

# Victorian Year-Book,

1952-53 and 1953-54

## 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 River Murray from the South Australian border along the Victorian bank to the Indi River, thence by the Indi or River Murray to Forest Hill and thence by the straight line from Forest Hill to Cape Howe, is 1,175 miles. The length of the River Murray forming part of the boundary is 997 miles, of the Indi or River Murray, 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. 22½ 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 100 years ended 1954 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 8.2 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.

**Mountains and Hills.** The highest mountain in Victoria is Mount Bogong, situated in the county of the same name, 6,516 feet above sea-level; the next highest peaks are—Mount Feathertop, 6,307 feet; Mount Nelson, 6,170 feet; Mount Fainter 6,160 feet; Mount Hotham, 6,100 feet; Mount McKay, 6,030 feet; and Mount Cope, 6,026 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 numerous peaks between

4,000 and 6,000 feet high. It is known, moreover, that there are many peaks rising to upwards of 4,000 feet above the level of the sea whose actual heights have not yet been determined. Although, during the winter, the peaks and higher plateaus are covered with snow, it is not perpetual and disappears during the spring.

#### Rivers.

The rivers of the State form two main systems—those flowing north into or toward the 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 1,210 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 favourably 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, Yarrawonga, Torrumbury, and Mildura on the River Murray, at Laanecoorie on the Loddon River, at Malmsbury on the Coliban

River, at Glenmaggie on the Macallister River, at Melton on the Werribee River, at Rocklands on the Glenelg 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 history for the period 1st July, 1952, to 30th June, 1954, were as follow:—

**1952.**

- 1st September .. Cr. W. J. Brens elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.  
 9th September .. Five children lost their lives in a fire at the Somers Migrant Camp.  
 23rd October .. Lord Bruce installed as first Chancellor of the Australian National University, Canberra.  
 30th November .. Death of Sister Elizabeth Kenny who was prominently associated with a method of treating poliomyelitis cases.  
 6th December .. Elections held for the Legislative Assembly.  
 23rd December .. Legislation passed which provided for charges for the treatment of in-patients in public wards of public hospitals. As from 8th January, 1953, authority was given to charge 18s. per day in these wards.

**1953.**

- 19th January .. Cr. Campbell, Chairman of the Melbourne City Council Public Works Committee, turned the first sod on the Degra-ve-street subway.  
 28th January .. Death of Mr. James Henry Scullin, who was Prime Minister of Australia from 1929 to 1932.  
 2nd May .. The hon. T. D. Oldham and Mrs. Oldham died when an aeroplane in which they were passengers crashed at Jagalgori, India.  
 2nd June .. Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. in Westminster Abbey.  
 6th July .. The Acting Premier of Victoria (Mr. Galvin) announced that a new £60,000 block to accommodate maternity cases was to be built at the Queen Victoria Hospital.  
 31st August .. Cr. R. H. Solly elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.  
 12th September .. The quarterly adjustment of the basic wage abolished by the Arbitration Court.  
 21st September .. Announced that the Olympic Village costing 2 million pounds was to be built at Heidelberg.  
 22nd September .. The Premier (Mr. J. Cain) stated that the term of office of the Governor of Victoria (Sir Dallas Brooks) was extended for a further three years.  
 17th November .. Legislation passed relating to Lon Service Leave in industry.  
 19th December .. Sir Charles Lowe announced his retirement as Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.

1953.

20th December .. Death of Mr. King O'Malley last surviving member of the first Federal Parliament.

1954.

4th January .. The Polar ship "Kista Dan" sailed from Melbourne with nine men to establish Australia's first permanent base on the Antarctic continent.

3rd February .. Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edingburgh arrived in Sydney in the Royal yacht "Gothic". This was the first visit by a reigning monarch to Australia.

24th February .. Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Melbourne.

25th February .. Her Majesty the Queen opened the second session of the 39th Victorian Parliament.

9th March .. Her Majesty the Queen left Victoria for Queensland.

16th March .. Mr. Justice Dean appointed Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.

15th May .. Death of Lieutenant General Sir Stanley Savige, founder of the Legacy movement.

8th June .. Death of Judge Book.

### 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,

\* *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.

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.
- 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 qualification from £50 to £25. The deposit required from candidate for election to the Council was reduced from £100 to £50. In addition, plural voting for 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 Chairman 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.

1952. The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1952* (No. 5652) increased from £3 10s. to £4 the contributions payable by members of Parliament towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund,

provided for the payment from that Fund of pensions for certain retired Victorian Premiers, and altered, with respect to future members of Parliament, the basis on which pensions and retiring allowances shall be paid, principally by substituting eight years for three Parliaments as the highest qualifying period.

1953. The *Parliamentary Elections (State Servants) Act, 1953* (No. 5564) made provision whereby any member of the public service teaching service or railway service who became a member of Parliament and who ceased to be a member of Parliament without becoming entitled to a Parliamentary pension, shall be entitled to be reinstated in such service retaining his seniority and his superannuation sick leave and long service rights.

1954. The *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1954* (No. 5808) provided for the payment of members of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown, the President of the Council and Speaker of the Assembly, the Chairman of Committees and other Parliamentary officials. In each case there is a basic salary (previously called a reimbursement of expenses). To this salary is added an electorate allowance increasing in amount according as to whether the member represents a metropolitan, urban, inner country or outer country electorate. Ministers receive additional salaries and expense allowances on a prescribed scale, and Parliamentary officials receive an extra salary and in some cases an expense allowance. Provision is also made for travelling allowances for Ministers, and for living away from home allowances for other urban and country members while attending Parliament.

The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1954* (No 5820) increased the deduction from salaries of members of Parliament by way of contribution to the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund and varied the amount payable by way of retiring allowance to members. A new interpretation of "basic wage" was provided consequent upon a recent award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

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## GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

**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
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (Acting) .. .. .	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	15th July, 1851 ..	5th May, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B. .. .. .	Officer administering the Government of the Colony of Victoria	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
	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 ..	28th 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	18th 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
		6th December, 1906	13th December, 1906
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	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
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

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
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 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	3rd October, 1930 . . . . .	21st January, 1931 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	24th June, 1931 . . . . .	13th May, 1934 . . . . .
Captain the Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.	Governor . . . . .	14th May, 1934 . . . . .	4th April, 1939 . . . . .
The Hon. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G. . . .	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., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., K.St.J.	Governor . . . . .	18th October, 1949 . . . . .	Still in office . . . . .
Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	19th February, 1952 . . . . .	16th March, 1952 . . . . .
Lieutenant-General The Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Deputy for the Governor . . . . .	17th April, 1952 . . . . .	23rd April, 1952 . . . . .
	Deputy for the Governor . . . . .	5th August, 1952 . . . . .	8th August, 1952 . . . . .
	Deputy for the Governor . . . . .	15th August, 1952 . . . . .	28th August, 1952 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	27th January, 1953 . . . . .	— . . . . .
The Hon. Sir Charles Lowe, M.A., LL.B. . . . .	Administrator of the Government . . . . .	31st March, 1953 . . . . .	7th April, 1953 . . . . .
	Administrator of the Government . . . . .	8th July, 1953 . . . . .	23rd November, 1953 . . . . .

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—*continued.*

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption. of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
Lieutenant-General The Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D. ..	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	15th March, 1954 ..	21st March, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	22nd June, 1954 ..	24th June, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	18th August, 1954 ..	19th August, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	20th August, 1954 ..	3rd September, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	20th September, 1954 ..	22nd September, 1954
	Lieutenant-Governor .. ..	12th October, 1954 ..	21st October, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	8th November, 1954 ..	9th November, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	30th November, 1954 ..	1st December, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	6th April, 1955 ..	15th April, 1955
Deputy for the Governor .. ..	19th April, 1955 ..	20th April, 1955	

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. LaTrobe as Superintendent. Subsequently, Captain Lonsdale acted as Superintendent during the temporary absence of Mr. LaTrobe, who was called on to administer the Government of Tasmania from the 13th October, 1846, to the 24th January, 1847.

## MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

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 :—

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 ..	13th April, 1852
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.

The names of the Premiers of the Governments 1855 to 1955. from 1855 to 1955 are listed hereunder:—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
			Days
1. William Clark Haines	30th November, 1855	11th March, 1857 ..	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, 1958 ...	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
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,	20th October, 1875	21st May, 1877 ..	580
K.C.M.G.			
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'Loughlen, 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,	23rd January, 1893	27th September, 1894	613
K.C.M.G.			
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

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.
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
43. George Michael Prendergast ..	18th July, 1924 ..	18th November, 1924	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 ..	28th October, 1952 ..	855
57. Thomas Tuke Hollway	28th October, 1952 ..	31st October, 1952 ..	4
58. John Gladstone Black McDonald	31st October, 1952 ..	17th December, 1952	48
59. John Cain ..	17th December, 1952	31st March, 1955 ..	835
60. John Cain ..	31st March, 1955 ..	7th June, 1955 ..	69
61. Henry Edward Bolte	7th June, 1955 ..	Still in Office	

The 59th Ministry, under the leadership of the Hon. J. Cain, resigned on 31st March, 1955, and the 60th Ministry, also under the leadership of the Hon. J. Cain, took office on the same date.

The personnel of the 60th Ministry was as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon.	John Cain	.. ..	Premier and Treasurer
" "	L. W. Galvin, M.L.A.		Chief Secretary
" "	C. P. Stoneham, M.L.A.		Minister of Agriculture, Minister of State Development and Decentralization, Minister of Water Supply and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	A. E. Shepherd, M.L.A.		Minister of Education
" "	S. Merrifield, M.L.A.	..	Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	J. H. Smith, M.L.A.	..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, and Minister for Conservation and President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	V. J. Doube, M.L.A.	..	Minister of Health
" "	J. J. Sheehan, M.L.A.	..	Minister-in-Charge of Housing
" "	M. J. Gladman, M.L.A.		Minister without portfolio
" "	R. J. Gray, M.L.A.	..	Minister without portfolio

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The Hon.	J. W. Galbally, M.L.C.		Minister-in-Charge of Electrical Undertakings and Minister of Labour and Industry
" "	W. Slater, M.L.C.	..	Attorney General, and Minister-in-Charge of Immigration
" "	D. P. J. Ferguson, M.L.C.		Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	G. L. Tilley, M.L.C.	..	Minister of Forests, and Minister of Mines.

The 60th Ministry under the leadership of the Hon. J. Cain resigned on 7th June, 1955, and the 61st Ministry under the leadership of the Hon. H. E. Bolte took office on the same date.

The personnel of the 61st Ministry at 7th June, 1955, was as follows—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon.	H. E. Bolte	.. ..	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Conservation, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, and President of the Board of Land and Works.
" "	A. G. Rylah, M.L.A.	..	Chief Secretary, and Minister of Education
Colonel, The Hon.	W. W. Leggatt, M.L.A.		Attorney General, Minister of Immigration, and Minister of Labour and Industry
The Hon.	Sir T. K. Maltby, M.L.A.		Commissioner of Public Works, and Minister of Housing, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	W. J. Mibus, M.L.A.		Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Mines
" "	R. K. Whately, M.L.A.		Minister of Forests, and Minister of State Development and Decentralization

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The Hon. A. G. Warner, M.L.C...	Minister of Transport, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ G. L. Chandler, M.L.C.	Minister of Agriculture, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ E. P. Cameron, M.L.C.	Minister of Health, and Minister of Electrical Undertakings

The periodical election for the Legislative Council was held on 18th June, 1955, and the general election for the Legislative Assembly on 28th May, 1955.

