

# Victorian Year-Book, 1950-51.

## PART I.

### GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, AREA, AND CLIMATE.

**Area of  
Victoria.**

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

The most southerly point of Wilson's Promontory, in latitude 39 deg. 8 min. S., longitude 146 deg. 26 min. E., is the southernmost point of Victoria and likewise of the Australian continent;

the northernmost point is where the western boundary of the State meets the Murray, latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S., longitude 140 deg. 58 min. E.; the point furthest east is Cape Howe, situated in latitude 37 deg. 31 min. S., longitude 149 deg. 59 min. E. The westerly boundary lies upon the meridian 140 deg. 58 min. E., and extends from latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S. to latitude 38 deg. 4 min. S., a distance of 280 miles.

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

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

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

Prevailing winds are southerly from November to February inclusive, with a moderate percentage of northerlies often associated with high temperatures. Considerable fluctuations of temperature occur with changes of wind in the summer months. Northerly or westerly winds predominate from March to October inclusive. Snow falls on the mountains in the winter and spring months, but is of rare occurrence in low level parts of the State.

At Melbourne the highest shade temperature recorded in the 96 years ended 1950 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 per year. 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 8.1 m.p.h. Gusts occasionally exceed 60 m.p.h., the highest on record being 74 m.p.h. on 18th February, 1951. Rain on the average falls on 156 days per year, the annual average amount being 25.89 inches.

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

#### PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF VICTORIA.

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

#### MOUNTAINS AND HILLS, RIVERS AND LAKES.

The highest mountain in Victoria is Mount Bogong, situated in the county of the same name, 6,509 feet above sea-level: the next highest peaks are—Mount Feathertop, 6,306 feet; Mount Nelson, 6,170 feet; Mount Fainter 6,160 feet; Mount Hotham, 6,100 feet; Mount McKay, 6,030 feet; and Mount Cope, 6,027 feet; all situated in the same county; also the Cobboras, 6,030 feet, situated between the counties of Benambra and Tambo. These, so far as is known, are the only peaks which exceed 6,000 feet in height, although, according to a list which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, there are 39 peaks between 5,000 and 6,000 feet high, and 40 between 4,000 and 5,000 feet high. It is known, moreover, that there are many peaks rising to upwards of 4,000 feet above the level of the sea whose actual heights have not yet been determined. Although, during the winter, the peaks and higher plateaus are covered with snow, it is not perpetual and disappears during the spring.

**Mountains  
and Hills.**

**Rivers.**

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

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

**Lakes.**

Victoria contains numerous lakes and lagoons, and, in addition, many of the water supply reservoirs compare most favorably with the lakes both in size and beauty. 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, Yarrowonga, Torrumbury, and Mildura on the Murray River, at Laanecoorie on the Loddon River, at Malmsbury on the Coliban River, at Glenmaggie on the Macallister River, at Melton on the Werribee River and at Lonsdale and Wartook in the Grampians Mountains. In addition, there are reservoirs at Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan. These are the five main storage basins contributing to the metropolitan water supply system.

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

### **FLORA OF VICTORIA.**

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

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

### **THE FAUNA OF VICTORIA.**

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

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

### **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 for the period 1st July, 1950, to 30th June, 1951, were as follow :—

1950.

- 3rd July .. Tea rationing ended.
- 11th July .. Premier (Mr. McDonald) stated that State Cabinet had decided to continue price control in Victoria for another 12 months after 31st December, 1950.
- 14th July .. Federal Cabinet decided to introduce National Service Training Plan for 18-year-old youths.
- 7th August .. Commencement of recruiting for Victoria's quota for Korean force.
- 15th August .. Birth of daughter to Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth.
- 18th August .. Agreement between State Government and gas companies on new Gas Corporation completed.
- 28th August .. Cr. Disney re-elected for third term as Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
- 4th September .. Commencement of Commonwealth Government Scheme for free issue of life saving and disease preventing drugs.
- 5th September .. Announced that Their Majesties the King and Queen would visit Australia in 1952.
- 13th September .. Federal Cabinet decided to increase pay rates for the defence forces.
- 22nd September .. Announced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) that future enlistments in the Commonwealth Military Forces would be for service anywhere.
- 5th October .. Strike by Metropolitan Fireman (lasted 15 days).
- 11th October .. Assent given to Bill for Adult Franchise for Legislative Council elections.
- 12th October .. Full Bench of Arbitration Court granted £1 per week increase in basic wage.
- 16th October .. Strike by railway employees commenced (lasted 54 days).
- 20th October .. The Communist Party Dissolution Act became law.
- 11th November .. Centenary of Separation of Victoria from New South Wales.
- 22nd November .. Appointment of Mr. J. H. Leinhop, M.L.C., as Agent General for Victoria in London announced.

1951.

- 9th January .. Fiftieth Anniversary of Federation of Australian States.
- 18th January .. Merger of Bank of Australasia and Union Bank. New bank to be known as Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd.
- 29th January .. £500,000 damage by fire at Geelong railway goods sheds.
- 24th February .. Eleven people killed when tourist bus was struck by railway engine at level crossing at Horsham.
- 9th March .. High Court of Australia declared Communist Party Dissolution Act invalid.
- 15th March .. National Service Bill passed by Senate.

- 17th March .. Governor-General granted double dissolution of 19th Federal Parliament.
- 24th March .. Ballarat Homecoming Celebrations, marking centenary of discovery of gold, commenced.
- 4th April .. Announced that a large area of land at Morwell had been acquired by State Government as site for Lurgi Brown Coal Gassification Plant.
- 11th April .. Announced that Victorian Government had purchased the Wensley Bray open cut brown coal mine to supply fuel to State Electricity Commission's power station and industries in Geelong and Western District.
- 18th April .. Announced by General Manager of Shell Company of Australia Ltd. that the company will start building a £5,000,000 crude oil distillation plant at Geelong next month.
- 28th April .. Federal elections.
- 9th May .. Commonwealth Jubilee Celebrations day.
- 17th May .. Death of Field Marshal Lord Birdwood, Commander of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps in World War I.
- 27th May .. Death of Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey.
- 12th June ... Jubilee opening of 20th Federal Parliament.
- 13th June .. Death at Canberra of Rt. Hon. J. B. Chifley, Leader of Australian Labour Party in Federal Parliament and former Prime Minister of Australia.
- 15th June .. Eildon Weir project opened officially.
- 20th June .. Dr. H. V. Evatt elected as Leader of Labour Party in Federal Parliament. Mr. A. A. Calwell elected as Deputy Leader.
- 29th June .. Inaugural flight of first regular air service between Melbourne and New Zealand.
- 30th June .. Free medicine available for pensioners and their dependants.

### 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 that Act, 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, 10 to be appointed by Her Majesty and 20 to be elected.

In 1852 the Imperial Government invited 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, other than a "Responsible Minister," 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.

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\* *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.



1876. By the *Electoral Act Amendment Act* 1876 (40 Vict. No. 548) the number of electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly was increased from 49 to 55 and the number of members thereof from 78 to 86.
1881. Property qualification of members and electors of the Legislative Council further reduced, number of Provinces and members increased, and tenure of seats shortened by Act 45 Vict. No. 702.
1886. Reimbursement of the expenses of members of the Legislative Assembly in relation to their attendance in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties of £300 per annum provided for by Act No. 888.
1888. The number of members of the Legislative Council increased to 48 by Act 52 Vict. No. 995. The number of members of the Legislative Assembly increased to 95 and boundaries of Electoral Districts altered so that their number should be 84 and so that—with a few exceptions—only one member should represent each Constituency, by Act 52 Vict. No. 1008.
1899. Plural voting in the Legislative Assembly abolished by Act No. 1606.
1900. Voting by post introduced by Act No. 1701. The Act was to apply for a term of three years: subsequent Acts continued the measure to 31st December, 1910, when the Electoral Act (No. 2288) of that year made permanent provision for voting by post.

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

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

Following the inauguration of the Commonwealth, there was passed in Victoria the *Constitution Act* 1903, which provided for a reduction in the number of responsible Ministers from ten to eight, and of their total salaries from £10,400 to £8,800; in the number of

members of the Legislative Council from 48 to 35 (three years later reduced to 34, separate representation of railways and public officers being abolished), 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 (three years later reduced to 65, separate representation of railways and public officers being abolished) and in that of the electoral districts from 84 to 65.

The Council was empowered to suggest alterations in, but not to amend, any Appropriation Bill. A remedy was provided to meet disagreements between the two Houses, viz :—The simultaneous dissolution of both Houses after a Bill had been twice submitted to and rejected by the Council once before, and once after a dissolution of the Assembly in consequence of such first rejection.

**The present Constitution.** Although modifications of the Constitution of 1903 have been made from time to time, its essential framework is not greatly changed. A detailed description of the present Constitution will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 9 to 16. The principal modifications since 1903 are as follow :—

1908. The *Adult Suffrage Act* 1908, No. 2185, conferred the suffrage on women aged 21 years and upwards for all elections of the Assembly, and also placed them on an equality with men at elections of the Legislative Council.

