3rd December .. | The <i>Forests (Exchange of Lands) Extension Act 1946</i> extends for a period of three years the operation of the <i>Forests (Exchange of Lands) Act 1943</i> , under which forest lands may be exchanged for unoccupied Crown lands. |

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| 5165 .. | 10th December .. | The <i>Money Lenders (Cash Orders) Act</i> 1946 incorporates in the Victorian statute book provisions relating to cash orders which were prescribed for Australia as a whole under certain Commonwealth National Security Regulations which expired at the end of 1946. These provisions relate to maximum value of and interest chargeable on cash orders, discount on redemption of cash orders, liability of husbands for wives' cash orders, repayment of cash orders, crediting borrowers with amounts not expended, records to be kept of cash order business, and penalties. The Act also amends the provisions of the Money Lenders Acts relating to the prohibition of employment of certain agents by money lenders. |
| 5166 .. | 10th December .. | The <i>Local Government (Dandenong Street Construction) Act</i> 1946 makes provision for payment by the owners of certain lands in the Shire of Dandenong of certain sums in respect of the construction of certain streets and outfall drains in the said Shire and makes the payment of the said sums a charge upon the said lands and validates the raising of certain loans for the purpose of the construction of the said streets and outfall drains. |
| 5167 .. | 10th December .. | The <i>Stamps (Increased Duty Continuance) Act</i> 1946 continues for a further period of twelve months the temporarily increased stamp duties on bills of exchange payable on demand (cheques, &c.), receipts, transfers, and partitions of real property, leases and sub-leases, deeds of settlement and gift, and annual insurance licences. |
| 5168 .. | 10th December .. | The <i>Land Tax Act</i> 1946 declares the rates of land tax for the year ending the 31st December, 1947. |
| 5169 .. | 10th December .. | The <i>Cattle Breeding Act</i> 1946 reduces the length of the notice required for the disposal of bulls not conforming to a reasonable standard, and defers temporarily and amends the provisions of the <i>Cattle Breeding Act</i> 1938 relating to the destruction of sub-standard bulls on dairy farms. |
| 5170 .. | 10th December .. | The <i>Administration and Probate Duties Act</i> 1946 continues for a further period of twelve months the temporary additional duties on the estates of deceased persons and on certain settlements. |
| 5171 .. | 10th December .. | The <i>Co-operative Housing Societies (Guarantees) Act</i> 1946 further increases the maximum extent to which the Treasurer of Victoria may guarantee loans made to co-operative housing societies. |
| 5172 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Railways (Sick Leave) Act</i> 1946 makes more liberal provision for sick leave with pay for daily paid railway employees, who will in future be entitled to sick leave at the same rate as railway employées who receive an annual salary. |

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| 5173 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Fruit and Vegetables Act 1946</i> makes it an offence to sell fruit which is below the prescribed standard. |
| 5174 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Farm Water Supplies and Drainage Advances Act 1946</i> extends the operation of the <i>Farm Water Supplies Advances Act 1944</i> to cover advances towards water supplies for irrigation and also advances towards drainage of farms. The rate of interest of the advances is reduced; a different basis is provided for computing the maximum amount which may be advanced; and the Board of Land and Works is authorized to make the advances in certain circumstances without the consent of any mortgagee or other encumbrancer of the farm. |
| 5175 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>State Forests Loan and Application Act 1946</i> 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. |
| 5176 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Melbourne South Land Act 1946</i> revokes the reservation of certain lands in the Parish of Melbourne South permanently reserved as sites for road purposes and ornamental purposes respectively and provides for the reservation of a portion of the said lands together with certain unalienated Crown Land adjacent thereto as a site for a National Art Gallery and Cultural Centre. |
| 5177 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Agricultural Colleges Amendment Act 1946</i> authorizes the renewal of existing leases of certain lands divested from the Agricultural College Trustees by the <i>Agricultural Colleges Act 1944</i> . |
| 5178 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Drought Relief (Amendment) Act 1946</i> extends the operation of the <i>Drought Relief Act 1946</i> by enabling State, but not Commonwealth, contributions to be available for the relief of farmers who in connexion with cereal crops have suffered loss by drought in 1945 but not in 1944. |
| 5179 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Soldier Settlement Act 1946</i> supplements the general provisions of the <i>Soldier Settlement Act 1945</i> by legislating in detail for the subdivision of lands acquired for soldier settlement and the settling of discharged servicemen thereon.
The Act contains miscellaneous administrative provisions and makes consequential amendments to the Soldier Settlement Acts. The Commission in the exercise of its powers and duties is to be subject to the general direction of the Minister. |
| 5180 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Free Library Service Board Act 1946</i> provides for the establishment of a Free Library Service Board to assist in the promotion organization and supervision of free library services by |