The personnel of the 61st Ministry at 30th June, 1955 was as follows:—

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon. H. E. Bolte .. ..	Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Conservation
„ „ A. G. Rylah, E.D. ..	Chief Secretary and Attorney-General
Colonel W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Minister of Education, and Minister of Immigration
The Hon. Sir T. K. Maltby, E.D.	Commissioner of Public Works, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ W. J. Mibus .. ..	Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Mines
„ „ R. K. Whately .. ..	Minister of Forests, and Minister of State Development and Decentralization
„ „ J. S. Bloomfield .. ..	Minister of Labour and Industry, and Minister of Electrical Undertakings
„ „ H. R. Petty .. ..	Minister of Housing
„ „ K. H. Turnbull .. ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, and President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ G. O. Reid .. ..	Minister without Portfolio

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The Hon. A. G. Warner .. ..	Minister of Transport, and a Vice-President the Board of Land and Works
„ „ G. L. Chandler .. ..	Minister of Agriculture, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ E. P. Cameron .. ..	Minister of Health
„ „ G. S. McArthur .. ..	Minister without Portfolio



**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1954.**

The names of members at 30th June, 1954, 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 (Attorney-General, Minister-in-Charge of Prices, and Minister-in-Charge of Immigration)	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. W. O. Fulton .. .. .	1958
Higinbotham ..	Hon. Sir Jar s Kennedy .. .. .	1955
	Hon. A. G. Warner .. .. .	1958
Melbourne ..	Hon. F. M. Thomas .. .. .	1955
	Hon. M. P. Sheehy .. .. .	1958
Melbourne North ..	Hon. J. W. Galbally (Minister-in-Charge of Electrical Undertakings and Minister of Forests)	1955
	Hon. J. A. Little .. .. .	1958
Melbourne West ..	Hon. P. L. Coleman (Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	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. A. K. Bradbury .. .. .	1955
	Hon. I. A. Swinburne .. .. .	1958
North-Western ..	Hon. A. R. Mansell .. .. .	1955
	Hon. P. T. Byrnes .. .. .	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. Sarah.

**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1955.**

The names of members at 30th June, 1955, 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. J. J. Jones .. .. .	1958
	Hon. H. C. Ludbrook .. .. .	1961
Bendigo .. ..	Hon. A. Smith .. .. .	1958
	Hon. T. H. Grigg .. .. .	1961
Doutta Galla .. ..	Hon. P. Jones .. .. .	1958
	Hon. W. Slater .. .. .	1961
East Yarra .. ..	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.B.E., Q.C. (President)	1958
	Hon. E. P. Cameron (Minister of Health) ..	1961
Gippsland .. ..	Hon. W. O. Fulton .. .. .	1958
	Hon. W. MacAulay .. .. .	1961
Higinbotham .. ..	Hon. A. G. Warner (Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works).	1958
	Hon. L. H. S. Thompson .. .. .	1961
Melbourne .. ..	Hon. M. P. Sheehy .. .. .	1958
	Hon. F. M. Thomas .. .. .	1961
Melbourne North .. ..	Hon. J. A. Little .. .. .	1958
	Hon. J. W. Galbally .. .. .	1961
Melbourne West .. ..	Hon. A. J. Bailey .. .. .	1958
	Hon. B. Machin .. .. .	1961
Monash .. ..	Hon. T. W. Brennan .. .. .	1958
	Hon. C. S. Gawith .. .. .	1961
Northern .. ..	Hon. D. J. Walters .. .. .	1958
	Hon. P. V. Feltham .. .. .	1961
North Eastern .. ..	Hon. I. A. Swinburne .. .. .	1958
	Hon. A. K. Bradbury .. .. .	1961
North Western .. ..	Hon. P. T. Byrnes .. .. .	1958
	Hon. A. R. Mansell .. .. .	1961
Southern .. ..	Hon. R. R. Rawson .. .. .	1958
	Hon. G. L. Chandler (Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	1961
South Eastern .. ..	Hon. G. L. Tilley .. .. .	1958
	Hon. C. H. Bridgford .. .. .	1961
South Western .. ..	Hon. D. P. J. Ferguson .. .. .	1958
	Hon. G. S. McArthur (Minister without Port- folio)	1961
Western .. ..	Hon. D. L. Arnett .. .. .	1958
	Hon. R. W. Mack .. .. .	1961

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

**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1954.**

The names of members at 30th June, 1954, and the constituencies which they represent are given below.

**VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

Speaker : The Hon. P. K. Sutton.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park ..	Hon. P. K. Sutton (Speaker)
Allendale ..	Hon. R. T. White
Ballaarat ..	J. J. Sheehan
Barwon ..	Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby, E.D.
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	Hon. T. W. Mitchell
Bendigo ..	Hon. L. W. Galvin (Chief Secretary)
Borong ..	W. J. Mibus
Box Hill ..	R. J. Gray
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 (Minister of Health)
Caulfield ..	Colonel the Hon. A. H. Dennett
Clifton Hill ..	J. P. O'Carroll
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	L. R. Coates
Dundas ..	J. R. McClure
Elsternwick ..	Hon. J. Don, M.B.E.
Essendon ..	G. M. Fewster
Evelyn ..	P. P. Connell
Footscray ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Geelong ..	J. H. McR. Dunn
Gippsland East ..	Hon. Sir Albert Lind
Gippsland North ..	H. G. Stoddart
Gippsland South ..	Hon. Sir Herbert Hyland
Gippsland West ..	L. J. Cochrane
Glen Iris ..	Hon. T. T. Hollway
Goulburn ..	Hon. J. H. Smith (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister for Conservation, and President of the Board of Land and Works)
Grant ..	L. F. C. D'Arcy
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte
Hawthorn ..	C. J. Murphy
Ivanhoe ..	M. F. Lucy
Kew ..	A. G. Rylah, E.D.
Korong ..	K. H. Turnbull
Malvern ..	J. S. Bloomfield

**Members of the State Parliament, 1954—continued.****THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.**

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Melbourne ..	Hon. T. Hayes (Minister-in-Charge of Housing and Minister-in-Charge of Materials)
Mentone ..	G. E. White
Mernda ..	E. L. Morrissey
Midlands ..	Hon. C. P. Stoneham (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of State Development and Decentralization, Minister of Water Supply, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Mildura ..	A. A. C. Lind
Moonee Ponds ..	Hon. S. Merrifield (Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Mornington ..	Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.
Murray Valley ..	Hon. G. C. Moss
Northcote ..	Hon. J. Cain (Premier and Treasurer)
Oakleigh ..	V. J. Doube
Polwarth ..	Hon. E. F. Guye
Portland ..	Hon. R. W. Holt
Port Melbourne ..	S. T. Corrigan
Pahran ..	R. F. Pettiona
Preston ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Rainbow ..	Hon. K. Dodgshun
Richmond ..	Hon. F. R. Scully (Minister without Portfolio)
Ripon ..	E. Morton (Chairman of Committees)
Rodney ..	Hon. R. K. Brose
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Shepparton ..	Hon. J. G. B. McDonald
St. Kilda ..	J. P. Bourke
Sunshine ..	Hon. A. E. Shepherd (Minister of Education)
Swan Hill ..	H. V. Stirling
Toorak ..	H. R. Petty
Warrnambool ..	Hon. M. J. Gladman (Minister without Portfolio)
Williamstown ..	Hon. J. Lemmon
Wonthaggi ..	W. J. Buckingham

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

**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1955.**

**VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

Speaker: The Hon. W. J. F. McDonald.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park ..	P. K. Sutton
Ascot Vale ..	Hon. A. E. Shepherd
Ballaarat North ..	R. T. White
Ballaarat South ..	G. L. Scott
Balwyn ..	A. W. Taylor
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	Hon. T. W. Mitchell
Bendigo ..	J. Stanistreet
Box Hill ..	Hon. G. O. Reid (Minister without Portfolio)
Brighton ..	J. F. Rossiter
Broadmeadows ..	H. E. Kane
Brunswick East ..	L. M. Fennessy
Brunswick West ..	C. Turnbull
Burwood ..	J. D. MacDonald
Camberwell ..	Hon. R. K. Whately (Minister of Forests and Minister of State Development and Decentralization)
Carlton ..	D. Lovegrove
Caulfield ..	J. A. Rafferty
Caulfield East ..	A. J. Fraser, M.C. (Chairman of Committees)
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	R. J. Wiltshire
Dundas ..	Hon. W. J. F. McDonald (Speaker)
Elsternwick ..	R. J. Gainey, M.B.E.
Evelyn ..	P. P. Connell
Flemington ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Footscray ..	G. R. Schintler
Geelong ..	Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby, E.D. (Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Geelong West ..	C. D. Macdonald
Gippsland East ..	Hon. Sir Albert Lind
Gippsland South ..	Hon. Sir Herbert Hyland
Gippsland West ..	L. J. Cochrane
Grant ..	G. R. Crick
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte (Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Conservation)
Hawthorn ..	J. W. Manson
Ivanhoe ..	V. H. C. Christie
Kara Kara ..	Hon. K. H. Turnbull (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement and President of the Board of Land and Works)
Kew ..	Hon. A. G. Rylah, E.D. (Chief Secretary and Attorney General)
Lowan ..	Hon. W. J. Mibus (Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Mines)

**Members of the State Parliament, 1955—continued.****THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.**

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Malvern ..	Hon. J. S. Bloomfield (Minister of Labour and Industry, and Minister of Electrical Undertakings)
Melbourne ..	R. A. Clarey
Mentone ..	E. R. Meagher, M.B.E.
Midlands ..	C. P. Stoneham
Mildura ..	N. Barclay, D.C.M.
Moonee Ponds ..	J. B. Holden
Moorabbin ..	R. H. Suggett
Mornington ..	Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D. (Minister of Education and Minister of Immigration)
Morwell ..	J. C. M. Balfour
Murray Valley ..	Hon. G. C. Moss
Northcote ..	Hon. John Cain
Oakleigh ..	Hon. V. J. Doube
Pascoe Vale ..	A. H. F. Drakeford
Polwarth ..	Hon. E. F. Guye
Portland ..	G. S. Gibbs
Port Melbourne ..	A. Todd
Prahran ..	S. J. E. Loxton
Preston ..	E. C. Ring
Reservoir ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Richmond ..	Hon. F. R. Scully
Ripponlea ..	E. S. Tanner, E.D.
Rodney ..	Hon. R. K. Brose
Sandringham ..	M. V. Porter
St. Kilda ..	B. D. Snider
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Swan Hill ..	H. V. Stirling
Toorak ..	Hon. H. R. Petty (Minister of Housing)
Williamstown ..	W. L. Floyd

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

During the period 1856 to 1955 there were 39 Parliaments. The 40th Parliament was opened on 15th June, 1955. 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 1952.

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	541	56·2
Thirty-second .. ..	1935-37	902	544	60·3
Thirty-third .. ..	1937-40	850	482	56·7
Thirty-fourth .. ..	1940-43	1,094	738	67·5
Thirty-fifth .. ..	1943-45	828	667	80·5
Thirty-sixth .. ..	1945-47	681	595	87·4
Thirty-seventh .. ..	1947-50	864	840	97·2
Thirty-eighth .. ..	1950-52	865	860	99·4
Thirty-ninth .. ..	1952-55	852	810	95·1

\* Calculated from the date of Opening to the date of Dissolution of the Parliament.

† Calculated from the date of Opening to the date of Prorogation of each Session in the Parliament.

VICTORIA—STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1953.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the year ended 31st December, 1953 :—

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5664	17th March	<i>The Parliamentary Elections (State Servants) Act 1953</i> makes provision whereby any member of the public service teaching service or railway service who becomes a member of Parliament, and who ceases to be a member of Parliament without becoming entitled to a Parliamentary pension, shall be entitled to be re-instated in such service retaining his seniority and his superannuation sick leave and long service leave rights.
5665	17th March	<i>The Factories and Shops (Industrial Appeals Court) Act 1953</i> validates the constitution and proceedings of the Industrial Appeals Court for a period of six months during which members continued to act after the term of their appointments had expired.