1910. The *Electoral Act* 1910 (No. 2288), now incorporated in The Constitution Act, provided (a) that every person of the full age of 21 years, a natural-born or naturalized subject of His Majesty, and who had resided in Victoria for the six months and in any district for one month immediately preceding the date of any electoral canvass or of his claim for enrolment, was entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly; and (b) for voting by post at elections for the Legislative Council or Assembly.

1911. The system of preferential voting at elections for the Assembly was provided for by Act No. 2321. (In 1921, by Act No. 3139, this system was made applicable at elections for the Council.)

1920. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1919* (No. 3044) provided for the payment to any member of the Assembly who is for the time being the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition (in addition to reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his parliamentary duties) of any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of his services as such leader.
1920. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1920* (No. 3118) (a) increased the amount for Ministerial salaries to £10,000; (b) increased the amount of reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Assembly to £500 per annum.
1922. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1922* (No. 3218) provided for reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Council at the rate of £200 per annum.
1923. *The Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Act 1923* (No. 3337) provided that no woman by reason only of sex or marriage should be disqualified or disabled from or be incapable of being a candidate at any election whether for the Council or the Assembly or being elected a member of the Council or the Assembly or voting therein if elected.
1926. *The Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Act 1926* (No. 3488) made it compulsory for every elector to record his vote at every election for which he is entitled to vote. (The compulsory provision was extended to elections of the Legislative Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350).)
1927. *The Electoral (Absent Voters) Act 1927* (No. 3525) provided for the voting by absent voters at elections for the Assembly. (This provision was extended to elections of the Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350).)
1935. *The Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Act 1935* (No. 4334) allows Railway Employés and Civil Servants to contest any parliamentary election without having first to resign from the service.
1936. *The Responsible Ministers of the Crown Act 1936* (No. 4367) increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from eight to nine, and the maximum total amount of salaries paid to such Ministers from £10,000 to £11,250.

1937. The *Constitution (Reform) Act 1937* (No. 4533) altered the procedure to be adopted in the event of a disagreement between the two Houses of Parliament. In addition, the qualifications of members of the Council were widened by reducing the age of qualification from 30 to 21 years, and the property qualifications from £50 to £25. The deposit required from a candidate for election to the Council was reduced from £100 to £50. In addition, plural voting for the Council was abolished.
1940. The *Statute Law Revision Act 1940* (No. 4726) by amendment of section 27 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* (No. 3660), as amended by section 3 of the *Members of Parliament (Disqualification) Act 1939* (No. 4718) provided that it shall be lawful for the holders of the offices of (a) the Unofficial Leader of the Council and (b) "the Leader in the Assembly of any recognized party which consists of fifteen (amended to twelve by the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1942*) members at least of the Assembly of which party no member is a responsible Minister of the Crown," to receive (in addition to reimbursement of their expenses in relation to their attendance in discharge of their parliamentary duties) any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of their services in such offices.
1944. The *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1944* provided for an allowance at the rate of £250 per annum to each of not more than three responsible Ministers of the Crown not receiving a salary as such, the allowance to be in addition to the reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his Parliamentary duties as a member of the Council or of the Assembly. The Act also repealed a provision penalizing members of Parliament who accept offices of profit under the Crown within six months after they cease to be members and increased the reimbursement expenses of members of the Legislative Council from £200 to £350 per annum and of members of the Legislative Assembly from £500 to £650 per annum.
1947. The *Officials in Parliament Act 1947* (No. 5252) by amendment of Division Two, Part II., of the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, increased from nine to ten the

maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown who may sit in Parliament, and made provision with respect to allowances payable to Ministers not receiving salaries. Provision was also made for the payment of an allowance to Party and Government Whips and to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet.

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

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

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

1949. The *Governor's Salary Act* 1949 (No. 5380), which was reserved for and received the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, increased the amount that may under The Constitution Act Amendment Acts be appropriated for the salary, staff and other expenses of the Governor of Victoria.
1950. The *Legislative Council Reform Act* 1950 (No. 5465) introduced adult suffrage at elections for the Legislative Council and removed the property qualifications for membership of the Council. In addition, the boundaries of electoral provinces for the Legislative Council are to be re-defined to the extent only of making the boundaries of each province correspond with boundaries of districts for the Legislative Assembly.
1950. The *Ministers of the Crown and Parliamentary Salaries Act* 1950 (No. 5516) increased the salary of the Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council to £1,300, increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from 10 to 12, of whom 4 (in lieu of 2) may sit in the Legislative Council, and reduced the maximum number of non-salaried Ministers from 3 to 2; thus the maximum number of Victorian Ministers of the Crown is now 14. The rate of reimbursement of expenses of members of the Legislative Council was raised to that of members of the Legislative Assembly, namely, £1,050 plus £100 per annum in cases of members elected for country provinces; and for both Houses provision was made for automatic adjustment of reimbursement of expenses in accordance with variations in the cost of living.
1951. The *Parliamentary Salaries Act* 1951 (No. 5586) increased payments to the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from £1,500 to £1,550 and provided for cost of living adjustments similar to those payable to adult male public servants to be paid to all members of Parliament including Ministers, the President, the Speaker, and the Chairmen of Committees.
- The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act* 1951 (No. 5587) increased from £2 to £3 10s. per fortnight the deductions to be made from members' salaries towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund; altered the basis of qualification of members and widows for the various benefits, and increased the pensions payable to widows. Other provisions were made to ensure that prior payments from the Fund or from a similar Fund established for members of the Commonwealth Parliament are brought into account in proper cases.

## GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

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

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Before Responsible Government.</i>			
Charles Joseph La Trobe .. .. .	Superintendent of the District of Port Phillip	30th September, 1839	15th July, 1851
	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	15th July, 1851 ..	5th May, 1854
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (Acting) .. .. .	Officer administering the Government of the Colony of Victoria	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B. .. .. .	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	22nd June, 1854 ..	21st May, 1855
<i>Since Responsible Government.</i>			
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B. .. .. .	Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, also Vice-Admiral, Commissary, and Deputy in the office of Vice-Admiralty in the said Colony	22nd May, 1855 ..	31st December, 1855
Major-General Edward Macarthur (Acting) .. .. .	Officer administering the Government	1st January, 1856 ..	26th December, 1856
Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. .. .. .	Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same	26th December, 1856 ..	10th September, 1863
Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.B. .. .. .	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	11th September, 1863 ..	7th May, 1866
Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (Acting) .. .. .	Officer administering the Government	7th May, 1866 ..	15th August, 1866
The Hon. Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B. .. .. .	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	15th August, 1866 ..	2nd March, 1873
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting) .. .. .	Officer administering the Government	3rd March, 1873 ..	26th March, 1873
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G. .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	31st March, 1873 ..	30th July, 1873
	Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same	30th July, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry, Knt. (Acting) .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	1st January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting) .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	11th January, 1875 ..	14th January, 1876
The Most Hon. George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, P.C., G.C.M.G. .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	27th February, 1879 ..	29th April, 1879
	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	29th April, 1879 ..	18th April, 1884

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—*continued.*

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting)	Administrator of the Government	18th April, 1884	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	15th July, 1884	15th November, 1889
Sir William Foster Stawell, K.C.M.G.	Lieutenant-Governor		
Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (Acting)	Administrator of the Government	9th March, 1889	17th October, 1889
The Rt. Hon. John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	16th November, 1889	27th November, 1889
The Hon. John Madden, LL.D. (Acting)	Administrator of the Government	28th November, 1889	12th July, 1895
		26th January, 1893	11th May, 1893
		27th March, 1895	12th July, 1895
The Right Hon. Baron Brassey, K.C.B.	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	13th July, 1895	24th October, 1895
The Hon. Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Administrator of the Government	25th October, 1895	31st March, 1900
		29th December, 1896	16th February, 1897
		27th September, 1897	10th October, 1897
		23rd March, 1898	21st October, 1898
	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	15th January, 1900	31st March, 1900
	Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria	1st April, 1900	2nd January, 1901
		2nd January, 1901	10th December, 1901
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.	Governor of the State of Victoria	10th December, 1901	24th November, 1903
The Hon. Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	24th November, 1903	25th April, 1904
Major-General the Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B.	Governor	25th April, 1904	6th July, 1908
His Honour Sir Thomas a'Beckett, K.B.	Administrator of the Government	13th August, 1906	5th September, 1906
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	6th December, 1906	13th December, 1906
		20th March, 1907	18th November, 1907
		6th July, 1908	26th July, 1908
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Governor	27th July, 1908	19th May, 1911
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	19th May, 1911	24th May, 1911
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Governor	24th May, 1911	31st January, 1914
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	28th August, 1913	31st January, 1914
		1st February, 1914	23rd February, 1914
The Hon. Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G.	Governor	23rd February, 1914	30th January, 1920
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	30th July, 1919	30th January, 1920
		31st January, 1920	24th February, 1921



GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
Colonel the Right Hon. George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King	Governor	24th February, 1921	7th April, 1926
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	1st April, 1923	24th October, 1923
The Hon. Sir Leo Cussen, Kt., &c., M.A., LL.B.	Administrator of the Government	23rd August, 1924	13th September, 1924
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	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.	Governor	28th June, 1926	23rd June, 1931
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	26th April, 1929	27th October, 1929
Captain the Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.	Lieutenant-Governor	3rd October, 1930	21st January, 1931
The Hon. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G.	Lieutenant-Governor	24th June, 1931	13th May, 1934
	Governor	14th May, 1934	4th April, 1939
	Lieutenant-Governor	20th May, 1937	27th September, 1937
	Lieutenant-Governor	29th March, 1938	23rd September, 1938
	Lieutenant-Governor	5th April, 1939	16th July, 1939
Major-General Sir Winston Joseph Dugan, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.	Governor	17th July, 1939	20th February, 1949
The Hon. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G.	Lieutenant-Governor	12th September, 1941	23rd November, 1941
	Lieutenant-Governor	28th July, 1944	30th July, 1944
	Lieutenant-Governor	6th September, 1944	29th January, 1945
Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	1st February, 1946	18th February, 1946
	Lieutenant-Governor	17th May, 1946	23rd October, 1946
	Lieutenant-Governor	19th January, 1947	11th March, 1947
	Lieutenant-Governor	21st February, 1949	17th October, 1949
General Sir Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., K. St.J.	Governor	18th October, 1949	Still in office

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.