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| 5180 .. | 24th December— | municipal councils and other public authorities, to recommend the basis of allocation of Parliamentary grants to free libraries, to promote regional systems of free libraries and to make recommendations concerning libraries at State schools. Provision is made for the establishment of a school for the training of librarians. |
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| 5181 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Adult Education Act</i> 1946 provides for the establishment of a Council of Adult Education to advise on method or developments in adult education, and to plan and supervise the administration and development of adult education in Victoria. |
| 5182 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Legal Profession Practice Act</i> 1946 provides for the establishment of a Solicitors' Guarantee Fund to be financed mainly from contributions by and levies on solicitors and sums advanced by the Law Institute or recovered by the Institute from defaulting solicitors under the Act. The Fund will be applied to compensate persons who suffer pecuniary loss from defalcations by solicitors. The amount of compensation payable is limited to an ultimate maximum of £10,000 in any case. |
| 5183 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Evidence Act</i> 1946 introduces into Victoria with minor modifications the provisions of the English Act 1 and 2 Geo. VI. c.28 relating to the admissibility in certain circumstances of documentary evidence as to facts in issue in civil proceedings. The Act also amends the <i>Evidence Act</i> 1928 to allow medical practitioners to give evidence as to testamentary capacity of a patient without the consent of the patient, and as to the taking of oaths outside Victoria before British diplomatic consular and other officials. |
| 5184 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Housing (Discharged Servicemen) Act</i> 1946 extends the power of the Housing Commission to sell land by private contract, and authorizes the Commission to sell land to any discharged serviceman who intends to erect a house upon it. |
| 5185 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act</i> 1946 establishes a Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund to be maintained by deductions from salaries of members of Parliament and by payments from the consolidated revenue. |
| 5186 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Friendly Societies Act</i> 1946 amends the Friendly Societies Act by enabling members to subscribe for benefits on the attainment of a specified age; increasing the amount payable on death to £500; providing that payments for hospital treatment will be made to the member and not to the hospital; permitting societies to make loans to members on the security of contracts relating to benefits payable on death; authorizing societies to pay up to |

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| 5186 .. | 24th December—
<i>continued.</i> | £500 to a nominee or beneficiary of a member without letters of administration; increasing to £10 the maximum amount payable on the death of a child; and increasing in certain cases the amount which societies may advance on first mortgages of freehold property. |
| 5187 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Police Offences (Race-meetings) Act 1946</i> for the period ending 31st July, 1948, temporarily amends the Police Offences Acts by restricting the maximum number of race-meetings that may be held in the metropolis, and by prohibiting week-day race-meetings in the metropolis except on public holidays and certain other specified days. |
| 5188 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Railways (Mont Park Siding) Act 1946</i> authorizes the Victorian Railway Commissioners to operate a public passenger service upon a siding constructed between Macleod Railway Station and the Mont Park Mental Hospital under agreement with the Board of Land and Works. |
| 5189 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Land (Grazing Licences) Act 1946</i> authorizes the remission of rents of grazing leases of Crown land when the lessee has suffered by reason of drought. |
| 5190 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Factories and Shops (Bread Carters) Act 1946</i> abolishes as from a proclaimed day the bread-carters fortnightly mid-week holiday with a view to possible introduction of a five day week for bread-carters. |
| 5191 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Country Fire Authority Act 1946</i> is supplementary to the <i>Country Fire Authority Act 1944</i> . It provides for the establishment of regional and local advisory committees and prescribes their functions in relation to fire breaks and the removal of fire hazards. Provision is made for the payment of compensation to any casual fire-fighter who or whose property is injured during fire fighting operations; compensation payable for personal injury will be similar to that payable under the Workers' Compensation Acts. |
| 5192 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Supreme Court (Judges) Act 1946</i> increases from seven to nine the maximum number of Supreme Court Judges. |
| 5193 .. | 24th December .. | The <i>Railway Loan Application Act 1946</i> sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available for railways under loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund. |