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5666	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Adoption of Children (Amendment) Act 1953</i> amends the provisions of the <i>Adoption of Children Acts</i> relating to the effect of adoption orders by providing that for all purposes, so far as practicable, the relationship of the adopted child to the adopters and their relatives shall be the same as in the case of natural parent and child, and the relationship of the adopted child to his natural parents and their relatives shall be deemed to be terminated on adoption. The Act also makes statutory provision for the existing practice of courts of allowing consents to adoption to be given without knowledge of the identity of the adopter and of making orders as to the christian name as well as to the surname of the adopted child.
5667	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Select Committee (Potato Marketing) Act 1953</i> makes provision whereby a select committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into operations of the Potato Marketing Board may receive attendance fees and travelling expenses.
5668	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act 1953</i> increases the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works
5669	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Water (Amendment) Act 1953</i> extends the operation of the <i>Water Act 1952</i> to permit river improvements trusts, as well as waterworks trusts and local governing bodies, to borrow money by the issue of debentures which are to be trustee securities.
5670	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Trustee (Amendment) Act 1953</i> increases the list of authorized trustee securities by adding thereto debentures issued by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority.
5671	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Public Account (Amendment) Act 1953</i> increases the amount that may be temporarily applied out of the Public Account for advances to the Victorian Railways Commissioners.
5672	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Transport Regulation (Amendment) Act 1953</i> amends provisions of the <i>Transport Regulation Acts</i> relating to regulations in respect of the operation of commercial vehicles.
5673	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Superannuation Police and State Pensions Act 1953</i> by appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue increases, for a period of fifteen months, the amount of pension payable under the <i>Superannuation Acts</i> the <i>Police Pensions Acts</i> and the <i>Non-Contributory State Pensions Acts</i> to pensioners who are not receiving more than specified amounts of pension. (See Act No. 5734.)



Act No.	Date (1953).	
5674	14th April	.. The <i>Coal Mine Workers Pensions (Amendment) Act 1953</i> further increases the pensions and additional payments that may be made to coal mine workers.
5675	14th April	.. The <i>Health (Plumbers and Gas-fitters) Act 1953</i> amends provisions of the Health Acts relating to the examination registration and operations of plumbers and gas-fitters.
5676	21st April	.. The <i>Workers Compensation Act 1953</i> extends the classification of "workers" to whom the Workers Compensation Acts apply; provides that interruption or deviation from a journey to or from work is not to disqualify from compensation unless risk of injury is increased, and that employment includes a journey home from (as well as to) unsuccessful attendance at a "place of pick-up"; provided that injuries for which compensation is payable need not necessarily be caused by accident but denies compensation for self-inflicted injuries; requires payment of compensation when death or disablement is materially contributed to by injury though not wholly caused thereby increases the amount of compensation payable in cases of death and incapacity and for specified injuries; abolishes the limit of compensation for costs of medical, hospital, &c., treatment; extends the insurance functions of the State Accident Insurance Office in respect of members of public corporations or Government departments who are not "workers"; makes further provision with respect to statutory returns by insurers; enables payments to be made out of the Workers Compensation Board Fund in satisfaction of awards against uninsured employers; and makes further provision relating to civil actions in respect of injuries for which compensation is payable.
5677	21st April	.. The <i>Parking of Vehicles Act 1953</i> which is to apply only within proclaimed areas of the city of Melbourne, makes the owner of a vehicle in respect of which any parking offence occurs liable for the offence as well as the actual offender. Procedural provision is made whereby parking offences may, with the consent of the defendant, be dealt with in chambers by a magistrate without hearing oral evidence.
5678	21st April	.. The <i>Melbourne Harbor Trust (Tolls) Act 1953</i> increases the maximum rates of toll rates and charges of the Melbourne Harbor Trust.
5679	21st April	.. The <i>Geelong Gas Company's Act 1953</i> extends and alters the borrowing powers of the Geelong Gas Company.

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5680	21st April	.. The <i>Barley Marketing (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 provides for the alteration of the constitution and powers of the Barley Marketing Board which is a Board appointed under complementary legislation of South Australia and Victoria. (See Act No. 5685.)
5681	21st April	.. The <i>Benefit Associations Act</i> 1953 amends the interpretation of "association" in the <i>Benefit Associations Act</i> 1951 so as to include associations that carry on other than benefit business; enables associations carrying on funeral benefit business to obtain conditional exemption from the operation of the Act; makes detailed provision in relation to the winding up of benefit associations, particularly those which had been ordered to be wound up before the commencement of this Act; prescribes penalties for accepting or soliciting contributions except on behalf of registered or exempt associations; and contains provisions as to the remuneration of trustees of Benefits Trust Funds, the registration of associations, and the protection of the Minister registrar and others from personal liability.
5682	21st April	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £20,243,012 to the service of the year 1953-54.
5683	3rd June	.. The <i>Electoral Districts Act</i> 1953 provides for the redivision of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly following on the commencement of the Act, and thereafter from time to time whenever any alteration is made in the number of Commonwealth electoral divisions in Victoria or in any boundaries thereof; but no such redivision is to be made if the whole number of members of the Legislative Assembly would be thereby decreased.

For the purposes of each redivision, Commissioners appointed by the Governor in Council are to forward to the Minister a proposed redivision of the State into electoral districts on the basis of each Commonwealth electoral division being divided into two Assembly districts approximately equal in number of electors. The report is to be laid before both Houses of Parliament and, unless within twenty-eight days each House by resolution disapproves of the report, the proposed redivision is deemed to be adopted. If each House by resolution disapproves the report, the Commissioners are to forward a fresh proposal to the Minister which shall also be laid before both Houses of Parliament. Unless within twenty-eight days after the proposed fresh redivision is so laid before Parliament each House by resolution disapproves it, the redivision shall be deemed to be adopted.

Act No.                      Date (1953).

5683.—*continued.*

When a redivision is deemed to be adopted the necessary proclamations are made whereby the names and boundaries of the new districts are fixed and the new districts are established. Provision is made for new rolls, and for the declaration of metropolitan and country electoral districts for the purposes of "living away from home" allowances of country members. Consequential amendments are made in The Constitution Act Amendment Acts.

- 5684 .. 10th September The *Crown Hotel, Traralgon, Licence Act 1953* provides for the restoration and making good of a certain victualler's licence at Traralgon for the remainder of the year 1953.
- 5685 .. 10th September The *Barley Marketing Act 1953* amends the Barley Marketing Acts (including Act No. 5680) by restoring the previous constitution of the Australian Barley Board but providing for a Victorian departmental officer to attend meetings of the Board as an observer only.
- 5686 .. 30th September The *Public Trustee (Common Fund) Act 1953* empowers the Public Trustee to fix differential rates of interest on amounts in the Common Fund.
- 5687 .. 30th September This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £13,546,691 to the service of the year 1953-54.
- 5688 .. 6th October .. This Act applies, out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,329,345 to the service of the year 1952-53.
- 5689 .. 6th October .. The *Goods (Sale of Sheep Skins) Act 1953* (which is similar to an Act relating to sales of wool passed in 1936) makes void any provision in a contract for the sale of sheep skins which permits a deduction of what is known as a draft allowance.
- 5690 .. 6th October .. The *Superannuation (Newport "A" Employés) Act 1953* makes provision in relation to superannuation rights of employés at the Newport "A" Power Station who were transferred from the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners to the State Electricity Commission in 1951.
- 5691 .. 6th October .. The *Free Presbyterian Church Property Act 1953* varies the Trusts of property in Victoria held in connexion with the Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria in order to facilitate the union of that church with the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia and to vest such property in Corporate Trustees, and other purposes.

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5692	6th October	The <i>Bendigo Gas Company's Act</i> 1953 permits the Bendigo Gas Company to increase its capital and borrowing.
5693	6th October	The <i>Entertainments Tax Act*</i> 1953 which is based on previous Commonwealth and State Acts, provides for the imposition of entertainments tax at prescribed rates according to the nature of the entertainment and the amount charged for admission and for the assessment and collection thereof. (See Act No. 5749.)
5694	13th October	The <i>Co-operative Housing Societies (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 authorizes, in certain cases, the purchase by members of Co-operative Housing Societies of dwelling-houses of which they are tenants, permits the extension of the period for applications to the Registrar for registration of various matters, provides for an additional member to be appointed to the Co-operative Housing Advisory Committee representing certain lending institutions, enables small amounts to be paid on the death of members without production of probate or letters of administration, and increases the limit to the aggregate liability of the Treasurer under guarantees.
5695	27th October	The <i>Footscray and Maribyrnong Tramway Construction Act</i> 1953 authorizes the construction by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board of an electric tramway to join the Footscray and Maribyrnong tramways.
5696	4th November	The <i>Wheat Marketing Act</i> 1953 is Victoria's share in legislation passed by the Commonwealth and all the States relating to wheat marketing for the next three harvests. The previous scheme for stabilization of the wheat industry is replaced by a marketing scheme whereby the price is to be paid on a pool basis. A home consumption price of wheat is fixed, and administrative matters are provided for.
5697	4th November	The <i>Melbourne Harbor Trust (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 provides for the appointment of an additional Commissioner of the Melbourne Harbor Trust and extends the administrative and borrowing powers of that Trust.
5698	4th November	The <i>Cancer Institute (Loan Moneys) Act</i> 1953 increases the amount of loan moneys to be applied under the Act.
5699	4th November	The <i>Nurses and Midwives Act</i> 1953 increases the registration fees payable by nurses and midwives.
5700	4th November	The <i>Opticians Registration (Fees) Act</i> 1953 increases the registration fees payable by opticians and applies the increased amount towards the purposes of the Australian College of Optometry

\* In 1942, during the war, the States withdrew from the entertainments tax field to avoid overlapping administration with the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth has now ceased to levy entertainments tax, whereupon Victoria resumed that form of taxation.

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5701	.. 4th November	The <i>Grain Elevators (Damages) Act</i> 1953 makes any owner agent or master of any vessel accountable for damage done by the vessel to any pier, elevator, &c., of the Grain Elevators Board. Compulsory pilotage will not excuse.
5702	.. 4th November	The <i>Coroners Act</i> 1953 amends the law relating to coronial inquests, particularly in relation to the viewing of the body; and authorizes the issue of orders to bury or cremate bodies before the registration of the death.
5703	.. 4th November	The <i>Evidence (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 restates, with amendments, the list of diplomatic and consular officers before whom oaths may be taken outside Victoria for Victorian purposes.
5704	.. 10th November	The <i>Wrongs (Damage by Aircraft) Act</i> 1953 declares that no liability in respect of trespass or nuisance arises by reason of aircraft flying over land at a reasonable height and in compliance with the Air Navigation Regulations; and provides that damages for loss caused by aircraft or articles falling therefrom may be recovered without proof of negligence.
5705	.. 17th November	The <i>Tattersall Consultations Act</i> 1953 enables the Treasurer to grant to the trustees of the will and estate of the late George Adams (who at present conduct in Tasmania a sweepstake known as "Tattersall Consultations") a licence to conduct their consultations in Victoria; and the lottery provisions of the Police Offences Acts are modified accordingly. The Act lays down conditions under which the consultations may be operated, and provides for a percentage of receipts to be paid to the Treasury for distribution among charitable institutions and mental institutions.
5706	.. 17th November	The <i>Factories and Shops (Long Service Leave) Act</i> 1953 grants to workers an entitlement to long service leave on ordinary pay in respect of continuous employment with the same employer. The basic entitlement is thirteen weeks leave for twenty years of service and thereafter at a corresponding rate. On the death of the worker or his retirement through illness or other pressing necessity payment in lieu of leave is required, but is not permitted otherwise. Where any other Act provides for long service leave, or where by the terms of employment long service leave or superannuation benefits or both are provided to employes on a basis not less liberal than that prescribed by this Act, the employer is exempt from the requirements of the Act. Provision is made for how and when the long service leave is to be taken, the settlement of disputes, the protection of workers from dismissal to avoid the grant of leave, and the administration of the Act generally. The provisions of this Act are included in the consolidating Labour and Industry Act (No. 5771).