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

### MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

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

### MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

**Ministries, 1855 to 1951.** The names of the Premiers of the Governments from 1855 to 1951 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	30th November, 1855	11th March, 1857 ..	Days. 468
2. John O'Shanassy ..	11th March, 1857 ..	29th April, 1857 ..	50
3. William Clark Haines	29th April, 1857 ..	10th March, 1858 ..	316
4. John O'Shanassy ..	10th March, 1858 ..	27th October, 1859	597
5. William Nicholson ..	27th October, 1859	26th November, 1860	397
6. Richard Heales ..	26th November, 1860	14th November, 1861	354
7. John O'Shanassy ..	14th November, 1861	27th June, 1863 ..	591
8. James McCulloch ..	27th June, 1863 ..	6th May, 1868 ..	1,776
9. Charles Sladen ..	6th May, 1868 ..	11th July, 1868 ..	67

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—*continued*

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
			Days.
10. James McCulloch ..	11th July, 1868 ..	20th September, 1869	437
11. John Alexander MacPherson	20th September, 1869	9th April, 1870 ..	202
12. Sir James McCulloch	9th April, 1870 ..	19th June, 1871 ..	437
13. Charles Gavan Duffy	19th June, 1871 ..	10th June, 1872 ..	358
14. James Goodall Francis	10th June, 1872 ..	31st July, 1874 ..	782
15. George Briscoe Kerferd	31st July, 1874 ..	7th August, 1875 ..	373
16. Graham Berry ..	7th August, 1875 ..	20th October, 1875	75
17. Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G.	20th October, 1875	21st May, 1877 ..	580
18. Graham Berry ..	21st May, 1877 ..	5th March, 1880 ..	1,020
19. James Service ..	5th March, 1880 ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	152
20. Graham Berry ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	9th July, 1881 ..	341
21. Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, Bart.	9th July, 1881 ..	8th March, 1883 ..	608
22. James Service ..	8th March, 1883 ..	18th February, 1886	1,079
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. Sir James Brown Patterson, K.C.M.G.	23rd January, 1893	27th September, 1894	613
27. Sir George Turner, P.C., K.C.M.G.	27th September, 1894	5th December, 1899	1,896
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	86
30. Alexander James Peacock	12th February, 1901	10th June, 1902 ..	484
31. William Hill Irvine	10th June, 1902 ..	16th February, 1904	617
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 ..	1,227
34. William Alexander Watt	18th May, 1912 ..	9th December, 1913	571
35. George Alexander Elmslie	9th December, 1913	22nd December, 1913	14
36. William Alexander Watt	22nd December, 1913	18th June, 1914 ..	179
37. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	18th June, 1914 ..	29th November, 1917	1,261
38. John Bowser ..	29th November, 1917	21st March, 1918 ..	113
39. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	21st March, 1918 ..	7th September, 1923	1,997
40. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	7th September, 1923	19th March, 1924 ..	195
41. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	19th March, 1924 ..	28th April, 1924 ..	41
42. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	28th April, 1924 ..	18th July, 1924 ..	82

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—*continued.*

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
43. George Michael Prendergast	18th July, 1924 ..	18th November, 1924	Days. 124
44. John Allan ..	18th November, 1924	20th May, 1927 ..	914
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	386
47. Edmond John Hogan	12th December, 1929	19th May, 1932 ..	890
48. Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S.	19th May, 1932 ..	2nd April, 1935 ..	1,049
49. Albert Arthur Dunstan	2nd April, 1935 ..	14th September, 1943	3,088
50. John Cain ..	14th September, 1943	18th September, 1943	5
51. Albert Arthur Dunstan	18th September, 1943	2nd October, 1945 ..	746
52. Ian Macfarlan, K.C.	2nd October, 1945 ..	21st November, 1945	51
53. John Cain ..	21st November, 1945	20th November, 1947	730
54. Thomas Tuke Hollway	20th November, 1947	3rd December, 1948	380
55. Thomas Tuke Hollway	3rd December, 1948	27th June, 1950 ..	572
56. John Gladstone Black McDonald	27th June, 1950 ..	Still in office	

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

The personnel of the 56th Ministry at 30th June, 1952, was as follows:—

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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

**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1952.**

The names of members at 30th June, 1952, and the constituencies which they represent are given below :—

**VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

President : \*Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.B.E., Q.C.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Ballaarat ..	Hon. H. C. Ludbrook .. .. .	1955
	Hon. J. J. Jones .. .. .	1958
Bendigo .. ..	Hon. T. H. Grigg .. .. .	1955
	Hon. A. Smith .. .. .	1958
Doutta Galla ..	Hon. W. Slater .. .. .	1955
	Hon. P. Jones .. .. .	1958
East Yarra .. ..	Hon. E. P. Cameron .. .. .	1955
	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.B.E., Q.C. (President)	1958
Gippsland .. ..	Hon. W. MacAulay .. .. .	1955
	Hon. T. Harvey (Minister of Labour)	1958
Higinbotham ..	Hon. Sir James Kennedy .. .. .	1955
	Hon. A. G. Warner .. .. .	1958
Melbourne .. ..	Hon. F. M. Thomas .. .. .	1955
	Hon. M. P. Sheehy .. .. .	1958
Melbourne North ..	Hon. J. W. Galbally .. .. .	1955
	Hon. A. M. Fraser .. .. .	1958
Melbourne West ..	Hon. P. L. Coleman .. .. .	1955
	Hon. A. J. Bailey .. .. .	1958
Monash .. .. .	Hon. Sir Frank Clarke, K.B.E. .. .. .	1955
	Hon. T. W. Brennan .. .. .	1958
Northern .. .. .	Hon. G. J. Tuckett .. .. .	1955
	Hon. D. J. Walters .. .. .	1958
North-Eastern ..	Hon. P. P. Inchbold (Minister of Education)	1955
	Hon. I. A. Swinburne (Minister in Charge of Housing and Minister in Charge of Materials)	1958
North-Western ..	Hon. A. R. Mansell† .. .. .	1955
	Hon. P. T. Byrnes (Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	1958
Southern.. .. .	Hon. G. L. Chandler .. .. .	1955
	Hon. R. R. Rawson .. .. .	1958
South-Eastern ..	Hon. C. P. Gartside .. .. .	1955
	Hon. G. L. Tilley .. .. .	1958
South-Western ..	Hon. G. S. McArthur .. .. .	1955
	Hon. D. P. J. Ferguson .. .. .	1958
Western .. .. .	Hon. H. V. MacLeod .. .. .	1955
	Hon. D. L. Arnott .. .. .	1958

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

\* Elected 16th July, 1952.

† Elected 4th July, 1952.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1952—*continued.*

## VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Speaker: The Hon. Sir Archie Michaelis.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park ..	P. K. Sutton
Allendale ..	Hon. R. T. White (Minister of State Development)
Ballaarat ..	Hon. T. T. Hollway
Barwon ..	Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby, E.D.
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	Hon. T. W. Mitchell (Attorney-General)
Bendigo ..	Hon. L. W. Galvin
Borong ..	W. J. Mibus (Chairman of Committees)
Box Hill ..	G. O. Reid
Brighton ..	Brigadier the Hon. R. W. Tovell, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.
Brunswick ..	P. J. Randles
Camberwell ..	R. K. Whately
Carlton ..	Hon. W. P. Barry
Caulfield ..	Lieut-Colonel the Hon. A. H. Dennett
Clifton Hill ..	J. P. O'Carroll
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	W. R. Dawnay-Mould
Dundas ..	W. J. F. McDonald
Elsternwick ..	Hon. J. Don, M.B.E.
Essendon ..	G. Fewster
Evelyn ..	R. J. Leckie
Footscray ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Geelong ..	J. McR. Dunn
Gippsland East ..	Hon. Sir Albert Lind (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister of Forests, and President of the Board of Land and Works)
Gippsland North	Hon. W. O. Fulton (Minister of Health)
Gippsland South	Hon. Sir Herbert Hyland (Minister of Transport, Minister in Charge of Prices, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Gippsland West ..	L. J. Cochrane
Glen Iris ..	Hon. L. G. Norman
Goulburn ..	J. H. Smith
Grant ..	A. J. Fraser, M.C.
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte
Hawthorn ..	L. Tyack, M.B.E.
Ivanhoe ..	A. F. K. Block
Kew ..	A. G. Rylah, E.D.
Korong ..	K. H. Turnbull
Malvern ..	Hon. T. D. Oldham
Melbourne ..	Hon. T. Hayes
Mentone ..	G. E. White
Mernda ..	A. E. Ireland
Midlands ..	Hon. C. P. Stoneham
Mildura ..	N. Barclay, D.C.M.
Moonee Ponds ..	S. Merrifield
Mornington ..	Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.
Murray Valley ..	Hon. G. C. Moss (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Northcote ..	Hon. J. Cain
Oakleigh ..	V. J. Doube