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- 5194 .. 24th December .. The *Metropolitan Gas Company's Act* 1946 authorizes the transfer of the Heidelberg Gas Undertaking from the city of Heidelberg to the Metropolitan Gas Company.
- 5195 .. 24th December .. The *Railways (Temporary Employes) Act* 1946 relates to the appointment of certain persons temporarily employed in the Railway Service to permanent offices therein.
- 5196 .. 24th December .. The *Railways (State Coal Mine) Act* 1946 makes provision with respect to the granting of long service leave with pay to certain officers and employés at the State Coal Mine.
- 5197 .. 24th December .. The *Licensing Act* 1946 makes provision with respect to liquor in and in the vicinity of public halls, and repeals certain provisions in the *Licensing Act* 1928 relating to polls for the abolition of licences.
- 5198 .. 24th December .. The *Town and Country Planning Act* 1946 makes provision, in connexion with town and country planning schemes outside the metropolitan area, for the acquisition of land for the establishment or extension of industries.
- 5199 .. 24th December .. The *Public Works Loan and Application Act* 1946 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. It also contains a provision for the establishment of a Public Works Plant and Machinery Fund for the renewal and replacement of plant and machinery.
- 5200 .. 24th December .. The *Water Supply Loans and Application Act* 1946 authorizes the raising of money for irrigation works, water supply works, drainage and flood protection 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.
- 5201 .. 31st December .. The *Trotting Races Act* 1946 provides for the constitution of a Trotting Control Board, the function of which is to control the sport of trotting throughout Victoria and to be the sole promoter of trotting races within 30 miles of Melbourne. The Police Offences Acts are amended to allow the Board to hold trotting races at night on both week-days and Saturdays.

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5202 ..	31st December ..	The <i>Economic Stability Act</i> 1946 provides State authority, if necessary, for the Commonwealth National Security Regulations relating to prices, landlord and tenant, capital issues and economic organization in case it should be held that, by the effluxion of time since the cessation of hostilities or other circumstances, the defence power of the Commonwealth no longer authorizes continuance of those regulations under Commonwealth authority.
5203 ..	31st December ..	The <i>Local Government Act</i> 1946 consolidates the law relating to local government.
5204 ..	31st December ..	The <i>Stamps Act</i> 1946 consolidates the law relating to stamps.
5205 ..	31st December ..	This Act applies a sum out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 1947, and appropriates the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.
5206 ..	14th January ..	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Appeal Board) Act</i> 1946 amends the provisions of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts relating to appeals by employes who are aggrieved in respect of promotion, classification, &c.
5207 ..	10th June ..	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,029,416 to the service of the year 1946-47.
5208 ..	24th June ..	The <i>Custodian Trustee Act</i> 1947 enables the appointment as custodian trustees of approved corporations which are formed for charitable purposes or act as trustees for bodies formed for charitable purposes.
5209 ..	24th June ..	The <i>Revocation and Excision of Crown Reservations Act</i> 1947 provides for the revocation of the permanent reservations and Crown Grants of certain lands or of certain parts thereof which are no longer required for the purposes of such reservations.
5210 ..	24th June ..	The <i>Farmers Advances (Amendment) Act</i> 1947 provides for reduced rates of interest on advances to farmers under the Farmers Advances Acts.
5211 ..	24th June ..	The <i>Private Bill Committees Act</i> 1947 authorizes members of Parliament who are members of private bill committees to receive, on a resolution of the House, fees for attendance at such committees.