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5707	.. 17th November	The <i>Architects (Amendment) Act 1953</i> alters the qualifications for registration as an architect and the basis on which the registration of architects can be cancelled or suspended. Further provision is made as to fees payable by architects on registration and the appropriation of such fees.
5708	.. 17th November	The <i>Swine Compensation Act 1953</i> increases the rates of stamp duty payable on sales of pigs and also the maximum amount of swine compensation payable under the Swine Compensation Acts.
5709	.. 17th November	The <i>Essendon Land (Amendment) Act 1953</i> makes further provision with respect to parts of the land therein referred to, and other purposes.
5710	.. 17th November	The <i>Marketing (Egg and Egg Pulp) Act 1953</i> amends the provisions of the Marketing of Primary Products Acts relating to producers' rolls for elections and polls in connexion with the Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board.
5711	.. 25th November	The <i>Building Societies Act 1953</i> makes various amendments to the <i>Building Societies Act 1928</i> , particularly by extending the objects of building societies, providing for conversion of shares into stock, empowering societies to receive moneys on loan, and widening the class of land in respect of which building societies may operate.
5712	.. 25th November	The <i>Country Fire Authority (Finance) Act 1953</i> transfers to insurance companies the liability to pay the portion (one-third) of the cost of the administration of the Country Fire Authority heretofore borne by municipalities.
5713	.. 25th November	The <i>Land Surveyors Act 1953</i> makes provision for the examination and registration of surveyors in respect of special branches of surveying and authorizes the Surveyors Board to publish and sell a surveying handbook.
5714	.. 25th November	The <i>Poisons (Heroin) Act 1953</i> prohibits the manufacture or preparation of heroin in Victoria except for certain educational experimental or research purposes.
5715	.. 25th November	The <i>Workers Compensation (Amendment) Act 1953</i> provides that workers compensation payable in respect of medical expenses shall cover the replacement, &c., of artificial limbs, provides for the taking of evidence outside Victoria in proceedings before the Workers Compensation Board, and makes various corrections in and drafting amendments to the Workers Compensation Acts.
5716	.. 25th November	The <i>Castlemaine Gas Company's Act 1953</i> increases the borrowing Powers of the Castlemaine Gas Company

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5717	.. 25th November	The <i>Junior Legacy Melbourne (Dureau Memorial) Act 1953</i> relates to certain property held in trust for the purposes of Junior Legacy, Melbourne and other purposes.
5718	.. 25th November	The <i>Trustee Companies (Commission) Act 1953</i> amends the provisions of the Trustee Companies Acts relating to commission chargeable by Trustee Companies. The basic rate of commission is not to exceed £4 for every £100 of the gross value of the estate and £5 for every £100 of income received on account of the estate.
5719	.. 25th November	The <i>Prices Regulation (Continuation) Act 1953</i> extends for a further period of twelve months the operation of the Prices Regulation Acts.
5720	.. 25th November	The <i>Factories and Shops (Wages Boards) Act 1953</i> was passed after an award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration abandoned the system of automatic wage adjustment based on periodical cost of living index figures. This Act makes it mandatory, instead of optional, for State Wages Boards to include a cost of living adjustment clause in their determinations.
5721	.. 25th November	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £7,664,570 to the service of the year 1953-54
5722	.. 1st December	The <i>Railways (Mt. Buffalo Chalet) Act 1953</i> relates to the management of the Chalet at Mount Buffalo by the Victorian Railways Commissioners.
5723	.. 1st December	The <i>Revenue Deficit Funding Act 1953</i> sanctions the issue and application of Loan Money for transfer to the Consolidated Revenue to meet the deficit therein for the Year 1952-53.
5724	.. 1st December	The <i>Oldham Trusts Act 1953</i> relates to certain policies of insurance on the lives of Trevor Donald Oldham and Kathleen MacLeod Oldham.
5725	.. 1st December	The <i>Gas and Fuel Corporation (Financial) Act 1953</i> increases the borrowing powers of the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria and amends the provisions of the Gas and fuel Corporation Acts relating to borrowing
5726	.. 1st December	The <i>State Forests Loan Application Act 1953</i> sanctions the issue and application of Loan moneys for works and other purposes relating to State Forests.
5727	.. 1st December	The <i>Hotham Heights Land Act 1953</i> relates to the grant of certain land at Mount Hotham to a certain company.
5728	.. 8th December	The <i>Maintenance (Amendment) Act 1953</i> makes various amendments to the Maintenance Acts. In particular it redefines the expression "means of support" of a wife or children (so as to have regard to their accustomed condition in life but to disregard earnings potential earnings or savings of the wife); makes uniform all references to

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- desertion as desertion "without just cause of excuse"; gives to the court discretionary powers in relation to the making of maintenance orders; extends the right of appeal to general sessions in respect of maintenance applications or orders; includes Commonwealth Territories on the same basis as Australian States for the purposes of reciprocal enforcement of maintenance orders; empowers clerks of court to enforce orders for maintenance on behalf of wives or children; gives account books of courts evidentiary status as to payments of instalments of maintenance; empowers stipendiary magistrates to discharge orders for the maintenance of children; declares that arrears of maintenance payable within twelve months of the death of the person liable to pay shall be deemed to be just debts of the deceased; and applies the provisions of the Justices Acts relating to garnishee orders to maintenance and other orders under the Maintenance Acts.
- 5729 .. 8th December    The *Revocation and Excision of Crown Reservations Act 1953* provides for the revocation of the permanent reservations and Crown Grants of certain lands, and for other purposes.
- 5730 .. 8th December    The *Local Government (Imported Houses) Act 1953* extends for a further period of twelve months the relaxation of building regulations in respect of imported pre-cut houses.
- 5731 .. 8th December    The *Health (Proprietary Medicines) Act 1953* alters the nomenclature of patent medicines to "proprietary medicines" and alters the definition of "proprietary medicines" for the purposes of the Health Acts; re-constitutes the advisory Committee under the Health (Proprietary Medicines) Acts; and amends those Acts in relation to applications for registration of proprietary medicines, the keeping and control of the register, and statements attached to proprietary medicines relating to their registration.
- 5732 .. 8th December    The *Juries (Fees) Act 1953* increases the rates of compensation payable to Jurors and consequentially to amend the law relating to Court Fees payable for Civil Cases tried before Juries.
- 5733 .. 8th December    The *Public and Bank Holidays Act 1953* enables Her Majesty's birthday to be observed as a holiday on such day as is appointed annually by the Governor in Council for the purpose.
- 5734 .. 8th December    The *Superannuation Police and State Pensions (Extension) Act 1953*. extends for a period of twelve months the period to which the *Superannuation Police and State Pensions Act 1953* (see No. 5673) applies.
- 5735 .. 8th December    The *Ballaarat Gas Company's Act 1953* extends and alters the borrowing powers of the Ballaarat Gas Company.



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5736	.. 15th December	The <i>Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Extension) Act 1853</i> extends for a further period of twelve months the operation of the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts.
5737	.. 15th December	The <i>Statute Law Revision Committee (Amendment) Act 1953</i> increases the annual vote from Consolidated Revenue for payment of fees of members of the Statute Law Revision Committee.
5738	.. 15th December	The <i>Licensing (Chairman of Courts) Act 1953</i> provides for a temporary extension of the current term of office of the Chairman of Licensing Courts pending the commencement of the <i>Licensing Act 1953</i> (see No. 5767.)
5739	.. 15th December	The <i>Housing Act 1953</i> adds the development of land for housing and related purposes to the objects for which the Housing Commission is constituted; empowers the Housing Commission by agreement to carry out on behalf of other authorities works for roads, drainage, water, sewerage, electricity, gas and other purposes in the development of land for housing; enables the Housing Commission to join with municipalities in joint town planning schemes; makes further provision as to the repair of sub-standard houses; provides for payment of compensation on closing streets and extinguishing easements and for the cancellation of Crown grants of closed streets when the land is not under the Transfer of Land Acts; increases the maximum capital cost of houses that may be erected by the Commission and the maximum amount that may be advanced by the Commission for the erection or purchase of a house; and provides for the creation of easements over lands of the Commission in favour of adjoining properties.
5740	.. 15th December	The <i>Police Offences (Trotting Races) Act 1953</i> provides for additional trotting race-meetings, both within and without the metropolis of Melbourne.
5741	.. 15th December	The <i>Bookmakers Act 1953</i> constitutes a Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee; requires bookmakers and bookmakers' clerks to be registered by that committee (which has complete discretion in respect of registration) and provides for the issue of annual certificates of registration and the stamp fees payable thereon; and enables any bookmaker or punter to sue or be sued in respect of any bet legally made on a racecourse or sports ground and on any cheque or other instrument given in respect of any such bet.
5742	.. 13th December	The <i>Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Act 1953</i> alters the constitution of the Latrobe Valley Drainage Board (which has not yet been

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- appointed), re-names it the "Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board" and confers on it powers of water supply as well as of drainage and sewerage. The Act also makes provision as to qualification of waterworks engineers of the Board, pollution of water and interfering with works, the borrowing of money by and the funds of the Board, and the exemption of the Board from rates and taxes.
- 5743 .. 15th December    The *Corio to Newport Pipeline Act 1953* authorizes the granting to The Shell Company of Australia Limited of leases easements licences or other authorities for an oil pipeline over Crown Lands and lands vested in or controlled by public statutory corporations between Corio and Newport, and other purposes.
- 5744 .. 15th December    The *Motor Car (Visiting Cars and Drivers) Act 1953* makes provision with respect to exemption from registration of cars registered outside Victoria which are temporarily in Victoria and with respect to temporary drivers' licences for drivers temporarily in Victoria.
- 5745 .. 15th December    The *Local Government (Amendment) Act 1953* amends provisions of the Local Government Acts relating to annexation of additional areas to boroughs, certificates for building surveyors, car parking fees and parking meters, building referees, expenditure on celebration of the Royal visit, building regulations and the publication of regulations.
- 5746 .. 15th December    The *Country Sewerage Loan Application Act 1953* sanctions the issue and application of Loan Money for sewerage and other works in Country districts.
- 5747 .. 15th December    The *Sewerage Districts (Amendment) Act 1953* amends provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts relating to tenders for contracts, borrowing by the issue of debentures, Government loans, depreciation funds, maximum and minimum amount of rates, payments in respect of non-rateable property and charge for rate certificates.
- 5748 .. 15th December    The *Water Supply Loan Application Act 1953* sanctions the issue and application of loan money for works and other purposes relating to irrigation water supply drainage flood protection and river improvement.
- 5749 .. 15th December    The *Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Act 1953* amends the Entertainments Tax Act 1953 (see Act No. 5693) in relation to assessment of tax on lump sum payments for a series of entertainments, and exemptions in respect of associations and dependants of servicemen and ex-servicemen. The Act also reduces the maximum amount of tax payable in respect of entertainments which are live performances.

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5750	.. 15th December	The <i>Patriotic Funds (Amendment) Act 1953</i> extends the operation of the Patriotic Funds Acts to the Korean hostilities and any future proclaimed hostilities or war and amends the provisions of the Patriotic Funds Acts relating to accounts of trustees.
5751	.. 15th December	The <i>Motor Car (Fees) Act 1953</i> provides for certain motor car registration fees to continue to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue (in lieu of into the Country Roads Board Fund) for a further period of twelve months.
5752	.. 22nd December	The <i>Goods (Textile Products) Act 1953</i> (which is Victoria's share in an Australian wide legislative proposition) provides for the labelling of textile products, and repeals similar earlier legislation which was never proclaimed to commence.
5753	.. 22nd December	The <i>Statute Law Revision Act 1953</i> corrects minor errors and inconsistencies in the Statute Law.
5754	.. 22nd December	The <i>Police Offences (Cranbourne and Werribee Racecourses) Act 1953</i> relates to race-meetings at Cranbourne and Werribee Racecourses.
5755	.. 22nd December	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Reconstitution) Act 1953</i> provides for the re-constitution of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by re-distribution of representation among the constituent municipalities. The Act contains transitory provisions to enable the change to be effected with a minimum of disturbance in respect of the present members of the Board.
5756	.. 22nd December	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1953</i> increases fees of members of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; provides for the establishment of funds for gratuity and sick leave purposes and for payments to be made in respect of accumulated sick leave; increases the borrowing (including overdraft) powers of the Board and the powers of the Board in respect of tramway construction works.
5757	.. 22nd December	The <i>Statutes Amendment Act 1953</i> makes small amendments to several Acts. It increases the amount payable to widows on the death intestate of the husband leaving no children; amends the provisions of the County Court Act relating to payment or tender of witnesses' expenses; increases (having regard to increased wages and cost of living) the amount of wages of a worker which is not subject to garnishee proceedings; alters the law relating to liability for the cost of dividing fences on the subdivision of land; enables fraud summonses under the Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors Acts to be served with (and not necessarily after) service of the judgment in respect of which the proceedings are brought; enables any creditor of any grantor to file a caveat

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where more than one person has granted the one bill of sale; alters the method of service of notices on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; amends the model conditions of sale set out in the Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Acts; enables illegitimate children to take the benefit of Part III. of the *Wrongs Act 1928* (Lord Campbell's Act); removes the requirement for the numbering of shares for companies where the issued shares are fully paid up and rank *pari passu*; and provides for the registration (and consequently the priority) of charges by certain marketing Boards.