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1952—*continued.*

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Polwarth ..	Hon. E. F. Guye
Portland ..	R. W. Holt
Port Melbourne ..	S. T. Corrigan
Prahran ..	R. F. Pettiona
Preston ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Rainbow ..	Hon. K. Dodgshun (Chief Secretary, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and Minister in Charge of Immigration)
Richmond ..	E. R. Scully
Ripon ..	E. Morton
Rodney ..	Hon. R. K. Brose (Minister of Water Supply and Minister for Conservation)
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Shepparton ..	Hon. J. G. B. McDonald (Premier and Treasurer)
St. Kilda ..	Hon. Sir Archie Michaelis (Speaker)
Sunshine ..	A. E. Shepherd
Swan Hill ..	Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. J. A. Hipworth, E.D.
Toorak ..	E. R. T. Reynolds, Q.C.
Warrnambool ..	R. W. Mack
Williamstown ..	Hon. J. Lemmon
Wonthaggi ..	W. J. Buckingham

Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly :  
H. K. McLachlan, J.P.

During the period 1856 to 1950 there were 37 Parliaments. The 38th Parliament was opened on 20th June, 1950. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament (1856 to 1927), the number of days in session, and the percentage of the latter to the former was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 21. Similar information in regard to the twenty-ninth and subsequent Parliaments is shown in the following table:—

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

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

### VICTORIA—STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1951.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the year ended 31st December, 1951 :—

Act No.	Date (1951).	
5528	.. 28th June	.. This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £9,490,432 to the service of the year 1951-52.
5529	.. 3rd July	.. The <i>State Electricity Commission (Overdraft) Act 1951</i> increases for a period of two years from £2,000,000 to £7,000,000 the amount which the State Electricity Commission may borrow by bank overdraft.
5530	.. 5th July	.. The <i>Local Government (Enrolment) Act 1951</i> allows certain occupiers of land vested in the Crown or in public corporations to be enrolled for the purpose of voting at municipal elections.
5531	.. 12th July	.. The <i>Crimes (Reformatory Prisons) Act 1951</i> overcomes technical difficulties resulting from the closing of reformatory prisons while persons are paroled therefrom.
5532	.. 24th July	.. The <i>Geelong Gas Company's Act 1951</i> amends provisions of The Geelong Gas Company's Acts relating to capital and shares.
5533	.. 24th July	.. The <i>Railways (Amendment) Act 1951</i> permits salary increases and promotions to be made in the case of railway officers and employés (other than those in higher positions) without the consent of the Governor in Council.
5534	.. 24th July	.. The <i>Poisons Act 1951</i> removes A.P.C. tablets from the list of poisonous substances in the Poisons Act; consequently A.P.C. tablets may now be sold by persons other than chemists.
5535	.. 24th July	.. The <i>Select Committee (Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing) Act 1951</i> provides for the appointment of a Select Parliamentary Committee to inquire into and report upon operations and activities of the Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board. (See Acts Nos. 5565 and 5612.)
5536	.. 31st July	.. The <i>Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Amendment Act 1951</i> amends the <i>Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Act 1950</i> by extending the interpretation of industrial "awards" to cover variations of awards both past and future, and thereby alters the amounts which employers may receive from a statutory fund by way of reimbursement for long service leave granted to employés.
5537	.. 7th August	.. The <i>Education (Amendment) Act 1951</i> provides for "junior secondary" schools and teachers (a classification which falls between primary and secondary) and amends provisions of the Education Acts relating to the registration of teachers and the granting of scholarships.



Act No.	Date (1951).	
5538	.. 7th August	.. The <i>Friendly Societies Act</i> 1951 brings completely under the Friendly Societies Acts certain societies registered under the Friendly Societies Statute of 1865; requires persons who reside outside Victoria to apply personally if desirous of joining a friendly society; includes in the objects of societies a power to reimburse moneys expended members for medical attendance or medicines (this power being consequential on abandonment of the lodge doctor system); increases the maximum limits of hospital, medical and old age benefits; permits trustees of friendly societies subject to the rules to accept securities, allow time for payment of debts and compromise claims; and prescribes a method of service of summonses on informations for offences by friendly societies or branches.
5539	.. 21st August	.. The <i>State Development Act</i> 1951 provides that members of the State Development Committee instead of being appointed by the Governor in Council shall in future be appointed in a manner similar to Joint Select Committees of Parliament. Of the six members of the Committee two are to be members of the Legislative Council and four are to be members of the Legislative Assembly.
5540	.. 21st August	.. The <i>Stamps (Cheques) Act</i> 1951 enables stamp duties paid on cheques to be denoted by a printed endorsement on the cheques instead of by impressed stamp.
5541	.. 21st August	.. The <i>Public Service Act</i> 1951 provides for long service leave for officers and employes in the public service on a revised basis, the main alteration being that pay in lieu of long service leave shall be payable after five (instead of twenty) years in cases of death, retirement on account of age or ill health, or retirement of a female officer to be married. The Act also amends provisions of the Public Service Acts relating to conditions of employment, deputy members of the Board, appointments to the administrative division, remuneration of officers who engage in certain additional duties, and recreation leave.
5542	.. 21st August	.. The <i>Country Fire Authority (Financial) Act</i> 1951 increases the borrowing powers of the Country Fire Authority.
5543	.. 21st August	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £9,569,315 to the service of the year 1951-52.
5544	.. 21st August	.. The <i>Coal Mine Workers Pensions (Contributions) Act</i> 1951 increases the proportion of contributions to the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Fund which is to be paid by the Treasury.

Act No.	Date (1951).	
5545	.. 21st August	.. The <i>Vermin and Noxious Weeds (Financial) Act</i> 1951 increases the amount of loan moneys that may be made available for the purposes of the <i>Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act</i> .
5546	.. 28th August	.. The <i>Medical (Temporary Registration) Act</i> 1951 makes provision for the temporary registration as medical practitioners of certain persons with foreign medical qualifications temporarily in Victoria in connexion with medical teaching or research.
5547	.. 28th August	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £2,772,480 to the service of the year 1950-51.
5548	.. 28th August	.. The <i>Railways (Furlough) Act</i> 1951 provides for long service leave for railway officers and employes on lines similar to the provision for public servants made under Act No. 5541.
5549	.. 28th August	.. The <i>Police Regulation (Furlough) Act</i> 1951 provides for long service leave for members of the police force on lines similar to the provision for public servants made under Act No. 5541.
5550	.. 28th August	.. The <i>Milk Board Act</i> 1951 alters the prescribed procedure for the acquisition and distribution of milk for Melbourne and other districts. Whereas previously milk was procured for sale and distribution in the metropolis pursuant to contracts between dairymen and dairy farmers under supervision of the Milk Board, and a levy was payable to meet the administrative costs of the Board, as from a proclaimed date no milk is to be distributed in any proclaimed district unless the Milk Board has first bought the milk and sold it to dairymen for sale and distribution. The Act consolidates with the above and other amendments Parts II., III., and IV. of the <i>Milk Board Act</i> 1933.
5551	.. 4th September	.. The <i>Bendigo (Rosalind Park) Lands Act</i> 1951 relates to the reservation, and grant of certain lands within and adjacent to Rosalind Park in the City of Bendigo.
5552	.. 4th September	.. The <i>Railways Dismantling Act</i> 1951 provides for the dismantling of certain railways and sections of railways, and is for other purposes.
5553	.. 11th September	.. The <i>Transfer of Land (Forgeries) Act</i> 1951 extends the operation of the <i>Transfer of Land (Forgeries) Act</i> 1939 to permit payment from the Assurance Fund of compensation to a person who, having relied on the register book of the Titles Office, finds his title to land is vitiated by virtue of rectification of the register to remove the effect of an earlier forged instrument registered in that office.