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| 5212 | 24th June | .. The <i>Health (Amendment) Act 1947</i> widens the scope of regulations under the Health Acts relating to offensive trades and the control of secondhand clothing &c. in relation to infectious diseases. |
| 5213 | 24th June | .. The <i>Wills (Amendment) Act 1947</i> amends the statutory provision controlling the interpretation of wills (in the absence of any express contrary provision in a will) in the case of gifts to issue who die before the testator but leave issue surviving. |
| 5214 | 24th June | .. The <i>Old Colonists Association Act 1947</i> modifies the statutory requirements as to application of future gifts and legacies to the Old Colonists' Association as between the permanent capital fund and current expenditure of that Association. |
| 5215 | 24th June | .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £6,725,198 to the service of the year 1947-48. |
| 5216 | 1st July | .. The <i>Local Authorities Superannuation Act 1947</i> provides a comprehensive scheme for superannuation of permanent employes of municipalities and other local authorities. Superannuation is to be compulsory and is to be effected by an endowment policy with an approved insurance company maturing at the age of 65 years or previous death, the premiums to be equal to 7 per cent. of the salary of the employe and payable as to one-half by the authority and as to one-half by the employe. A Board is to be appointed to administer the Act, to hold the policies and to ensure payment of premiums and receipt of benefits. Provision is made for the establishment of a provident fund (in lieu of insurance) for certain employes advanced in age at the time of entering the scheme and for females who elect to take the benefits of the fund; this fund is to be financed by contributions of municipalities and local authorities, one-half of which may be recovered rateably from the employes concerned. |

The Act contains sundry provisions relating, inter alia, to the receipt by the Board (for payment into the Management Account) of commission on insurance, levies on authorities for management expenses, continuity of insurance on transfer of an employe from one local authority to another, retiring age for employes, audit, and arrangements for the initial financing of the scheme.

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| 5217 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Statute Law Revision Act 1947</i> corrects various errors and anomalies in the statute law. |
| 5218 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Motor Car (Registration Fees) Act 1947</i> provides for the remission of the registration fees payable in respect of motor cars owned by incapacitated discharged servicemen. |
| 5219 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>State Electricity Commission (Yallourn Area) Act 1947</i> provides for the establishment, constitution and functions of a body (consisting of a chairman, three representatives of the State Electricity Commission and three elected members) to administer the local government of the township of Yallourn. That township is the home of the majority of officers and employes of the State Electricity Commission who are engaged in the Commission's brown coal open cut and generating and briquetting works nearby. The township is excluded from the control of the local municipality. |
| 5220 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Transport Regulation (Licences and Fees) Act 1947</i> makes various amendments in respect of licences of commercial vehicles under the Transport Regulation Acts and the fees payable in respect thereof. In particular primary producers' trucks of two tons capacity or less are excluded from classification as commercial goods vehicles; the period of licences for commercial vehicles is extended; goods licences may be made conditional on charging prescribed rates; the basis of assessing fees for commercial vehicles is revised and provision is made for the application of those fees towards the cost of administration of the Transport Regulation Act and improvement of motor transport facilities, any surplus being payable to the consolidated revenue; and the right to automatic issue of a licence to carry household furniture is restricted to such carriage in certain circumstances only. |
| 5221 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Local Government (Private Street Construction) Act 1947</i> enables municipal councils, in view of the current shortage of cement, to vary schemes that have been adopted for the construction of private streets at the expense of the adjoining landowners. |
| 5222 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>State Development (Amendment) Act 1947</i> extends for a further period of two years the term for which the State Development Committee is to function. |

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| 5223 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Coal Mine Workers Pensions Act 1947</i> increases the pensions payable under the Coal Mines Workers Pensions Acts and the contributions to be made by the Treasury, mineowners, and miners in respect thereof. |
| 5224 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>State Savings Bank Act 1947</i> makes various amendments to the State Savings Bank Acts, particularly in relation to the conditions of service of officers of the bank; the maximum deposits acceptable by the bank, interest rates thereon and the method of calculation of interest; the use by approved bodies of cheques for withdrawal of money; the payment direct to next of kin of deposits (not exceeding £200) of deceased depositors; the relaxation of requirements as to publication of rules and annual statements of the bank; the mode of investment of funds of the bank; the conditions on which credit foncier loans will be made and the administration of such loans; and the transfer of part of the insurance trust account to the bank's general reserve. |
| 5225 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Drought Relief Act 1947</i> provides for the payment of moneys by way of relief to certain cereal farmers who have suffered loss in consequence of drought conditions. |
| 5226 .. | 1st July | .. The <i>Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1947</i> repeals existing Acts relating to soil conservation and makes more comprehensive provision in relation thereto. A Land Conservation Authority is to be established to replace the existing Soil Conservation Board. The powers of the Authority in relation to soil conservation and land utilization in water supply catchment areas are prescribed in detail and include investigations and research, advice and assistance to landholders, co-ordination of policies and activities of departments and authorities, the carrying out of soil conservation works, the provision of grants and loans to bodies and individuals for carrying out specific projects, the imposition of conditions on the use of land, and directions to landholders to remedy conditions conducive to erosion on other land. Soil conservation districts may be constituted and a district advisory committee set up in each district. A Land Utilization Advisory Council will be established to advise as to policy regarding the use of land in water supply catchment areas. Provision is made for the acquisition of land by the Soil Conservation Authority; and for apportionment of the cost of remedial works as between landowners and the Authority. |