- 5758 .. 22nd December The *Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mordialloc Undertaking) Act 1953* relates to the purchase by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria of the Gas Undertaking of the City of Mordialloc.
- 5759 .. 22nd December The *Gas and Fuel Corporation (Traralgon Undertaking) Act 1953* relates to the purchase by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria of the Gas Undertaking of the Shire of Traralgon.
- 5760 .. 22nd December The *Landlord and Tenant Act 1953* exempts from legislative provisions relating to rent control and protection from eviction any premises which have not been leased between 31st December 1940 and the commencement of this Act and also certain business premises let after the commencement of this Act for a term of not less than three years. Certain contracts (e.g. by way of licence) for the occupation of premises are deemed to be leases for the purposes of the Landlord and Tenant Acts; the Governor in Council is empowered to amend or vary Orders relating to Fair Rents Boards; special provision is made for determining the rent of premises which are sub-let; exceptions are provided to the compulsory effect of the fixing of a fair rent of premises; lessors are authorized to inspect their premises subject to certain conditions; leased dwelling-houses are not to be sold unless the tenant is given the first opportunity to purchase; and amendments are made to provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Acts relating to grounds of recovery of possession, notices to quit, orders for re-possession and protection of sub-lessees. The Act enables the rent to be fixed for premises which are excluded from the operation of the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Acts relating to recovery of possession; increases penalties; alters the special provisions relating to protected persons (i.e. servicemen, ex-servicemen and their dependants); and provides for the establishment of Metropolitan Tenancy Courts to hear and determine applications for the recovery of possession of, or the ejection of persons from, premises situated within the metropolitan districts.

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5761	.. 22nd December	The <i>Transport (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 amends provisions of the Transport Regulation Acts relating to interpretation, applications for licences, temporary permits for vehicles, goods licences as of right, the effect of combined operations by two or more vehicles in carrying goods over different parts of the one journey, the application of the Transport Regulation Fund, appeals on suspension of licences, the seizure of certain equipment from unlicensed commercial passenger vehicles, penalties, prosecutions, and payment of members of the Board.
5762	.. 22nd December	The <i>Railway Loan Application Act</i> 1953 sanctions the issue and application of loan moneys for works and purposes relating to railways, and for other purposes.
5763	.. 22nd December	The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act</i> 1953 sanctions the issue and application of loan Money for public works and other purposes.
5764	.. 22nd December	The <i>Land Tax (Exemptions and Rates) Act</i> 1953 prescribes the annual rates for land tax and amends provisions of the Land Tax Acts relating to exemptions from payment of Tax. The Act, which follows the withdrawal of the Commonwealth from the land tax field, provides increased rates and assimilates exemptions to those formerly provided by the Commonwealth.
5765	.. 22nd December	The <i>Medical (Registration) Act</i> 1953 eliminates a difficulty in respect of reciprocal arrangements with other countries for the registration of medical practitioners.
5766	.. 22nd December	The <i>Supreme Court (Judges) Act</i> 1953 increases from nine to ten the number of Supreme Court Judges that may be appointed.
5767	.. 22nd December	The <i>Licensing (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 constitutes a Victorian Licensing Court to replace the licensing courts already established; the existing licensing districts are abolished and the whole of Victoria is to constitute one licensing district in respect of which there is to be no numerical limitation of licences. The power of the court as to the grant of licences is not to be limited by any licensing poll already taken but in any such case the court may require a further poll before granting a licence. The Act makes provision in respect of the appointment of a supervisor of licensed premises; the extension of times during which liquor may be supplied with meals; the appointment by licensees of persons to be in charge of licensed premises during their absence; increased penalties for certain offences; the sale of liquor during prohibited hours; the

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establishment by construction authorities of canteens for the sale of liquor; and the provision of community hotels. Sundry amendments are made to the Licensing Acts, particularly with respect to administration, the grant renewal and transfer of licences, proceedings of the licensing court, bedroom accommodation in hotels, consumption on licensed premises of liquor by boarders inmates servants and the licensee and their guests, bona fide travellers, enforcement of the Act and legal proceedings, closing of the bar room during prohibited hours, the provision of meals and accommodation, and sanitation.

5768    ..    22nd    December    The *Land Settlement Act* 1953 makes further provision for the settlement of approved applicants on Crown lands or on lands acquired by the Soldier Settlement Commission for the purpose. Estates, on being divided into allotments, may be made available to settlers either as Crown settlers, that is settlers who will be required to assist on a wage basis in the early development of the estate and thereafter will be entitled to receive financial assistance from the Crown, or as private settlers, that is settlers who can provide their own finance both for initial development and for subsequent settlement. The tenure of the land is to be perpetual leasehold subject to prescribed conditions. During the initial period of the lease there will be restrictions on transfer, borrowing &c. Provision is made for a freehold grant to issue after ten years on payment of the settlement value of the land. The Act provides for advances to Crown settlers, the establishment of townships in relation to settlement under the Act or the Soldier Settlement Acts, and the financial and general administration of the Act. In addition, several amendments are made to the Soldier Settlement Acts, particularly in relation to rights of members and employes of the Commission, the transfer of such employes to the public service, and various financial matters.

5769    ..    23rd    December    The *Co-operation Act* 1953 makes comprehensive provision in relation to co-operative societies. It provides for the formation of co-operative societies including producers' societies, trading societies, community settlement societies, community advancement societies, credit societies, investment societies, associations of co-operative societies and unions of co-operative associations. Restrictions are placed on the formation of co-operative societies otherwise than under the Act and on the use of the word "co-operative" in the title of companies and other bodies. The Act provides for the registration of co-operative societies, as to the members capital and funds of such societies and

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- the privileges powers and duties and rules and management of such societies, and for the settlement of disputes between members on the winding up of societies. The Act provides for the appointment of a registrar of co-operative societies and a registry and an advisory council. The treasurer is empowered to guarantee loans to co-operative societies subject to certain conditions; and miscellaneous provisions provide for administration, evidence, offences and regulations.
- 5770 .. 23rd December The *Trustee Act* 1953 consolidates the law relating to trustees with amendments recommended by the Statute Law Revision Committee, the Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee, the Law Institute Council and other bodies.
- 5771 .. 23rd December The *Labour and Industry Act* 1953 consolidates the law relating to factories shops and industrial matters with amendments, many of which were recommended by a Commission representative of employers and employés. The Act also re-organizes the relevant departmental administration by the establishment of a Department of Labour and Industry under a Minister of Labour and Industry.
- 5772 .. 23rd December This Act applies a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 1954 and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament

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The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the year ended 31st December, 1954 :—

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- 5773 .. 4th May .. The *Coal Mine Workers Pensions (Amendment) Act* 1954 increases the pensions and additional payments in respect of dependants to Mine workers under the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Acts.
- 5774 .. 4th May .. The *Police Offences (Unlawful Games) Act* 1954 includes housey housey among the unlawful games specified in the Police Offences Acts.
- 5775 .. 4th May .. The *Local Government (City of Sunshine) Act* 1954 extends for a further six months the period during which betting on sports may continue in the newly constituted City of Sunshine. (See also Acts Nos. 5813 and 5841).
- 5776 .. 4th May .. The *State Savings Bank (Deposits) Act* 1954 alters the basis on which interest may be paid to depositors with the State Savings Bank.
- 5777 .. 4th May .. The *Chandler Highway and Bridge Act* 1954 vests in Her Majesty the Chandler highway and bridge in the cities of Heidelberg and Kew.
- 5778 .. 11th May .. The *Town and Country Planning Act* 1954 alters the basis of interim development orders under the Town and Country Planning Acts and varies the circumstances in which compensation shall

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- be payable in respect of damage resulting from planning schemes and interim orders under those Acts. The Act also amends the Town and Country Planning Acts in relation to joint planning schemes of several municipalities, the keeping open of schemes for inspection, the submission and consideration of objections to schemes, the approval of schemes, the acquisition and use of land, the contents of planning schemes, the widening of streets, and evidentiary provisions, and makes further provision in relation to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as a planning authority for the metropolis. (See also Act No. 5834.)
- 5779 ... 11th May .. The *Police Offences (Obscene Publications) Act 1954* widens the definition of "obscene" for the purposes of punishing the dissemination of obscene publications and provides for the registration of distributors of printed matter with a view to eradicating such publications.
- 5780 .. 11th May .. The *Health (Infectious Diseases) Act 1954* amends provisions of the Health Acts as to the making of regulations concerning the sale and use of second-hand furnishings.
- 5781 .. 11th May .. The *Melbourne Cricket Ground (Guarantee) Act 1954* makes financial provision in relation to the preparation and alteration of the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the Olympic Games in 1956.
- 5782 .. 11th May .. The *Superannuation (Female Officers) Act 1954* amends provisions of the Superannuation Acts relating to contributions by and pensions payable to female officers.
- 5783 .. 11th May .. The *Crimes Act 1954* makes it a misdemeanour to obtain money by wilfully false promises (in addition to the misdemeanour of obtaining money by false pretences) and makes it a misdemeanour to obtain payment of money to a company by a false promise of a director or member of the company or to fraudulently induce persons to invest money.
- 5784 .. 11th May .. The *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Board) Act 1954* reconstitutes the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as a Board of three full-time members. The Act also provides that in the exercise of its powers and functions the Board shall be subject to the direction and control of the Minister.
- 5785 .. 11th May .. This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £21,213,177 to the service of the year 1954-55.
- 5786 .. 29th September This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £13,901,475 to the service of the year 1954-55.
- 5787 ... 29th September This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £2,696,504 to the service of the year 1953-54.



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5788	19th October	The <i>Auditor-General's Salary Act 1954</i> increases the salary of the Auditor-General.
5789	19th October	The <i>Corneal Grafting Act 1954</i> authorizes the removal and use for therapeutic purposes the eyes of deceased persons who during their lifetime have in writing given directions to that end.
5790	22nd October	The <i>Totalizator (Amendment) Act 1954</i> alters the percentage of the deductible commission on totalizator revenue that is payable into consolidated revenue with particular reference to doubles bets and quinella bets.
5791	22nd October	The <i>Country Roads and Level Crossings Funds Act 1954</i> establishes a Level Crossings Fund consisting of certain fees paid under the Motor Car Acts and of other money appropriated for the purpose. The fund is to be applied towards the elimination of level crossings or the provision of alternative routes and generally reducing danger at level crossings.
5792	22nd October	The <i>Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Act 1954</i> provides for reduced rates of Entertainment tax.
5793	22nd October	The <i>Finance (Racing) Act 1954</i> abolishes the winning bets tax which was introduced in 1951 and substitutes a turnover tax on book-makers. The Act also establishes a Trotting Racecourse Development Fund to improve country courses and provides for amended fees for licences of racecourses and other payments.
5794	22nd October	The <i>Bellarine Water Supply Act 1954</i> relates to water supply in the Bellarine Peninsula, and other purposes.
5795	3rd November	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Amendment) Act 1954</i> increases by ten million pounds the general borrowing power of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and contains miscellaneous provisions relating rates, gratuities, lands and notices.
5796	3rd November	The <i>Apprenticeship (Amendment) Act 1954</i> contains provisions relating to the instruction of apprentices who live or work at places remote from instructional centres.
5797	3rd November	The <i>Judges (Powers) Act 1954</i> contains a general provision enabling county court judges and chairman of general sessions to sit in the place of another such judge or chairman who has ceased for any reason to be such a judge or chairman or is absent on leave sickness, or otherwise.
5798	3rd November	The <i>Goods (Amendment) Act 1954</i> enables the merchandise marks legislation to be applied to a wide class of leather, artificial leather, and plastic goods.