Act. No.	Date (1951).	
5554	.. 11th September	The <i>Newport "A" Power Station Act 1951</i> prescribes the financial adjustments to be made on the transfer from the Railways Department to the State Electricity Commission of the Newport "A" Power Station pursuant to the <i>State Electricity Commission Act 1948</i> .
5555	.. 11th September	The <i>Local Government (Overdrafts) Act 1951</i> permits municipalities to borrow by way of bank overdraft, in addition to any amount that may be borrowed under the existing formula, one-third of the amount of annual receipts from the sale of gas residuals and from the products of quarries conducted by the council.
5556	.. 11th September	The <i>Marketing of Primary Products (Tomatoes) Act 1951</i> brings tomatoes within the scope of the Marketing of Primary Products Acts, and accordingly if the required number of growers so desire a tomato marketing board may now be established.
5557	.. 25th September	The <i>Winchelsea Coal Mine Act 1951</i> ratifies an agreement on behalf of the State of Victoria for the purchase by the State of certain land being worked as a coal mine for the lease thereof for a limited term and for the resale thereof by the State to a company representing the lessees.
5558	.. 9th October ..	The <i>Special Funds (Amendment) Act 1951</i> enables improvements to land effected under the <i>North-West Mallee Settlement Areas Act 1948</i> to be insured under the Closer Settlement Acts.
5559	.. 9th October ..	The <i>Transport Act 1951</i> . Part I. of this Act establishes a Ministry of Transport and empowers the Governor in Council to appoint a Co-ordinator of Transport with powers of recommendation and report. By Part II. commercial aircraft may be brought under the control of the Transport Regulation Board. By Part III. metropolitan commercial passenger vehicles and urban motor omnibuses, previously controlled by municipal councils, are brought under the control of the Transport Regulation Board.
5560	.. 9th October ..	The <i>Marine (Amendment) Act 1951</i> enables port authorities to control any shore lights which may be a danger to shipping; gives the Governor in Council power to make regulations concerning the operation of small hire boats; and increases certain pilotage and survey fees.
5561	.. 9th October ..	The <i>Portland Harbor Trust (Amendment) Act 1951</i> provides that any amount paid for pilotage fees within Portland Harbor shall be paid into the Portland Harbor Fund.
5562	.. 9th October ..	The <i>Transport Regulation Board Act 1951</i> empowers the Transport Regulation Board to purchase, hold, and deal with any form of real or personal property.

Act No.	Date (1951).	
5563	.. 16th October	.. The <i>Imported Materials Loan and Application (Financial) Act 1951</i> increases from £4,000,000 to £6,000,000 the amount of loan funds available for the purchase of building materials outside Victoria.
5564	.. 16th October	.. The <i>Co-operative Housing Societies (Amendment) Act 1951</i> makes several amendments to the Co-operative Housing Societies Acts. The main amendments are that the minimum number of persons to form a society is reduced to twenty, loans raised by Co-operative Housing Societies are to be authorized trustee investments, and the maximum liability that the Treasurer may incur by way of guaranteeing such loans is raised from £25,000,000 to £32,000,000.
5565	.. 17th October	.. The <i>Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board Act 1951</i> enabled the Governor in Council to suspend the members of the Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board for not more than three months and to appoint a manager to exercise the powers and functions of the Board during any such suspension. (See Acts Nos. 5535 and 5612.)
5566	.. 30th October	.. The <i>Stamps (Betting Tax) Act 1951</i> , which is designed to raise increased revenue, introduces a tax by way of stamp duty on winning bets made on racecourses and sports grounds. This tax takes the place of the tax previously payable by backers but not that payable by bookmakers on bets of £5 or over. The tax payable by bookmakers is increased. Administrative provisions of the Stamps Acts are consequentially amended.
5567	.. 30th October	.. The <i>Land Tax Act 1951</i> prescribes the rate of Land Tax for the year 1952; the rate is double that heretofore in force.
5568	.. 30th October	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £10,863,579 to the service of the year 1951-52.
5569	.. 30th October	.. The <i>Transport Regulation (Fees) Act 1951</i> increases certain fees payable under the Transport Regulation Acts.
5570	.. 30th October	.. The <i>Factories and Shops (Registration Fees) Act 1951</i> increases fees payable for the registration of factories and shops.
5571	.. 30th October	.. The <i>Soldier Settlement Act 1951</i> increases the amount of loan money that may be made available for soldier settlement from £25,000,000 to £40,000,000 and makes sundry amendments to the Soldier Settlements Acts, particularly in relation to compulsory acquisition of land, the recession of allocations of land to settlers, penalties for stealing the Commission's property, and accounting and other financial provisions.

- | Act No. | Date (1951).    |   |
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| 5572    | .. 30th October | .. The <i>Marine (Pilotage Rates) Act</i> 1951 increases certain pilotage rates within Port Phillip Bay.  |
| 5573    | .. 30th October | .. The <i>Water (Amendment) Act</i> 1951 amends provisions of the Water Acts relating to the general functions of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the constitution of Waterworks Trusts, increases the rating powers of water authorities and makes other provisions as to finances and by-laws of water authorities.  |
| 5574    | .. 7th November | .. The <i>Latrobe Valley Drainage Act</i> 1951 provides for the constitution of a Latrobe Valley Drainage Board under the chairmanship of a full time manager, who is to be a qualified engineer of water supply. The functions of the Board are to construct, acquire, maintain and operate works and plant for the treatment and disposal of industrial and domestic waste from the Latrobe Valley in Gippsland, with particular reference to waste from the State Electricity Commission's Generating and Briquetting Plant, and from paper mills, and having regard to the proposed installation by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of works for the gasification of brown coal; the last mentioned project will be served by a pipeline to the sea. Until the Board is constituted its functions will be performed by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">The Board will not be concerned with reticulated sewerage but will, at charges fixed by the Board, receive industrial and domestic waste from public and private bodies and persons. If revenue from charges is insufficient, moneys may be raised by rating. The Board is given the necessary powers in relation to works, acquisition of land, finance, control of effluents, and administration generally. A penalty is provided for discharging waste into the Latrobe River contrary to by-laws of the Board.</p> |
| 5575    | .. 7th November | .. The <i>Grace Joel Scholarship Act</i> 1951 validates the actions of the Trustees of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria and the Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria in the administration of the Trust created by the will of Grace Jane Joel, and to provide for the removal of doubts as to the construction of the said will.  |
| 5576    | .. 7th November | .. The <i>Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Extension) Act</i> 1951 extends for a further year the operation of the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts.  |
| 5577    | .. 7th November | .. The <i>Benefit Associations Act</i> 1951 provides for the registration and control of associations established to provide to contributors and their families hospital, medical, or funeral benefits in cases where such associations are not within the operation of the   |

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5577 .. 7th November—  
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Friendly Societies Act, the Trades Union Act, or the Commonwealth Life Insurance or Conciliation and Arbitration Acts. Provision is made with respect to compulsory registration of such associations, their rules and the benefits which they may provide, the appointment of trustees of the associations' funds, actuarial investigations and report, investment, application and quinquennial valuation of funds, annual returns, distribution of surplus and meeting insufficiencies in funds, cancellation of registration and winding up of funds, settlement of disputes between contributors and associations, offences and penalties.

5578 .. 7th November ..

The *Public Account Act* 1951 consolidates with amendments the provisions of various Acts relating to the Public Account, which Account is stated to consist of the Consolidated Revenue, the Loan Fund, and the Trust Fund. The Act prescribes what moneys are to be credited to the Loan Fund and the conditions on which they may be appropriated. The Treasurer is authorized to establish trust accounts and define the purposes for which they are established. Moneys in the Trust Fund may be invested in Government securities or on bank deposit. No moneys are to be expended from the Trust Fund except for the purposes of the Fund or under the authority of an Act of Parliament.

Provision is made for the temporary issue and application of sums out of the Public Account to meet appropriations authorized from the Loan Fund, for monthly and special advances to departments, for Treasurer's advances (up to £2,000,000), for advances to the Railways Commissioners for manufacturing or purchasing stores, material, &c., for remission of interest outside the Commonwealth and payments pending recoup by other Governments, &c., to meet revenue deficits and for other purposes expressly provided by any Act. Provision is also made for the application of surplus revenue and for temporary borrowings pending revenue or loan receipts. Any infringement of any Act relating to the Public Account is to be reported by the Auditor-General to the Legislative Assembly.

5579 .. 7th November ..

The *University Act* 1951 authorizes the University of Melbourne to establish and control student hostels, and amends provisions of the University Act relating to the grant of free places at the University.

5580 .. 7th November ..

The *Prices Regulation (Amendment) Act* 1951 extends for a further two years the operation of the Prices Regulation Acts and alters the title of the "Prices Decontrol Commissioner" to "Prices Commissioner".