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Re-division of Electoral Districts.

The *Electoral Districts Act* 1944 (No. 5028) provided for the re-division of the electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly. The number of districts remains at 65—the same as shown in the *Constitution Amendment Act* 1915. A summary of the Act was published in the *Year-Book* 1943-44, page 47.

Elections for the Legislative Council, 1946.

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council, were held on 15th June, 1946, when twelve of the seventeen provinces were contested. The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each province and also the number and proportion who voted in each province where an election was held.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED AT THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 15TH JUNE, 1946.

Province.	Number of Electors on Rolls.	Number of Electors who Voted.	Informal Votes.	Number who Voted by Post.	Proportion of Electors who Voted.
Ballaarat	21,540	17,415	373	496	80·85
*Bendigo	22,751	..	..	..	..
Doutta Galla	42,860	32,146	587	341	75·00
East Yarra	45,265	32,589	841	438	72·00
*Gippsland	20,933	..	..	..	..
Higinbotham	40,565	34,205	1,078	939	84·32
*Melbourne	37,118	..	..	..	..
Melbourne North	48,194	38,212	479	800	79·29
Melbourne West	38,260	29,561	613	133	77·26
Monash	44,427	28,106	570	239	63·26
Northern	19,223	14,977	245	187	77·91
North-Eastern	17,360	13,132	142	80	75·65
*North-Western	18,292	..	..	..	..
Southern	28,000	16,120	327	152	57·57
South-Eastern	27,748	19,598	527	957	70·63
*South-Western	24,718	..	..	..	..
Western	20,465	15,234	130	173	74·44
Total number of electors	517,719	..	..	..	..
Less uncontested provinces	123,812	..	..	..	..
Total contested provinces	393,907	291,295	5,912	4,935	73·95

* Uncontested.

Elections, Legislative Assembly, 1947.

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 10th November, 1947, there were contests in 62 of the 65 constituencies. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,345,530—645,342 males and 700,188 females. In contested

districts 93·44 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes, the proportion for males being 94·44 per cent. and for females 92·52 per cent.

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

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 1947.