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5799	9th	November	The <i>Police Offences (Female Offenders) Act 1954</i> permits justices to send women and girls who are without lawful means of support to reformatory institutions instead of imposing a penalty or term of imprisonment.
5800	9th	November	The <i>Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act 1954</i> authorizes Friendly Societies to sell medicines and medical and surgical appliances to any person, whether or not a member of the society. The Act also alters or removes the prescribed limits of certain benefits, authorizes certain loans to be made by one society to another, and contains miscellaneous provisions relating to notices of cancellation of registration, Dividing Societies, and applications for membership by persons residing outside Victoria.
5801	16th	November	The <i>Portland Harbor Trust (Amendment) Act 1954</i> increases the amount of loan money that may be taken up by the Portland Harbor Trust Commissioners and amends the accounting provisions of the Portland Harbor Trust Acts.
5802	16th	November	The <i>Public Service (Amendment) Act 1954</i> clarifies provisions of the Public Service Acts relating to the creation and abolition of offices.
5803	16th	November	The <i>Geelong and District Cultural Institute Act 1954</i> provides for the incorporation of the Geelong and District Cultural Institute and the Council thereof and the objects and management thereof, and for other purposes.
5804	23rd	November	The <i>Vermin and Noxious Weeds (Amendment) Act 1954</i> makes various amendments to the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Acts particularly in relation to notices to destroy vermin and cover for vermin, the clearing from property or parts thereof of noxious weeds, penalties for acts likely to result in spreading weeds, rewards for the destruction of certain animals, the supply of fumigants at reduced prices, the issue of money from the Loan Fund towards costs of administering the Acts, contributions by the State to metropolitan municipalities towards the cost of administering by-laws for the destruction of weeds, and evidence of ownership and occupation of land.
5805	23rd	November	The <i>Surplus Revenue Act 1954</i> applies the surplus revenue for the financial year 30th June, 1954.
5806	23rd	November	The <i>Gas Regulation (Amendment) Act 1954</i> brings the gas examiner and his officers within the scope of the Public Service Acts, and makes provision in relation to the Gas Regulation Fund and contributions thereto by gas undertakers and the application thereof.

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5807	.. 23rd November	The <i>Parking of Vehicles (Amendment) Act 1954</i> extends the area in respect of which the Principal Act may operate and revises the procedure having regard to that applicable to default summonses. See Act No. 5677 of 1953.
5808	.. 23rd November	The <i>Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1954</i> makes new provision for the payment of Members of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown, the President of the Council and Speaker of the Assembly, the Chairman of Committees and other Parliamentary officials. In each case there is a basic salary (previously called a reimbursement of expenses.) To this salary is added an electorate allowance increasing in amount according as to whether the Member represents a metropolitan, urban, inner country or outer country electorate. Ministers receive additional salaries and expense allowances on a prescribed scale, and the Parliamentary officials receive an extra salary and in some cases an expense allowance. Provision is also made for travelling allowances for Ministers, and for living away from home allowances for other urban and country members while attending Parliament.
5809	.. 23rd November	The <i>County Court (Judges) Act 1954</i> authorizes the appointment of an eleventh county court judge.
5810	.. 23rd November	The <i>Swan Hill Lands Exchange Act 1954</i> relates to the Exchange of lands at Swan Hill.
5811	.. 23rd November	The <i>Miners' Phthisis (Treasury Allowances) Amendment Act 1954</i> increases the rates of allowance payable by the Treasury to persons suffering from miners' phthisis.
5812	.. 23rd November	The <i>Gas and Fuel Corporation (Kyneton Undertaking) Act 1954</i> approves an agreement for the acquisition by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of a municipal gas undertaking.
5813	.. 23rd November	The <i>Dog Races Act 1954</i> constitutes a Dog Racing Control Board to control the sport of dog racing. The Board is empowered to control the registration of clubs and persons participating in dog racing, while the National Coursing Association may register dogs. Only registered clubs may conduct dog races, and no club is to conduct any dog races from the profit of which any person receives a direct financial benefit. All dog-racing courses in the metropolis of Melbourne except two are to be closed and provision is made for compensation. Betting will be allowed on these two grounds. The maximum number of races to be held on any ground is reduced. Dog races are not to be held by day within 40 miles of Melbourne except on Saturdays and holidays. The prohibition of mechanical coursing is repealed and any future speed coursing is to be mechanical. Totalizators may be installed at dog-racing courses.

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- 5814 .. 30th November The *Infectious Diseases Hospitals Act 1954* revises the organisation of infectious Diseases Hospitals throughout the State. In the metropolis the Fairfield Hospital is to continue; but instead of being governed by a Board elected by municipal councils and being subsidised by municipal and State contributions it will be governed by a Board appointed by the Governor-in-Council and will be an institution under the Hospitals and Charities Acts, subsidised from the Hospitals and Charities Fund. Elsewhere in Victoria the Hospitals and Charities Commission at the request of the Commission of Public Health is to arrange for the provision of temporary or permanent infectious hospitals. Powers and duties in respect of temporary hospitals are given to municipal councils in case of Special emergency. Any expenses so incurred by municipalities are to be repaid from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
- 5815 .. 30th November The *Public Officers Salaries Act 1954* applies the principle of automatic adjustment of salary in accordance with fluctuations in the cost of living to members of various public Boards and authorities.
- 5816 .. 30th November The *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1954* replaces previous Victorian legislation relating to the marketing of wheat. It is part of an Australia-wide scheme which is backed by legislation of Commonwealth and all the States. Provision is made for the wheat to be marketed by a central Board which will determine the amount payable to growers. Special provision is made for the home consumption price of wheat and for freight to Tasmania. The Act applies to wheat of the current and four subsequent seasons.
- 5817 .. 1st December .. The *Children's Welfare Act 1954* revises and consolidates the law relating to Children's Welfare. The administration of the Act is assigned to a Director of Children's Welfare and provision is made for a deputy director, welfare officers and visitors, and a Children's Welfare Advisory Council. The Governor in Council is empowered to establish and abolish reception centres children's homes juvenile schools and juvenile hostels for the accommodation maintenance care welfare and supervision of children and young persons. Provision is also made for the approval and supervision of other homes and institutions for the reception of children. The Act prescribes the circumstances in which children and young persons are deemed to be in need of care and protection or to be uncontrollable and may be committed or admitted to the care of the Children's Welfare Department. The Director of Children's Welfare is to be the guardian of persons in the care of

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the Department. Provision is made for the payment of allowances to parents or other persons who have not sufficient means of support for children in their custody. Parents of children admitted or committed to the care of the Department are liable to pay to the Director sums towards the maintenance of the children having regard to their ability to contribute. For the purposes of infant life protection provision is made for the registration and supervision of institutions where infants under the age of five are, in consideration of payment, accepted for rearing, nursing or maintenance. Restrictions are placed on the employment of children in undesirable or dangerous places of employment; and other miscellaneous provisions are made with a view to the general welfare of children.

- 5818 .. 1st December .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £7,795,345 to the service of the year 1954-55.
- 5819 .. 1st December .. The *Mental Hygiene (Maintenance) Act 1954*. Following on the revocation by the Commonwealth of the Mental Institutions Benefit Agreement, the *Mental Hygiene (Maintenance) Act 1954* repeals the *Mental Institution Benefits Act* of 1949 and at the same time the provisions of the Mental Hygiene Acts enabling charges to be made for the maintenance of patients.
- 5820 .. 1st December .. The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1954* increases the deduction from salaries of members of Parliament by way of contribution to the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund and varies the amount payable by way of retiring allowance to members. A new interpretation of "basic wage" is provided consequent upon a recent award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.
- 5821 .. 7th December .. The *Water Supply Loan Application Act 1954* sanctions the issue and application of loan money for works and other purposes relating to irrigation water supply drainage sewerage flood protection and river improvement, and other purposes.
- 5822 .. 7th December .. The *Napier-street Bridge Act 1954* makes provision with respect to the construction of a new bridge over the Maribyrnong River between Melbourne and Footscray and matters incidental thereto.
- 5823 .. 13th December .. The *Health (Amendment) Act 1954* makes numerous amendments to the Health Acts particularly in respect of the remuneration payable to the Commission of Public Health and the Food Standards Committee, sanitary conveniences, septic tanks and the removal of rubbish, the disposal of industrial waste and prevention of

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water pollution, the control of offensive and dangerous trades and infectious diseases, conditional approval for the erection of public buildings, the installation of gas appliances, the registration and regulation of apartment houses camps and camping areas and food premises the safeguarding purity of drugs food and other substances, and meat supervision.

- 5824 .. 13th December The *Forests (Amendment) Act 1954* amends various provisions of the Forests Acts particularly in relation to remuneration and sick leave of the Commissioners, fire protection areas and prohibited periods for lighting fires, the liability of offenders for costs of fire suppression, the removal of fire hazards, leases and licences of forest lands, sites for State School forest plantations, the appointment of forest officers, the publication of notices of acute fire danger and the treatment and eradication of disease in trees and timber.
- 5825 .. 14th December The *Co-operative Housing Societies (Guarantees) Act 1954* further increases the maximum liability of the Treasurer under guarantees under the Co-operative Housing Societies Act.
- 5826 .. 14th December The *Midwives (Amendment) Act 1954* enables the Midwives Board to issue special certificates for special branches of midwifery.
- 5827 .. 14th December The *State Electricity Commission (Borrowing) Act 1954* increases the borrowing powers of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, and other purposes.
- 5828 .. 14th December The *Justices (Amendment) Act 1954* extends the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions to £100 in the ordinary jurisdiction and £250 in the special jurisdiction. The Act also extends the time for service of summonses.
- 5829 .. 14th December The *Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act 1954* adds to the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board a tenth member who is to be an employé of the Board elected by officers and employés of the Board. The Act also varies the conditions for the granting of long service leave to officers and employés of the Board and consequentially to officers and employés of the Country Fire Authority.
- 5830 .. 14th December The *Mildura College Lands (Amendment) Act 1954* amends the *Mildura College Lands Act 1916*.
- 5831 .. 14th December The *Country Roads (Amendment) Act 1954* increases the amount of loan money that may be applied for the purposes of the Country Roads Acts and makes minor amendments to the provisions of those Acts relating to the construction of new main roads.

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5832	14th	December	The <i>Soldier Settlement (Financial) Act 1954</i> increases the amount of loan money that may be appropriated for the purposes of the Soldier Settlement Acts and makes special provision relating to Commonwealth loans to the State for soldier settlement.
5833	14th	December	The <i>River Murray Waters Act 1954</i> ratifies and approves an agreement for the further variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters, and other purposes.
5834	14th	December	The <i>Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act 1954</i> consolidates with amendments the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as a planning authority for the metropolitan area. The powers of the Board are extended to enable it to carry out approved plans as well as prepare plans. Alternatively the Board of Works may delegate to municipal councils any powers necessary to give effect to approved plans. For the purposes of the Act the Board of Works may levy a metropolitan improvement rate and is to establish a metropolitan improvement fund and have additional borrowing powers.
5835	14th	December	The <i>Housing Act 1954</i> reconstitutes the Housing Commission as a body corporate consisting of three full time members subject to Ministerial control. Restrictions are placed on the sale of houses which have been declared unfit for human habitation. The Commission is empowered to make ex gratia payments to owners who are not the occupiers of demolished houses, and to sell houses to the Director of War Service Homes in certain cases. The maximum terms of contracts of sale or mortgages or for repayment of advances under the Housing Acts are extended. Restrictions are placed on the sale of houses purchased from the Commission, and regulations may be made with respect to insurance on the lives of such purchasers.
5836	14th	December	The <i>Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mornington Undertaking) Act 1954</i> relates to the purchase by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria of the Gas Undertaking of the Shire of Mornington.
5837	14th	December	The <i>Railways (Commissioners' Salaries) Act 1954</i> increases the salaries payable to the Victorian Railways Commissioners.
5838	14th	December	The <i>Water Act 1954</i> makes several amendments to the Water Acts particularly in respect of matters of accounting and capital adjustment,

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the purchase of moveable plant by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the repair of such plant by the Commission for other bodies, the form of debenture to be used by water authorities, the provision of camping and recreation facilities at water storages, the constitution of urban water districts, the domestic use of water in urban districts, the basis of payment of compensation for injury by flooding, the responsibility of water authorities whose channels intersect private land, the temporary powers of the Commission as a Sewerage Authority, the impeachability of by-laws, and interest on unpaid rates.