Act No.	Date (1951).	
5581	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Stamps (Duties) Act 1951</i> increases the stamp duties payable on conveyances, transfers and sales of real property, and on annual licences to carry on insurance business.
5582	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Gippsland Railway (Duplication and Regrading) Extension Act 1951</i> amends the <i>Gippsland Railway (Duplication and Regrading) Act 1948</i> by extending the powers of the Railway Commissioners particularly in relation to the making of deviations and the dismantling of unnecessary parts of the existing railway.
5583	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Motor Car (Registration Fees) Act 1951</i> provides for an additional registration fee for motor cars on first registration and on transfer. The additional fee is to be paid into the consolidated revenue for a period of two years after which it will be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund. The Act also provides that the reduced rate of registration fee payable by primary producers is to apply to only one truck.
5584	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Licensing (Fees) Act 1951</i> increases the fees payable in respect of licences for hotels and other premises where liquor is sold. The Act also attempts to prevent avoidance of the statutory apportionment of licence fees as between owner and occupier of licensed premises.
5585	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Land (Development Leases) Act 1951</i> provides a scheme for the development of approximately 900 square miles of undeveloped land near the South Australian border. Initially the land will be leased to the Australian Mutual Provident Society for a term of 25 years on the Society undertaking to improve the land for primary production purposes and subdivide it into farms. These farms will be allocated to approved farmers who will, in consideration of a purchase price, be granted the fee simple by the Crown. The Act provides for the appointment of a committee to report to the Minister on progress of development under the Act and to make recommendations with respect to promoting soil and water conservation and safeguarding primary production in adjacent settled areas.
5586	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Parliamentary Salaries Act 1951</i> increases payments to the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and provides for cost of living adjustments similar to those paid to adult male public servants to be paid to all members of Parliament including Ministers, the President, the Speaker, and the Chairmen of Committees.
5587	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1951</i> alters the existing scheme for payments from a contributory fund to ex-members of Parliament or their widows by increasing future contributions, altering the basis of qualification

Act No.	Date (1951).	
5587	.. 7th November— <i>continued.</i>	of members and widows for the various benefits and increasing the pensions payable to widows. Other provisions are made to ensure that prior payments from the Fund or from a similar Fund established for members of the Commonwealth Parliament are brought into account in proper cases.
5588	.. 7th November ..	The <i>State Forests Loan Application Act</i> 1951 sanctions the issue and application of Loan Monies for works and other purposes relating to State Forests.
5589	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Water Supply Loan Application Act</i> 1951 sanctions the issue and application of Loan Moneys for works and other purposes relating to irrigation, water supply, drainage, flood protection and river improvement.
5590	.. 7th November ..	The <i>Administration and Probate (Estates) Act</i> 1951 makes extensive amendments in the law relating to death duties.

The actual and notional property of the deceased which is subject to duty is extended. Personal property owned by a deceased person who was at the time of his death domiciled in Victoria will now be subject to duty no matter where it is situate. The classes of property which are deemed to form part of the estate of the deceased are re-defined and extended; in particular gifts made within three years of the death of the deceased are now subject to duty, as also is property over which the deceased had *de facto* control at the time of his death. However the value of the deceased's joint interest in his matrimonial home is not dutiable nor is any payment under a superannuation scheme to the deceased's widow or dependants.

Deductions are allowable, including deductions for all debts payable by the deceased at the date of death other than debts charged on property not subject to duty or, if the deceased was not domiciled in Victoria, not situate in Victoria.

The Commissioner is empowered to value shares in private companies without regard to restrictions on alienation contained in the memorandum or articles, and he may disregard variations in rights attaching to shares which operate on the death of the deceased. Assets in an estate are to be valued as at the date of the death of the deceased and no reduction is to be made because of the death unless an actual depreciation can be proved. If the deceased owned a share in property his interest is computed at a proportionate part of the total value. Rebates of duty on gifts to religious, public, scientific, or public educational purposes in Victoria will be allowed as will gifts to certain other specific charities.





Act No.	Date (1951).	
5597	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Health (Radiological Examinations) Act 1951</i> empowers the Chief Health Officer to require persons to submit to radiological examination for pulmonary tuberculosis.
5598	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1951</i> increases by £3,000,000 the borrowing powers of the Melbourne Harbor Trust.
5599	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act 1951</i> , which is consequential on recent Commonwealth social service legislation, enables friendly societies to make payments in respect of hospital expenses to members and their dependants concerned as an alternative to payments to the hospital.
5600	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Railway Loan Application Act 1951</i> sanctions the issue and application of Loan Moneys for works and purposes relating to Railways, and is for other purposes.
5601	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Workers' Compensation Act 1951</i> consolidates, with minor amendments, the law relating to workers' compensation.
5602	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Statute Law Revision Act 1951</i> makes minor amendments in the Statute Law to correct mistakes and remove anomalies.
5603	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Revenue Deficit Funding Act 1951</i> appropriates loan moneys to meet the State's revenue deficit for the year 1950-1951.
5604	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Solicitor-General Act 1951</i> abolishes the Ministerial office of Solicitor-General and provides for the appointment of one of His Majesty's Counsel to an office styled His Majesty's Solicitor-General. The functions of this office are to act as counsel for the Crown and to perform such other duties as counsel as the Attorney-General directs and to exercise any powers conferred on the Solicitor-General by any Act. The Solicitor-General is to have precedence in the legal profession next after the Attorney-General. He will not be a member of the public service and may not engage in the practice of his profession nor in any other employment except in the exercise of the functions of his office.
5605	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Wheat Industry Stabilization (Amendment) Act 1951</i> , which is Victoria's share in Australia-wide legislation relating to the stabilization of the wheat industry, enables increases to be made in the price charged for wheat sold in Australia as feed for poultry, pigs, dairy cattle, and other animals.
5606	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Local Government (Warrnambool) Act 1951</i> enables the Council of the City of Warrnambool to sell the gas undertaking of the said Council.

Act No.            Date (1951).

- 5607 .. 11th December .. The *Geelong Harbor Trust (Amendment) Act 1951* makes sundry amendments to the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts. In particular it extends the interpretation of "vessel" to include sea-based aircraft; provides for a deputy chairman and acting Commissioners; extends the powers of the harbor master as to the control of vessels and the powers of the Commissioners as to the removal of wrecks or dangerous vessels; increases the borrowing powers of the Commissioners; makes owners of vessels accountable for damage done to the property of the Commissioners and prescribes penalties for obstructing the Commissioners or their officers and for offences generally.
- 5608 .. 11th December .. The *Justices (Service of Process) Act 1951* removes the common law requirement (see *O'Sullivan v. Long* 1920 V.L.R. p. 182) for the issue of a show cause summons before imprisonment of a defaulting defendant insofar as relates to defendants who cannot be found within Victoria; and enables proclaimed types of summons or process to be exempted from the class of summons or process that are not to be served by the police.
- 5609 .. 11th December .. The *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act 1951* increases by £5,000,000 the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
- 5610 .. 11th December .. The *Firearms Act 1951* amends and consolidates the Firearms Acts. The following are the principal amendments: The definition of firearms is extended to include defective or incomplete firearms; the exemption of marine store dealers and second-hand dealers from the operation of the Acts is revoked and gun dealers' licences are not to be issued to them except in the case of a secondhand dealer who deals principally in firearms; the existing provisions requiring certificates, permits, and registrations to be issued in connexion with pistols are replaced by provisions on the lines of English legislation requiring certificates to be held for all "firearms" except pea rifles; machine-guns are to be declared prohibited weapons which cannot be brought into Victoria or manufactured sold or possessed, except for defence purposes; the shortening of firearms and the conversion of imitation firearms into firearms is prohibited as also is the defacing or altering of numbers on firearms; penalties are increased; and further provision is made in relation to prior convictions particularly convictions outside Victoria.
- 5611 .. 11th December .. The *Licensing (Mildura) Act 1951* repeals some special restrictions on the grant of new liquor licences in the Mildura district.

Act No.	Date (1951).	
5612	.. 11th December ..	The <i>Marketing of Primary Products (Egg and Egg Pulp) Act 1951</i> (which repeals Act No. 5565) provides that the existing members of the Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board shall go out of office and that a manager shall be appointed until a new Board has been constituted, makes special provision for the constitution and election of a new Board and provides additional powers for the Board which are not applicable to any other Board constituted under the Marketing of Primary Products Acts. Provision is made for the licensing of persons to collect eggs who, while not being agents of the Board will act as intermediaries between small producers and the Board. Retailers of eggs are required to keep records of their dealings in eggs and the Board is given extended powers of entry and inspection for the purposes of the Acts. The Board is required to furnish an annual report to Parliament. For five years from the commencement of the Act the General Manager and Secretary of the Board will be appointed by the Governor in Council. (See Acts Nos. 5535 and 5565.)
5613	.. 18th December ..	The <i>Lands (Charitable Trusts) Act 1951</i> enables the Attorney-General to consent to certain leases and transfers of specified lands held under charitable trusts.
5614	.. 18th December ..	The <i>Melbourne Cricket Ground Act 1951</i> provides for additional Crown lands being made available for the Melbourne Cricket Ground.
5615	.. 18th December ..	The <i>Judges and Public Officers Salaries Act 1951</i> provides for a cost of living adjustment similar to that prescribed for members of the public service to be paid to Supreme Court Judges and County Court Judges and to the chairmen of certain public authorities and the Director of Tuberculosis.
5616	.. 18th December ..	The <i>Motor Car Act 1951</i> consolidates, with minor amendments, the Motor Car Acts.
5617	.. 18th December ..	The <i>Firearms Offences Act 1951</i> provides that the use or attempted use of firearms or imitation firearms with intent to resist or prevent lawful apprehension or detention shall constitute a felony punishable with imprisonment for not more than 14 years, and makes various amendments to the provisions of the Police Offences Acts relating to firearms.
5618	.. 18th December ..	The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act 1951</i> sanctions the issue and application of Loan Monies for public works and is for other purposes.
5619	.. 18th December ..	This Act applies a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1952, and appropriates the supplies granted in this and the last preceding session of Parliament.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 21st June, 1952, when fourteen of the seventeen provinces were contested. The following tables show the number of electors enrolled for each province, the numbers and proportions who voted in each province where an election was held, and the results of the election.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED AT THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 21ST JUNE, 1952.