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	11,376	15,545	26,921	10,763	13,345	24,108	94·61	85·85	89·55
Allendale	7,397	7,704	15,101	7,155	7,246	14,401	96·73	94·06	95·36
Ballaarat	9,968	11,952	21,920	9,489	11,451	20,940	95·19	95·81	95·53
Barwon	7,666	7,790	15,456	7,138	7,399	14,537	93·11	94·98	94·05
Benalla	7,002	6,508	13,510	6,498	6,065	12,563	92·80	93·19	92·99
Benambra*	6,596	5,907	12,503	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bendigo	10,033	11,750	21,783	9,662	11,081	20,743	96·30	94·31	95·23
Borong	6,797	6,585	13,382	6,479	6,388	12,867	95·32	97·01	96·15
Box Hill	12,730	14,756	27,486	12,151	13,594	25,745	95·45	92·13	93·67
Brighton	12,717	15,102	27,819	11,839	14,079	25,918	93·10	93·23	93·17
Brunswick	12,772	13,509	26,281	12,135	12,629	24,764	95·01	93·49	94·23
Camberwell	11,618	15,267	26,885	11,269	13,413	24,682	97·00	87·86	91·81
Carlton	13,293	14,050	27,343	12,366	12,748	25,114	93·03	90·73	91·85
Caulfield*	11,380	14,264	25,644	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clifton Hill	12,552	14,395	26,947	11,959	13,153	25,112	95·28	91·37	93·19
Coburg	12,409	13,220	25,629	11,902	12,355	24,257	95·91	93·46	94·65
Collingwood	13,032	14,023	27,055	12,289	12,474	24,763	94·30	88·95	91·53
Dandenong	13,663	14,000	27,663	12,938	13,082	26,020	94·69	93·44	94·06
Dundas	7,505	7,216	14,721	7,317	6,835	14,152	97·50	94·72	96·13
Elsternwick	10,945	13,432	24,377	10,294	12,076	22,370	94·05	89·90	91·77
Essendon	13,090	13,846	26,936	12,510	13,018	25,528	95·57	94·02	94·77
Evelyn	7,860	7,599	15,459	7,374	7,043	14,417	93·82	92·68	93·26
Footscray	12,691	13,605	26,296	12,062	12,376	24,438	95·04	90·97	92·93
Geelong	10,522	11,338	21,860	10,119	10,508	20,627	96·17	92·68	94·36
Gippsland East	6,621	5,977	12,598	6,214	5,572	11,786	93·85	93·22	93·55
Gippsland North	7,816	6,280	14,096	7,374	5,907	13,281	94·34	94·06	94·22
Gippsland South	7,720	7,057	14,777	7,347	6,700	14,047	95·17	94·94	95·06
Gippsland West	8,077	7,375	15,452	7,623	6,780	14,403	94·38	91·93	93·21
Glen Iris	11,411	13,611	25,022	10,770	12,622	23,392	94·38	92·73	93·94
Goulburn	7,096	6,305	13,401	6,663	5,926	12,589	93·90	93·99	93·94
Grant	7,883	7,239	15,122	7,364	6,759	14,123	93·42	93·37	93·93
Hampden	7,325	7,101	14,426	7,146	6,557	13,703	97·56	92·34	94·99
Hawthorn	10,428	15,347	25,775	9,777	14,237	24,014	93·76	92·77	93·17
Ivanhoe	12,264	14,093	26,359	11,650	12,894	24,544	94·99	91·48	93·11
Kew	11,462	14,558	26,020	10,033	13,393	23,426	87·53	92·00	90·03
Korong	6,689	6,306	12,995	6,463	5,869	12,332	96·62	93·07	94·90
Malvern	10,157	13,851	24,008	9,140	12,533	21,673	89·99	90·48	90·27
Melbourne	12,755	13,707	26,462	11,377	12,101	23,478	89·20	88·28	88·72
Mentone	13,522	14,825	28,347	12,797	13,884	26,681	94·64	93·65	94·12
Mernda	7,562	7,282	14,844	7,030	6,701	13,731	92·96	92·02	92·50