- 5839 .. 14th December The *State Forests Loan Application Act 1954* sanctions the issue and application of loan moneys for works and other purposes relating to State Forests.
- 5840 .. 14th December The *Railway Loan Application* sanctions the issue and application of loan moneys for works and purposes relating to Railways, and other purposes.
- 5841 .. 14th December The *Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Act 1954* enables betting to take place at foot-races and bicycle-races in cities and towns.
- 5842 .. 14th December The *Transfer of Land Act 1954* consolidates with amendments the law relating to land registration under the Torrens system. The Office of Titles is re-organised under the control of a Registrar of Titles. Provision is made to bring land under not only voluntarily but also on the direction of the Registrar. The general principles of administration and of the registration of grants and certificates of title are prescribed and the effect of registration is defined. The Act makes provision with respect to the various dealings with land that may be registered, namely, transfers, transmissions on death or bankruptcy, sales by the sherriff, acquisition by statutory order or order of the Court, acquisition by possession, acquisition of cul-de-sacs, leases, easements, mortgages and annuities, restrictive covenants and charges.
- Provision is made for caveats against dealings, search certificates and stay orders, powers of attorney, surveys and sub-divisions of land, the amendment of the register book, and the general powers of the Registrar. The Assurance Fund is continued, being supplemented by contributions when land is voluntarily brought under the Act and in the case of certain other dealings. The fund is available to make compensation to persons sustaining loss by damage by the administration of the Act.
- 5843 .. 14th December The *Local Government (Amendment) Act 1954* makes numerous amendments of the Local Government Acts, particularly in relation to the



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constitution of the municipalities, voting by post and compulsory voting, full time employment of municipal clerks, by-laws making powers, application of municipal funds, rating, borrowing, accounts and contracts, municipal properties, roads, plans of subdivision of private land, construction of private streets, housing, markets, septic tanks and the regulation of buildings. In addition provision is made for the temporary construction of private streets without prejudice to the ultimate construction thereof at the cost of adjoining owners.

- 5844 .. 14th December The *Land Tax Act 1954* declares the rates of Land Tax for the year ended 31st December, 1955.
- 5845 .. 14th December The *Water (Connexions to Mains) Act 1954* makes provision with respect to connexions to water mains by the Ballarat Water Commissioners.
- 5846 .. 14th December The *Statutes Amendment Act 1954* makes minor amendments to various Acts. Irish citizens are given the same statutory rights as British subjects notwithstanding the constitution of Eire as a Republic. The right to bring an action in tort against the estate of a deceased person is extended in time. Restrictions are placed on the use of the word "blind" (in the sense of destitute of sight) by companies and firms. The Justices Acts are amended in relation to recognizances. The death of a party is not to terminate proceedings under the Landlord and Tenant Acts. The amount that may be ordered for confinement expenses is increased, as is the amount which the husband may be ordered to pay towards a wife's costs in proceedings for divorce. The class of persons who may receive assistance under the *Poor Persons Legal Assistance Act 1928* is widened. Technical difficulties are removed in relation to the registration of the death and burial of bodies assigned for anatomical examination. Provisions of the Supreme Court Acts relating to interest on taxed costs are amended. The provisions of the Wills Acts relating to wills made on war service are extended to wills of persons serving in Korea or Malaya. Amendments are made to the Dried Fruits Acts and the Marketing of Primary Products Acts in respect of the preparation sale and display of products.
- 5847 .. 14th December The *Landlord and Tenant Act 1954* provides for alterations of the pegged rent of houses which were let at more than 50s. per week at 31st December, 1940, by authorizing the Fair Rents Board to determine, in default of agreement, the fair rent thereof on the basis of the current capital value. The Act also makes various amendments to the Landlord and Tenants Acts relating to onus of proof, the interpretation of "lease", rent certificates, re-possession of

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dwelling houses by lessors for their own occupation, the definition and rights of protected persons (that is to say ex-servicemen and their dependants), the exemption of certain premises from rent control, inspection of dwelling houses by landlords, the sale of tenanted dwelling houses, and the avoidance of certain notices to quit.

5848	..	14th	December	The <i>Transport Regulation (Amendment) Act</i> *1954 amends the Transport Regulation Acts with a view to eliminating any invalidity caused by virtue of interference with freedom of interstate trade commerce or intercourse.
5849	..	14th	December	The <i>Judges Salaries Act</i> 1954 increases the salaries of Supreme Court and County Court Judges and removes the requirement to adjust those salaries in accordance with variations in official cost of living figures.
5850	..	14th	December	The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act</i> 1954 sanctions the issue and application of loan money for public works and other purposes.
5851	..	14th	December	The <i>Adoption of Children (Amendment) Act</i> 1954 allows adoption orders to be made in respect of people who have been married, prescribes the requirements necessary for the giving of a valid consent to the adoption of a child and the revocation thereof, removes the jurisdiction of Petty Sessions in adoption cases leaving the jurisdiction to the County Court and Supreme Court, and prescribes the class of persons who may be appointed guardians <i>ad litem</i> .
5852	..	14th	December	The <i>Hide and Leather Industries (Suspension) Act</i> 1954 suspends the operation of certain provisions of the <i>Hide and Leather Industry Act</i> 1948.
5853	..	14th	December	This Act applies a sum out of the consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ended on 30th June, 1955 and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

\* Resulting in the Privy Council decision in the case of Hughes and Vale versus the State of New South Wales.

### PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

**Legislative  
Council.**

The *Legislative Council Reform Act* 1950 (No. 5465), which came into operation on 1st November, 1951, introduced adult suffrage at elections for the Legislative Council. The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each province on 30th June, 1953 and 1954.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Electoral Province.	Year ended 30th June—		Electoral Province.	Year ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.		1953.	1954.
METROPOLITAN			COUNTRY.		
Doutta Galla ..	116,214	114,340	Ballaarat ..	56,298	56,153
East Yarra ..	124,170	124,250	Bendigo ..	59,088	59,028
Higinbotham ..	118,015	118,015	Gippsland ..	68,434	68,782
Melbourne ..	67,864	62,517	Northern ..	50,813	51,192
Melbourne North	132,907	134,866	North Eastern	48,379	48,748
Melbourne West	103,277	102,520	North Western	46,816	47,159
Monash ..	111,887	108,876	Southern ..	107,169	115,984
			South Eastern	91,277	94,186
			South Western	69,052	70,211
			Western ..	53,998	54,105
Totals ..	774,334	765,384	Totals ..	651,324	665,548
			Grand Totals ..	1,425,658	1,430,932

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 18th June, 1955.

The general election for the Legislative Assembly was held on 28th May, 1955.

This general election was conducted on the basis of the first redivision of boundaries made pursuant to the *Electoral Districts Act*, No. 5683 of 1953. The Act which came into operation on 18th August, 1953, provided for a redivision of the State to be made on the basis of each Commonwealth Electoral Division in Victoria being divided into two Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly. It also provided for recurrent redivisions, on the same basis, to be made whenever any alteration is made in the number of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions in Victoria or in any boundaries thereof, subject to the proviso that no such redivision shall be made if the whole number of members of the Legislative Assembly would be reduced thereby.

The effect of the first redivision under the Act was to increase the number of electoral districts from 65 to 66.

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 18th June, 1955, 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 18TH JUNE, 1955.

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 .. .. .	27,328	28,606	55,934	26,361	26,583	52,944	96·46	92·93	94·65
Bendigo .. .. .	28,324	30,258	58,582	27,192	27,929	55,121	96·00	92·80	94·09
Doutta Galla .. .. .	53,999	57,034	111,033	48,953	52,056	101,009	90·66	91·27	90·97
East Yarra .. .. .	56,534	67,837	124,371	51,387	62,248	113,635	90·90	91·76	91·37
Gippsland .. .. .	35,887	32,449	68,336	32,455	29,711	62,166	90·44	91·56	90·97
Higinbotham * .. .. .	54,613	63,875	118,488	—	—	—	—	—	—
Melbourne .. .. .	28,554	30,621	59,175	25,627	27,062	52,689	89·75	88·38	89·04
Melbourne North .. .. .	65,969	70,091	136,060	61,852	64,705	126,557	93·76	92·32	93·02
Melbourne West .. .. .	50,177	50,455	100,632	46,013	46,820	92,833	91·70	92·80	92·25
Monash .. .. .	47,359	59,076	106,435	40,540	51,327	91,867	85·60	86·88	86·31
Northern .. .. .	26,319	24,945	51,264	24,449	22,974	47,423	92·89	92·10	92·51
North Eastern * .. .. .	25,142	23,687	48,829	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Western * .. .. .	24,454	22,349	46,803	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern .. .. .	61,127	61,047	122,174	55,628	56,305	111,933	91·00	92·23	91·62
South-Eastern .. .. .	47,744	49,616	97,360	43,187	45,031	88,218	90·46	90·76	90·61
South-Western .. .. .	34,749	36,020	70,769	32,477	32,889	65,366	93·46	91·31	92·37
Western .. .. .	27,359	26,526	53,885	26,149	25,041	51,190	95·58	94·40	95·00
Total all provinces .. .. .	695,638	734,492	1,430,130	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uncontested provinces .. .. .	104,209	109,911	214,120	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total contested provinces .. .. .	591,429	624,581	1,216,010	542,270	570,681	1,112,951	91·69	91·37	91·52

\* Uncontested.

UNCONTESTED PROVINCES.

Province.	Member.
Higinbotham .. .. .	L. H. S. Thompson
North Eastern .. .. .	A. K. Bradbury
North Western .. .. .	A. R. Mansell

The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each district on 30th June, 1953.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1953.

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on the Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.	Number of Electors on the Joint Rolls.
METROPOLITAN.		COUNTRY.	
Albert Park .. .. .	22,636	Allendale .. .. .	16,082
Box Hill .. .. .	38,636	Ballaarat .. .. .	21,425
Brighton .. .. .	28,145	Barwon .. .. .	18,230
Brunswick .. .. .	23,080	Benalla .. .. .	13,943
Camberwell .. .. .	29,151	Benambra .. .. .	14,262
Carlton .. .. .	23,730	Bendigo .. .. .	23,601
Caulfield .. .. .	22,471	Borong .. .. .	14,078
Clifton Hill .. .. .	23,556	Dundas .. .. .	15,641
Coburg .. .. .	25,844	Evelyn .. .. .	19,670
Collingwood .. .. .	22,890	Geelong .. .. .	21,338
Dandenong .. .. .	47,974	Gippsland East .. .. .	13,907
Elsternwick .. .. .	21,688	Gippsland North .. .. .	19,024
Essendon .. .. .	34,740	Gippsland South .. .. .	19,901
Footscray .. .. .	22,899	Gippsland West .. .. .	16,774
Glen Iris .. .. .	30,384	Goulburn .. .. .	15,213
Hawthorn .. .. .	22,188	Grant .. .. .	20,270
Ivanhoe .. .. .	37,762	Hampden .. .. .	15,044
Kew .. .. .	22,795	Korong .. .. .	12,930
Malvern .. .. .	21,303	Mernda .. .. .	19,526
Melbourne .. .. .	22,038	Midlands .. .. .	15,409
Mentone .. .. .	36,770	Mildura .. .. .	14,616
Moonee Ponds .. .. .	26,129	Mornington .. .. .	21,708
Northcote .. .. .	24,796	Murray Valley .. .. .	16,880
Oakleigh .. .. .	28,384	Polwarth .. .. .	15,570
Port Melbourne .. .. .	24,044	Portland .. .. .	15,753
Prahran .. .. .	23,164	Rainbow .. .. .	12,518
Preston .. .. .	31,510	Ripon .. .. .	15,595
Richmond .. .. .	22,936	Rodney .. .. .	14,777
St. Kilda .. .. .	22,059	Scoresby .. .. .	22,465
Sunshine .. .. .	32,276	Shepparton .. .. .	17,296
Toorak .. .. .	22,174	Swan Hill .. .. .	14,492
Williamstown .. .. .	28,615	Warmambool .. .. .	15,153
		Wonthaggi .. .. .	15,800
Total .. .. .	866,767	Total .. .. .	558,891
		Grand Total .. .. .	1,425,658