Electoral Province.	Number of Electors Enrolled at Date of Election.			Number of Voters.			Percentage of Voters to Total Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ballaarat .. ..	26,681	28,781	55,462	25,811	26,768	52,579	96·74	93·01	94·80
Bendigo .. ..	28,089	30,054	58,143	26,693	28,166	54,859	95·03	93·72	94·35
Doutta Galla* ..	56,408	60,876	117,284	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Yarra .. ..	54,887	67,525	122,412	50,833	61,255	112,088	92·61	90·71	91·57
Gippsland .. ..	34,514	30,567	65,081	31,767	27,602	59,369	92·04	90·30	91·22
Higinbotham ..	53,511	62,993	116,504	48,660	56,412	105,072	90·93	89·55	90·19
Melbourne* .. ..	34,977	35,779	70,756	..	..	..	..	..	..
Melbourne North*	62,352	66,299	128,651	..	..	..	..	..	..
Melbourne West ..	51,246	52,784	104,030	47,037	48,336	95,373	91·79	91·57	91·68
Monash .. ..	50,403	64,144	114,547	45,634	57,117	102,751	90·54	89·04	89·70
Northern .. ..	25,587	23,929	49,516	24,137	22,309	46,446	94·33	93·23	93·80
North Eastern ..	24,110	22,621	46,731	22,622	20,585	43,207	93·83	91·00	92·46
North Western ..	23,684	21,838	45,522	22,462	20,451	42,913	94·84	93·65	94·27
Southern .. ..	47,915	47,586	95,501	44,149	43,678	87,827	92·14	91·79	91·96
South-Eastern ..	42,517	43,390	85,907	39,235	39,976	79,211	92·28	92·13	92·21
South-Western ..	32,653	34,247	66,900	31,024	31,646	62,670	95·01	92·41	93·68
Western .. ..	26,661	26,042	52,703	25,353	24,472	49,825	95·09	93·97	94·54
Total all provinces ..	676,195	719,455	1,395,650	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uncontested provinces	153,737	162,954	316,691	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total contested provinces ..	522,458	556,501	1,078,959	485,417	503,773	994,100	92·91	91·42	92·14

\* Uncontested.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS, 1952.

Candidates.		Votes.	Candidates.		Votes.
		No.			No.
<b>BALLAARAT—</b>			<b>NORTH-EASTERN—</b>		
J. J. Jones .. ..		30,431	I. A. Swinburne* .. ..		26,739
J. F. Kittson* .. ..		21,712	R. N. Vroland .. ..		15,306
Informal .. ..		436	Informal .. ..		1,162
<b>BENDIGO—</b>			<b>NORTH-WESTERN—</b>		
G. V. Lansell* .. ..		24,186	P. T. Byrnes* .. ..		29,007
A. Smith .. ..		30,240	R. M. Linton .. ..		13,229
Informal .. ..		433	Informal .. ..		677
<b>EAST YARRA—</b>			<b>SOUTHERN—</b>		
C. H. A. Eager* .. ..		62,120	H. J. Harvie .. ..		6,499
G. C. Hannan .. ..		45,243	A. G. Pennell .. ..		34,142
Informal .. ..		4,725	R. R. Rawson .. ..		45,413
<b>GIPPSLAND—</b>			Informal .. ..		
H. J. Harvey .. ..		26,958			1,773
T. Harvey* .. ..		18,233	<b>SOUTH-EASTERN—</b>		
M. Steward .. ..		13,379	C. E. Isaac* .. ..		16,227
Informal .. ..		799	J. F. Rossiter .. ..		24,543
<b>Final Count—</b>			G. L. Tilley .. ..		36,968
H. J. Harvey .. ..		28,565	Informal .. ..		1,473
T. Harvey .. ..		30,005	<b>Final Count—</b>		
<b>HIGHBOTHAM—</b>			J. F. Rossiter .. ..		38,521
G. M. Stratton .. ..		42,174	G. L. Tilley .. ..		39,217
A. G. Warner* .. ..		59,957	<b>SOUTH-WESTERN—</b>		
Informal .. ..		2,941	D. P. J. Ferguson .. ..		31,657
<b>MELBOURNE WEST—</b>			K. McGarvie .. ..		4,721
A. J. Bailey .. ..		80,862	E. H. Montgomery .. ..		25,617
A. H. Dobbin .. ..		10,253	Informal .. ..		675
Informal .. ..		4,258	<b>WESTERN—</b>		
<b>MONASH—</b>			D. L. Arnott .. ..		24,759
T. W. Brennan .. ..		53,716	R. C. Rankin* .. ..		18,579
A. W. Wilde .. ..		47,404	E. V. Walliker .. ..		5,980
Informal .. ..		1,631	Informal .. ..		507
<b>NORTHERN—</b>					
W. B. Heily .. ..		18,436			
D. J. Walters* .. ..		26,905			
Informal .. ..		1,105			

\* Sitting Member.

## SUMMARY OF VOTES POLLED.

Formal.		Informal.		Total.	
No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.
971,595	97·73	22,595	2·27	994,190	100·00

UNCONTESTED PROVINCES.

Province.	Member.
Doutta Galla .. .. .	P. Jones
Melbourne .. .. .	M. P. Sheehy
Melbourne North .. .. .	A. M. Fraser

**Legislative  
Assembly.**

The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each district on 30th June, 1951.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1951.

Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.
METROPOLITAN.		COUNTRY.	
Albert Park .. .. .	24,948	Allendale .. .. .	15,649
Box Hill .. .. .	33,941	Ballaarat .. .. .	21,942
Brighton .. .. .	28,435	Barwon .. .. .	17,057
Brunswick .. .. .	24,704	Benalla .. .. .	13,850
Camberwell .. .. .	28,634	Benambra .. .. .	14,475
Carlton .. .. .	25,471	Bendigo .. .. .	23,222
Caulfield .. .. .	23,600	Borung .. .. .	13,862
Clifton Hill .. .. .	24,900	Dundas .. .. .	15,239
Coburg .. .. .	25,966	Evelyn .. .. .	18,324
Collingwood .. .. .	24,594	Geelong .. .. .	21,822
Dandenong .. .. .	39,386	Gippsland East .. .. .	13,572
Elsternwick .. .. .	23,147	Gippsland North .. .. .	17,953
Essendon .. .. .	31,703	Gippsland South .. .. .	18,025
Footscray .. .. .	24,199	Gippsland West .. .. .	16,304
Glen Iris .. .. .	28,170	Goulburn .. .. .	14,240
Hawthorn .. .. .	23,590	Grant .. .. .	17,716
Ivanhoe .. .. .	33,919	Hampden .. .. .	14,674
Kew .. .. .	23,893	Korong .. .. .	12,756
Malvern .. .. .	22,344	Mernda .. .. .	17,594
Melbourne .. .. .	24,139	Midlands .. .. .	15,208
Mentone .. .. .	33,635	Mildura .. .. .	14,275
Moonee Ponds .. .. .	26,396	Mornington .. .. .	19,840
Northcote .. .. .	25,392	Murray Valley .. .. .	16,097
Oakleigh .. .. .	27,994	Polwarth .. .. .	15,026
Port Melbourne .. .. .	26,111	Portland .. .. .	15,348
Prahran .. .. .	24,719	Rainbow .. .. .	12,467
Preston .. .. .	29,541	Ripon .. .. .	15,228
Richmond .. .. .	24,568	Rodney .. .. .	14,656
St. Kilda .. .. .	22,948	Scoresby .. .. .	19,886
Sunshine .. .. .	29,986	Shepparton .. .. .	16,822
Toorak .. .. .	23,919	Swan Hill .. .. .	14,257
Williamstown .. .. .	27,903	Warrnambool .. .. .	14,738
		Wonthaggi .. .. .	15,648
Total .. .. .	862,795	Total .. .. .	537,772
		Grand Total .. .. .	1,400,567

**Elections,  
Legislative  
Assembly,  
1950.**

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 13th May, 1950, there were contests in 62 of the 65 constituencies. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,362,851—656,800 males and 706,051 females. In contested districts the number of voters represented 94.40 per cent. of the electors enrolled, the proportion for males being 95.28 per cent. and for females 93.58 per cent.