* Uncontested.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 1947—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	7,216	7,501	14,717	6,949	7,161	14,110	96.30	95.47	95.88
Mildura	7,483	6,915	14,398	7,189	6,282	13,471	96.07	90.85	93.56
Moonee Ponds .. .	12,970	14,171	27,141	12,399	13,346	25,745	95.60	94.18	94.86
Mornington .. .	8,292	8,079	16,371	7,297	7,685	14,982	88.00	95.12	91.52
Murray Valley ..	7,433	6,793	14,226	6,909	6,315	13,224	92.95	92.96	92.96
Northcote	12,374	13,521	25,895	11,949	12,770	24,719	96.57	94.45	95.46
Oakleigh	12,583	13,663	26,246	12,145	12,750	24,895	96.52	93.32	94.85
Polwarth	7,049	7,217	14,266	6,634	6,935	13,569	94.11	96.09	95.11
Portland	7,560	7,004	14,564	7,214	6,738	13,952	95.42	96.20	95.80
Port Melbourne ..	13,188	14,734	27,922	12,001	13,957	25,958	91.00	94.73	92.97
Prahran	11,263	16,098	27,361	10,353	14,494	24,847	91.92	90.04	90.81
Preston	12,803	13,480	26,283	12,395	12,727	25,122	96.81	94.41	95.58
Rainbow	6,557	5,974	12,531	6,328	5,608	11,936	96.51	93.87	95.25
Richmond	12,701	14,318	27,019	12,296	13,138	25,434	96.81	91.76	94.13
Ripon	7,157	7,214	14,371	6,949	6,884	13,833	97.09	95.43	96.26
Rodney	7,436	6,956	14,392	7,092	6,623	13,715	95.37	95.21	95.30
Scorsby*	7,883	7,985	15,868	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shepparton	8,070	7,374	15,444	7,638	6,891	14,529	94.65	93.45	94.08
St. Kilda	11,385	14,452	25,837	10,597	12,955	23,552	93.08	89.64	91.16
Sunshine	12,897	12,692	25,589	12,190	11,938	24,128	94.52	94.06	94.29
Swan Hill	7,305	6,379	13,684	6,993	5,926	12,919	95.73	92.90	94.41
Toorak	10,876	15,285	26,161	9,722	13,277	22,999	89.39	86.86	87.91
Warrnambool .. .	7,263	7,206	14,469	6,958	6,933	13,891	95.80	96.21	96.01
Williamstown .. .	12,993	13,708	26,701	12,553	12,801	25,354	96.61	93.38	94.96
Wonthaggi	8,203	7,190	15,393	7,800	6,862	14,662	95.09	95.44	95.25
Total	645,342	700,188	1,345,530	585,028	621,787	1,206,815	94.44	92.52	93.44
Less 3 uncontested districts	25,859	28,156	54,015	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	619,483	672,032	1,291,515	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Uncontested.

The preferential system of 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 21 of the 62 contested districts in the Legislative Assembly election of 8th November, 1947, there were more than two candidates. In ten of these the successful candidate had an absolute majority

of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In four of the other eleven 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 10th November, 1945, were as follows :—

Legislative Assembly—

7th June, 1947 Mr. T. W. Mitchell, elected for Benambra.

20th September, 1947 .. Mr. W. J. Towers, M.M., elected for Collingwood.

PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Benambra Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election ..	6,826	5,728	12,554
Number of electors who voted	5,894	5,206	11,100
Number who voted (percentage of number on roll)	86·35	90·89	88·42
Collingwood Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election ..	12,686	13,664	26,350
Number of electors who voted	10,211	10,713	20,924
Number who voted (percentage of number on roll)	80·49	78·40	79·41

Proportion of Voters at elections.

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, 1856-1947.

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		
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.

NUMBERS OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ON 30TH JUNE, 1947.

Electoral Province.	Number of Electors on Rolls.								
	Ratepayers' Roll.			General Rolls.			Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ballaarat ..	14,711	6,703	21,414	86	40	126	14,797	6,743	21,540
Bendigo ..	14,525	8,049	22,574	92	85	177	14,617	8,134	22,751
Doutta Galla ..	28,929	13,761	42,690	77	93	170	29,006	13,854	42,860
East Yarra ..	30,071	14,834	44,905	150	210	360	30,221	15,044	45,265
Gippsland ..	15,069	5,112	20,181	697	55	752	15,766	5,167	20,933
Higinbotham ..	26,847	13,607	40,454	57	54	111	26,904	13,661	40,565
Melbourne ..	24,948	12,662	37,610	30	78	108	24,378	12,740	37,118
Melbourne North ..	33,284	12,854	46,138	832	1,224	2,056	34,116	14,078	48,194
Melbourne West ..	26,377	11,638	38,015	67	178	245	26,444	11,816	38,260
Monash ..	27,369	16,839	44,208	115	104	219	27,484	16,943	44,427
Northern ..	13,910	5,118	19,028	95	100	195	14,005	5,218	19,223
North-Eastern ..	12,555	4,650	17,205	72	83	155	12,627	4,733	17,360
North-Western ..	13,002	4,953	17,955	220	117	337	13,222	5,070	18,292
Southern ..	19,608	8,311	27,919	54	27	81	19,662	8,338	28,000
South-Eastern ..	18,529	9,128	27,657	54	37	91	18,583	9,165	27,748
South-Western ..	17,673	6,886	24,559	95	64	159	17,768	6,950	24,718
Western ..	14,723	5,377	20,100	206	159	365	14,929	5,536	20,465
Grand Total ..	351,530	160,482	512,012	2,999	2,708	5,707	354,529	163,190	517,719

NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1947.