\* Uncontested.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Electoral District.*	Number of Electors on Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.*	Number of Electors on Joint Rolls.
Albert Park .. .. .	17,953	Ivanhoe .. .. .	19,522
Ascot Vale .. .. .	23,525	Kara Kara .. .. .	18,548
Ballaarat North .. .. .	20,882	Kew .. .. .	22,425
Ballaarat South .. .. .	20,620	Lowan .. .. .	18,306
Balwyn .. .. .	22,349	Malvern .. .. .	19,347
Benalla .. .. .	21,195	Melbourne .. .. .	17,060
Benambra .. .. .	20,556	Mentone .. .. .	25,325
Bendigo .. .. .	21,421	Midlands .. .. .	22,398
Box Hill .. .. .	30,016	Mildura .. .. .	19,138
Brighton .. .. .	19,452	Moonee Ponds .. .. .	22,508
Broadmeadows .. .. .	27,317	Moorabbin .. .. .	29,945
Brunswick East .. .. .	19,547	Mornington .. .. .	24,246
Brunswick West .. .. .	17,136	Morwell .. .. .	21,453
Burwood .. .. .	21,456	Murray Valley .. .. .	20,953
Camberwell .. .. .	22,416	Northcote .. .. .	19,804
Carlton .. .. .	17,865	Oakleigh .. .. .	19,846
Caulfield .. .. .	18,786	Pascoe Vale .. .. .	22,665
Caulfield East .. .. .	23,055	Polwarth .. .. .	20,640
Coburg .. .. .	24,197	Portland .. .. .	19,251
Collingwood .. .. .	15,996	Port Melbourne .. .. .	17,626
Dandenong .. .. .	34,264	Prahran .. .. .	19,143
Dundas .. .. .	19,257	Preston .. .. .	24,061
Elsternwick .. .. .	20,955	Reservoir .. .. .	22,967
Evelyn .. .. .	31,110	Richmond .. .. .	17,746
Flemington .. .. .	17,608	Ripponlea .. .. .	18,419
Footscray .. .. .	20,555	Rodney .. .. .	21,137
Geelong .. .. .	23,550	St. Kilda .. .. .	18,915
Geelong West .. .. .	23,365	Sandringham .. .. .	28,963
Gippsland East .. .. .	19,405	Scoresby .. .. .	33,095
Gippsland South .. .. .	19,896	Swan Hill .. .. .	19,180
Gippsland West .. .. .	23,322	Toorak .. .. .	19,386
Grant .. .. .	28,987	Williamstown .. .. .	20,445
Hampden .. .. .	19,865		
Hawthorn .. .. .	18,590	Total .. .. .	1,430,932

\* See reference to Electoral Districts Act, 1953 on page 34.

**Elections,  
Legislative  
Assembly,  
1955.**

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 28th May, 1955 there were contests in 65 of the 66 electoral districts. The number of electors on the rolls for all districts was 1,422,588—691,034 males and 731,554 females. In contested districts the number of voters represented 94·02 per cent. the electors enrolled, the proportion for males being 93·93 per cent. and for females 94·11 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 28TH MAY, 1955.

Electoral District.	Numbers 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	8,176	9,226	17,402	7,444	8,409	15,853	91.05	91.14	91.10
Ascot Vale	11,526	11,674	23,200	10,931	11,078	22,009	94.84	94.89	94.87
Ballaarat North	9,912	10,691	20,603	9,602	10,257	19,859	96.87	95.94	96.39
Ballaarat South	9,938	10,584	20,522	9,608	10,108	19,716	96.68	95.50	96.07
Balwyn	10,656	12,278	22,934	9,949	11,548	21,497	93.37	94.05	93.73
Benalla	10,968	10,147	21,115	10,409	9,580	19,989	94.90	94.41	94.67
Benambra	10,427	10,003	20,430	9,832	9,349	19,181	94.29	93.46	93.89
Bendigo	10,002	11,306	21,308	9,613	10,887	20,500	96.10	96.28	96.19
Box Hill	14,835	16,211	31,046	14,098	15,076	29,174	95.03	93.00	93.97
Brighton	8,974	10,358	19,332	8,223	9,703	17,926	91.63	93.68	92.73
Broadmeadows	13,891	13,938	27,829	12,749	13,416	26,165	91.78	96.25	94.02
Brunswick East	9,054	9,552	18,606	8,359	8,982	17,341	92.32	94.03	93.20
Brunswick West	8,090	8,563	16,653	7,675	8,072	15,747	94.87	94.27	94.56
Burwood	10,012	11,275	21,287	9,351	10,622	19,973	93.40	94.21	93.83
Camberwell	9,583	12,269	21,852	8,981	11,319	20,300	93.72	92.26	92.90
Carlton	8,353	8,654	17,007	7,709	7,782	15,491	92.29	89.92	91.09
Caulfield	7,786	10,419	18,205	7,143	9,395	16,538	91.74	90.17	90.84
Caulfield East	10,535	12,254	22,789	9,988	11,314	21,302	94.81	92.33	93.47
Coburg	11,625	12,204	23,829	10,970	11,630	22,600	94.37	95.30	94.84
Collingwood	7,650	7,705	15,355	7,017	7,352	14,369	91.73	95.42	93.58
Dandenong	18,023	18,454	36,477	16,888	17,521	34,409	93.70	94.94	94.33
Dundas	9,706	9,440	19,146	9,468	9,046	18,514	97.55	95.83	96.70
Elsternwick	9,704	11,462	21,166	9,026	10,772	19,798	93.01	93.98	93.54
Evelyn	16,112	15,924	32,036	15,140	15,041	30,181	93.97	94.45	94.21
Flemington	8,021	8,763	16,784	7,384	8,046	15,430	92.06	91.82	91.93
Footscray	10,129	9,703	19,832	9,441	9,413	18,854	93.21	97.01	95.07
Geelong	11,215	12,399	23,614	10,649	11,467	22,116	94.95	92.48	93.66
Geelong West	11,525	12,176	23,701	10,773	11,364	22,137	93.48	93.33	93.40
Gippsland East	10,024	9,134	19,158	9,239	8,476	17,715	92.17	92.80	92.47
Gippsland South*	10,167	9,615	19,782						
Gippsland West	11,733	11,153	22,886	11,212	10,413	21,625	95.56	93.37	94.49
Grant	15,488	14,384	29,872	14,478	13,642	28,120	93.48	94.84	94.13
Hampden	9,940	9,701	19,641	9,558	9,344	18,902	96.16	96.32	96.24
Hawthorn	8,051	9,683	17,734	7,564	9,222	16,786	93.95	95.24	94.65
Ivanhoe	9,212	10,072	19,284	8,641	9,477	18,118	93.80	94.09	93.95
Kara Kara	9,232	8,853	18,085	8,815	8,532	17,347	95.48	96.37	95.92
Kew	9,582	12,486	22,068	8,715	11,452	20,167	90.95	91.72	91.39
Lowan	9,006	8,937	17,943	8,745	8,535	17,280	97.10	95.50	96.30
Malvern	7,805	10,880	18,685	7,189	9,826	17,015	92.11	90.31	91.06
Melbourne	7,898	84,79	16,377	7,201	7,532	14,733	91.17	88.83	89.96
Mentone	12,450	13,266	25,716	11,750	12,538	24,288	94.38	94.51	94.45
Midlands	10,856	11,471	22,327	10,467	10,856	21,323	96.42	94.64	95.50
Mildura	9,994	9,092	19,086	9,458	8,636	18,094	94.64	94.98	94.80
Moonee Ponds	10,692	11,332	22,024	10,009	10,665	20,674	93.61	94.11	93.87
Moorabbin	15,390	16,405	31,795	14,685	15,559	30,244	95.42	94.84	95.12
Mornington	11,974	12,710	24,684	11,083	11,760	22,843	92.56	92.58	92.54
Morwell	11,362	9,619	20,981	10,313	9,182	19,495	90.77	95.46	92.92
Murray Valley	10,733	10,333	21,066	10,231	9,778	20,009	95.32	94.63	94.98
Northcote	9,205	9,993	19,198	8,478	9,314	17,792	92.10	93.21	92.66

\* Uncontested.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 28TH  
MAY, 1955—*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.
Oakleigh .. .. .	9,333	10,428	19,761	8,985	9,811	18,796	96·27	94·08	95·12
Pascoe Vale .. ..	11,219	11,513	22,732	10,641	11,047	21,688	94·85	95·95	95·41
Polwarth .. .. .	10,588	9,814	20,402	10,106	9,437	19,543	95·45	96·16	95·79
Portland .. .. .	9,653	9,436	19,089	9,217	9,144	18,361	95·48	96·91	96·19
Port Melbourne ..	8,325	8,878	17,203	7,872	8,147	16,019	94·56	91·77	93·12
Prahran .. .. .	7,625	10,677	18,302	7,147	9,805	16,952	93·73	91·83	92·62
Preston .. .. .	11,232	12,202	23,434	10,688	11,679	22,367	95·16	95·71	95·45
Reservoir .. .. .	11,388	12,194	23,582	11,014	11,658	22,672	96·72	95·60	96·14
Richmond .. .. .	7,975	8,701	16,676	7,693	8,186	15,879	96·46	94·08	95·22
Ripponlea .. .. .	8,219	9,808	18,027	7,329	8,997	16,326	89·17	91·73	90·56
Rodney .. .. .	10,844	10,255	21,099	10,305	9,736	20,041	95·03	94·94	94·99
St. Kilda .. .. .	8,332	10,189	18,521	7,534	9,469	17,003	90·42	92·93	91·80
Sandringham .. ..	14,465	15,597	30,062	13,468	14,865	28,333	93·11	95·31	94·25
Scoresby .. .. .	16,895	17,282	34,177	15,561	16,426	31,987	92·10	95·05	93·59
Swan Hill .. .. .	9,994	8,853	18,847	9,381	8,424	17,805	93·87	95·15	94·47
Toorak .. .. .	7,710	10,795	18,505	6,990	9,919	16,909	90·66	91·89	91·38
Williamstown .. ..	10,015	9,702	19,717	9,353	9,364	18,717	93·39	96·52	94·93
Total all districts ..	691,034	731,554	1,422,588	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uncontested district ..	10,167	9,615	19,782	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total contested districts	680,867	721,939	1,402,806	639,535	679,402	1,318,937	93·93	94·11	94·02

UNCONTESTED DISTRICT.

District.	Member.
Gippsland South .. .. .	Sir H. J. T. Hyland



**Proportion of Voters at elections.** 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, 1856–1955.

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	1952 ..	93·59
				1955 ..	94·02

\* 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 52 of the 65 contested districts in the Legislative Assembly election of 28th May, 1955 there were more than two candidates.

In 22 of these the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded and consequently no further distribution of preferences was necessary. In ten of the remaining 30 contests the leading candidate, on the first count, was defeated after the second or subsequent preferences were distributed.

In each of the four remaining contests where a preferential count was required the leading candidate on the first count maintained his position after the distribution of subsequent preferences.

In eight of the fourteen contested provinces in the Legislative Council election of 18th June, 1955, there were more than two

candidates. In four of these, the successful candidate had an absolute majority. In each of the four remaining contests where a preferential count was required the leading candidate on the first count maintained his position after the distribution of subsequent preferences.

### VICTORIA—PARLIAMENTARY—BY—ELECTIONS.

By-elections held in Victoria since 22nd August, 1953, were as follows :—

#### Legislative Council—

14th August, 1954	..	Mr. J. A. Little, elected for Melbourne North Province
29th January, 1955	..	Mr. L. H. S. Thompson elected for Higinbotham Province
2nd April, 1955	..	Mr. C. S. Gawith, elected for Monash Province.

### PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Melbourne North Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	65,395	69,720	135,115
Number of voters .. .. .	55,247	58,321	113,568
Percentage of voters to total enrolment ..	84·48	83·65	84·05
Higinbotham Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	53,910	63,092	117,002
Number of voters .. .. .	45,090	52,002	97,092
Percentage of voters to total enrolment ..	83·64	82·42	82·98
Monash District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	46,364	59,792	106,156
Number of voters .. .. .	34,722	44,968	79,690
Percentage of voters to total enrolment ..	74·89	75·21	75·07

### 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.

Colonel W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D., was appointed Agent-General for Victoria in Great Britain as from 3rd February, 1956.