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

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

Electoral District.	Number of Electors. Enrolled at Date of General Election.			Number of Voters.			Percentage of Voters to Total Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Albert Park	11,771	13,844	25,615	10,494	12,750	23,244	89.15	92.10	90.74
Allendale	7,662	7,675	15,337	7,354	7,316	14,670	95.98	95.32	95.65
Ballaarat	9,834	11,825	21,659	9,527	11,438	20,965	96.88	96.73	96.80
Barwon*	7,653	8,497	16,150						
Benalla	7,081	6,705	13,786	6,785	6,203	12,988	95.82	92.51	94.21
Benambra	7,227	6,332	13,559	6,672	5,829	12,501	92.32	92.06	92.20
Bendigo	10,328	12,038	22,366	9,977	11,538	21,515	96.60	95.85	96.20
Borung	6,748	6,944	13,692	6,522	6,632	13,154	96.65	95.51	96.07
Box Hill	14,379	16,338	30,717	13,879	15,102	28,981	96.52	92.43	94.35
Brighton*	12,739	15,691	28,430						
Brunswick	12,091	12,985	25,076	11,611	12,162	23,773	96.03	93.66	94.80
Camberwell	11,961	15,105	27,066	11,513	13,847	25,360	96.25	91.67	93.70
Carlton	12,665	13,473	26,138	11,920	12,335	24,255	94.12	91.55	92.80
Caulfield	10,502	13,293	23,795	9,824	11,996	21,820	93.54	90.24	91.70
Clifton Hill	12,085	13,337	25,422	11,596	12,372	23,968	95.95	92.76	94.28
Coburg	12,423	13,208	25,631	11,907	12,620	24,527	95.85	95.55	95.69
Collingwood	12,281	13,383	25,664	11,534	11,840	23,374	93.92	88.47	91.08
Dandenong	17,951	17,167	35,118	16,846	16,368	33,214	93.84	95.35	94.58
Dundas	7,593	7,510	15,103	7,364	7,139	14,503	96.98	95.06	96.03
Elsternwick	10,547	12,447	22,994	9,868	11,559	21,427	93.56	92.87	93.19
Essendon	14,343	15,279	29,622	13,959	14,282	28,241	97.32	93.47	95.34
Evelyn	8,712	8,364	17,076	8,165	7,764	15,929	93.72	92.83	93.28
Footscray	12,297	12,780	25,077	11,753	11,883	23,636	95.58	92.98	94.25
Geelong	9,963	11,615	21,578	9,554	10,955	20,509	95.89	94.32	95.05
Gippsland East	6,963	6,193	13,156	6,555	5,794	12,349	94.14	93.56	93.87
Gippsland North	9,186	7,057	16,243	8,426	6,570	14,996	91.73	93.10	92.32
Gippsland South	8,503	7,779	16,282	7,987	7,492	15,479	93.93	96.31	95.07
Gippsland West	8,456	7,579	16,035	7,794	7,256	15,050	92.17	95.74	93.86
Glen Iris	12,145	14,296	26,441	11,664	13,380	25,044	96.04	93.59	94.72
Goulburn	7,198	6,581	13,779	6,899	6,144	13,043	95.85	93.36	94.66
Grant	8,204	8,038	16,242	7,927	7,236	15,163	96.62	90.02	93.36
Hampden	7,391	7,085	14,476	7,077	6,736	13,813	95.75	95.07	95.42
Hawthorn	10,390	13,691	24,081	9,874	12,877	22,551	95.03	92.95	93.65
Ivanhoe	14,607	16,288	30,895	13,851	15,205	29,056	94.82	93.35	94.05
Kew*	10,509	13,603	24,112						
Korong	6,523	6,257	12,780	6,352	5,840	12,192	97.38	93.34	95.40
Malvern	9,231	13,344	22,575	8,844	12,093	20,937	95.81	90.63	92.74
Melbourne	11,692	12,529	24,221	10,931	10,996	21,927	93.49	87.76	90.53

\* Uncontested.



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

Electoral District.	Number of Electors. Enrolled at Date of General Election.			Number of Voters.			Percentage of Voters to Total Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Mentone .. ..	14,776	16,431	31,207	14,096	15,399	29,495	95·40	93·72	94·51
Mernda .. ..	8,243	8,154	16,397	7,780	7,424	15,204	94·38	91·05	92·72
Midlands .. ..	7,298	7,621	14,919	7,103	7,314	14,417	97·33	95·97	96·64
Mildura .. ..	7,466	6,731	14,197	6,990	6,439	13,429	93·62	95·66	94·59
Moonee Ponds ..	12,647	13,922	26,569	12,118	13,239	25,357	95·82	95·09	95·44
Mornington .. ..	8,812	9,155	17,967	8,284	8,432	16,716	94·01	92·10	93·03
Murray Valley ..	7,846	7,497	15,343	7,597	7,054	14,651	96·83	94·09	95·49
Northcote .. ..	11,899	13,456	25,355	11,553	12,959	24,512	97·09	96·31	96·68
Oakleigh .. ..	13,024	14,055	27,079	12,613	13,254	25,867	96·84	94·30	95·52
Polwarth .. ..	7,566	7,169	14,735	7,233	6,895	14,128	95·60	96·18	95·88
Portland .. ..	7,714	7,340	15,054	7,463	7,018	14,481	96·75	95·61	96·19
Port Melbourne ..	13,246	13,434	26,680	12,346	12,581	24,927	93·21	93·65	93·43
Prahran .. ..	10,334	14,471	24,805	9,909	13,460	23,369	95·89	93·01	94·21
Preston .. ..	13,666	14,268	27,934	13,252	13,532	26,784	96·97	94·84	95·88
Rainbow .. ..	6,534	5,820	12,354	6,262	5,554	11,816	95·84	95·43	95·65
Richmond .. ..	11,582	13,722	25,304	11,006	13,144	24,150	95·03	95·79	95·44
Ripon .. ..	7,341	7,612	14,953	7,100	7,223	14,323	96·72	94·89	95·79
Rodney .. ..	7,511	7,089	14,600	7,174	6,686	13,860	95·51	94·32	94·93
Scoresby .. ..	8,670	9,009	17,679	8,159	8,300	16,459	94·11	92·13	93·10
Shepparton .. ..	8,470	7,845	16,315	8,104	7,385	15,489	95·68	94·14	94·94
St. Kilda .. ..	11,307	12,417	23,724	10,513	11,620	22,133	92·98	93·58	93·29
Sunshine .. ..	13,847	13,973	27,820	13,442	13,008	26,450	97·08	93·09	95·08
Swan Hill .. ..	7,228	6,814	14,042	6,945	6,310	13,255	96·08	92·60	94·40
Toorak .. ..	9,155	13,734	22,889	8,851	13,032	21,863	96·46	94·89	95·52
Warnambool .. ..	7,327	7,179	14,506	6,997	6,900	13,897	95·50	97·37	96·42
Williamstown .. ..	13,391	13,592	26,983	12,862	12,841	25,703	96·05	94·47	95·26
Wonthaggi .. ..	8,066	7,386	15,452	7,820	6,935	14,755	96·95	93·89	95·49
Total all districts ..	656,800	706,051	1,362,851	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uncontested districts ..	30,901	37,791	68,692	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total contested districts	625,899	668,260	1,294,159	596,357	625,377	1,221,734	95·28	93·58	94·40

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950.

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

\* Sitting Member.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

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

\* Sitting Member.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

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

\* Sitting Member.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS, 1950—continued.

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

\* Sitting Member.

## SUMMARY OF VOTES POLLED.

Formal.		Informal.		Total.	
No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.
1,207,833	98·86	13,901	1·14	1,221,734	100·00

## UNCONTESTED DISTRICTS.

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

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

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

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

\* Not available.

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

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

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

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

In five of the fourteen contested provinces in the Legislative Council election of 21st June, 1952, there were more than two candidates. In three of these, the successful candidate had an absolute majority. In one of the remaining contests the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second preferences were distributed.

#### VICTORIA—PARLIAMENTARY—BY-ELECTIONS.

By-elections held in Victoria since 16th June, 1951, were as follows :—

##### Legislative Council—

4th July, 1952 .. Mr. A. R. Mansell, elected unopposed for North-Western Electoral Province.

##### Legislative Assembly—

15th March, 1952 .. Mr. S. T. Corrigan, elected for Port Melbourne Electoral District.

13th September, 1952 .. Mr. H. R. Petty, elected for Toorak Electoral District.

#### PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS.

##### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

North-Western Electoral Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	23,873	21,984	45,857

##### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Port Melbourne Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	12,591	12,741	25,332
Number of voters ..	10,365	10,787	21,152
Percentage of voters to total enrolment ..	82·32	84·66	83·50

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

Toorak Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	9,601	13,259	22,860
Number of voters .. .. .	7,521	10,689	18,210
Percentage of voters to total enrolment .. .. .	78·34	80·62	79·66

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. Sir John Lienhop, Victoria House, Melbourne-place, Strand, London, W.C.2.

REFERENDUM, 1951.

On the 22nd September, 1951, a Referendum was taken to amend the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act. Voting was as follows :—

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (POWERS TO DEAL WITH  
COMMUNISTS AND COMMUNISM).

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 ..	865,838	969,868	47·17	44·53	52·83	49·88	25,441
<b>Victoria .. .. .</b>	<b>636,819</b>	<b>670,513</b>	<b>48·71</b>	<b>45·70</b>	<b>51·29</b>	<b>48·12</b>	<b>18,692</b>
Queensland ..	373,156	296,019	55·76	52·61	44·24	41·73	6,741
South Australia ..	198,971	221,763	47·29	44·92	52·71	50·06	6,519
West Australia ..	164,989	134,497	55·09	51·66	44·91	42·11	6,167
Tasmania ..	78,154	77,349	50·26	47·40	49·74	46·92	3,093
Total ..	2,317,927	2,370,009	49·44	46·60	50·56	47·64	66,653