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on the Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.	Number of Electors on the Joint Rolls.
METROPOLITAN.		URBAN.	
Albert Park	26,297	Ballarat	21,677
Box Hill	26,649	Bendigo	21,506
Brighton	27,050	Geelong	21,327
Brunswick	26,044		
Camberwell	26,158	Total	64,510
Carlton	26,431		
Caulfield	25,265	COUNTRY.	
Clifton Hill	26,750	Allendale	14,922
Coburg	25,265	Barwon	15,152
Collingwood	26,254	Benalla	13,513
Dandenong	26,311	Benambra	12,695
Elsternwick	24,032	Borung	13,317
Essendon	26,457	Dundas	14,426
Footscray	26,034	Evelyn	15,023
Glen Iris	24,405	Gippsland East ..	12,693
Hawthorn	25,509	Gippsland North ..	13,799
Ivanhoe	25,100	Gippsland South ..	14,681
Kew	25,450	Gippsland West ..	15,087
Malvern	23,441	Goylburn	13,086
Melbourne	25,614	Grant	14,857
Mentone	27,422	Hampden	14,342
Moonee Ponds	26,864	Korong	13,055
Northcote	25,634	Mernda	14,448
Oakleigh	25,889	Midlands	14,543
Port Melbourne ..	28,372	Mildura	13,992
Prahran	26,492	Mornington	15,716
Preston	25,787	Murray Valley ..	13,994
Richmond	26,727	Polwarth	14,302
St. Kilda	25,298	Portland	14,446
Sunshine	25,146	Rainbow	12,507
Toorak	25,097	Ripon	14,343
Williamstown	26,596	Rodney	14,320
		Scoresby	15,237
		Shepparton	15,348
		Swan Hill	13,607
		Warrnambool	14,452
		Wonthaggi	15,438
Total	829,840	Total	427,341
		Grand total	1,321,691

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 Agent-General for Victoria in Great Britain is the Hon. N. A. Martin, Victoria House, Melbourne-place, Strand, London, W.C.2.

REFERENDUMS, 1946.

On the 28th September, 1946, Commonwealth Referendums were taken to amend the Constitution. Voting was as follows:—

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SOCIAL SERVICES).

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	897,887	764,723	54·00	48·31	46·00	41·14	94,540
Victoria ..	671,967	528,452	55·98	49·94	44·02	39·27	60,955
Queensland ..	299,205	284,465	51·26	45·31	48·74	43·08	28,500
South Australia ..	197,395	184,172	51·73	46·96	48·27	43·81	17,734
West Australia ..	164,017	99,412	62·26	54·61	37·74	33·10	15,637
Tasmania ..	67,463	65,924	50·58	43·65	49·42	42·65	11,493
Total ..	2,297,934	1,927,148	54·39	48·48	45·61	40·66	228,859

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ORGANIZED MARKETING OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS).

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	855,233	794,852	51·83	46·01	48·17	42·76	107,065
Victoria ..	624,343	567,860	52·37	46·40	47·63	42·20	69,171
Queensland ..	251,672	323,678	43·74	38·11	56·26	49·02	36,820
South Australia ..	183,674	193,201	48·74	43·69	51·26	45·96	22,426
West Australia ..	145,781	113,562	56·21	48·54	43·79	37·81	19,723
Tasmania ..	55,561	75,018	42·55	35·95	57·45	48·54	14,301
Total ..	2,116,264	2,068,171	50·57	44·65	49·43	43·63	269,506

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT).

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	833,822	778,280	51·72	44·86	48·28	41·87	145,048
Victoria ..	609,355	560,773	52·08	45·29	47·92	41·68	91,246
Queensland ..	248,242	316,970	43·42	36·84	56·58	48·00	51,958
South Australia ..	179,153	192,516	48·20	42·62	51·80	45·80	27,632
West Australia ..	142,186	112,881	55·74	47·34	44·26	37·58	23,999
Tasmania ..	52,517	74,440	41·37	33·98	58·63	48·16	17,923
Total ..	2,060,275	2,035,860	50·30	43·47	49·70	42·95	357,806