

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

The Present Constitution.

An article containing full information regarding the Present Constitution of Victoria appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 9 to 16.

ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 1931.

At the triennial elections for the Legislative Council, held on 6th June, 1931, nine seats were contested, eight members being returned unopposed. The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each province, also the number and proportion who voted in the provinces where elections were held:—

NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED AT THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 6TH JUNE, 1931.

Province.	Number of Electors on Rolls.	Number of Electors who voted.	Informal Votes.	Number who voted by Post.	Proportion of Electors who voted.
					Per cent.
East Yarra	68,487	..	..	..	..
Melbourne	22,619	10,933	78	763	48·34
" East	19,551	..	..	..	..
" North	64,113	22,551	137	388	35·17
" South	31,628	9,798	44	232	30·98
" West	36,180	11,477	93	382	31·72
Bendigo	11,771	..	..	..	..
Gippsland	18,309	..	..	..	..
Nelson	12,007	5,153	28	180	42·92
Northern	16,855	..	..	..	..
North-Eastern	13,669	..	..	..	..
North-Western	24,574	..	..	..	..
Southern	19,353	6,877	64	309	35·53
South-Eastern	57,158	..	..	..	..
South-Western	25,429	11,510	73	807	45·26
Wellington	12,171	7,305	40	502	60·02
Western	16,475	7,640	38	196	46·37
Total number of electors ..	470,349				
Less uncontested provinces (8)	230,374				
Total contested provinces ..	239,975	93,244	595	3,759	38·86

ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1929.

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly held on 30th November, 1929, there were contests in 45 of the 65 constituencies, each returning one member. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,029,170—496,996 males and 532,174 females—and in contested districts 93·72 per cent. of

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the number entitled recorded their votes, the proportion for males being 94.11 per cent. and for females 93.37 per cent. A statement showing the number of electors, the votes polled, and the percentage of the latter to the former in the different electoral districts appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, pages 9 and 10.

Compulsory Voting. Compulsory voting was again in operation at the general election for the Legislative Assembly on 30th November, 1929, this being the second general election at which it has been in operation.

Preferential and Absent Voting The preferential system of voting adopted in 1911 for Assembly elections, and, in 1921, made applicable to Council elections, is still in force. By the method in vogue previous to 1911 it was not unusual for a candidate to be elected who had received the support of only a minority of those voting. Under the present system a candidate is returned only if the result shows that the majority of those who have voted prefer him to the candidate who has received the next lower number of votes. An illustration of the system of voting is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 19.

In fourteen of the contests in the election of November, 1929, there were more than two candidates. In five of these the candidate who received the greatest number of votes had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In the nine remaining cases the distribution of ballot-papers of defeated candidates among non-defeated candidates next in order of voters' preference was put into operation, with the result that the candidates returned received an absolute majority of the votes recorded. In three of these cases the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second and subsequent preferences had been distributed.

Absent voting, the legislation for which was assented to on the 10th November, 1927, was applied generally for the first time at the Assembly general election in November, 1929. At that election 30,812 persons availed themselves of the new facilities afforded.

PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1866-1929.

During the period 1866 to 1927 twenty-five elections of the State Lower House were held. The proportions of electors who voted at each general election in districts in which elections were contested are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 20. At the general election held on 30th November, 1929, the proportions of electors of contested districts who voted was 93.72 per cent. The proportion who voted in such districts at the general election held in April, 1927, when compulsory voting was in operation for the first time, was 91.76 per cent.

DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS,
1856 TO 1929.

The duration of the twenty-ninth Parliament which was opened on the 6th July, 1927, and dissolved on 1st November, 1929, was 850 days and the number of days in session was 542. Similar information in regard to each of the other twenty-eight Parliaments since the establishment of responsible Government is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 21.

STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1930.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during 1930 :—

Act No.	Date.	
3854 ..	23rd April	.. The <i>Sewerage Authorities (Borrowing) Act 1930</i> relates to borrowing by Sewerage Authorities under the <i>Sewerage Districts Act 1928</i> and by the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.
3855 ..	23rd April	.. The <i>Game Act 1930</i> amends section forty-two of the <i>Game Act 1928</i> which provides for the regulation of the marketing, possession, and inspection of skins, &c., of any game, native game, or opossums.
3856 ..	6th May ..	.. The <i>Local Government (Railway Agreements) Act 1930</i> enables councils of municipalities to enter into agreements with the Victorian Railways Commissioners for contributing towards the cost of providing an additional railway station or executing any other work within the municipal district.
3857 ..	6th May ..	.. The <i>Blackburn and Mitcham Loan Act 1930</i> gives power to the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham by special order to apply to providing public baths the unexpended portion of money borrowed and received for other purposes.
3858 ..	6th May ..	.. The <i>Caulfield Loan Act 1930</i> authorizes the Council of the City of Caulfield on the making of a special order to apply to street construction the unexpended balance of money borrowed for drainage works.
3859 ..	12th May	.. The <i>Ballaarat Lands Act 1930</i> provides for the revocation of the reservation of certain lands used by the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society for Show Yards and the transfer to the Crown of certain lands held by the trustees of the Society.
3860 ..	20th May	.. The <i>Narre Worrان Land Act 1930</i> revokes the permanent reservation of portions of certain land in the Parish of Narre Worrان as a site for Police purposes and provides for the permanent reservation for public purposes of portions of the land and the granting of grazing licences in respect of part of the land.

Act No. Date.
3861 .. 20th May

.. The *Totalizator Act 1930* provides that the Governor in Council may direct any racing club to establish a totalizator or totalizators on any racecourse situated within thirty miles of Melbourne on which it holds race-meetings. Any racing club may apply for permission to establish or use totalizators. Every club using a totalizator is required to deduct 10 per cent. out of the moneys paid into the totalizator in respect to each race or division of a race, and within fourteen days after the race-meeting to pay 50 per cent. of the amount so deducted into the consolidated revenue. The balance of the amount deducted may be retained by the club and applied towards the cost of installation and upkeep of totalizators, maintenance of the racecourse, and in providing prizes for races. Provision is made for the transfer to The Hospital and Charities Fund of the amounts paid into the consolidated revenue under this Act. With regard to the payment of dividends it shall not be necessary to pay any fraction of a shilling unless such fraction amounts to or exceeds sixpence, in which case sixpence shall be paid. The amount of fractions of a shilling not paid by way of dividend shall be paid within fourteen days into the Dividends Adjustment Fund. All moneys payable by way of dividend which are unclaimed for one month shall be paid to the credit of the "Totalizator Unclaimed Dividends Fund." Any amounts standing to the credit of this Fund for a period longer than six months shall be paid into the consolidated revenue. Where through error in calculation the amount of any dividend declared payable is less or greater than the amount which should have been declared the difference shall in the first case be credited to and the second case debited against the "Dividends Adjustment Fund." If, in the opinion of the Auditor-General an error in calculating a dividend is occasioned by the negligence of an agent or servant of the club, any loss caused or contributed by such error shall be borne by the club. At the end of each succeeding six months from 31st December, 1930, the balance to the credit of the Dividends Adjustment Fund shall be paid into the consolidated revenue. A person under the age of 21 years who wagers by means of the totalizator shall be liable to a penalty of not less than £1 or more than £20 for a first offence and of not less than £5 or more than £50 for each subsequent offence.

3862 .. 27th May

.. The *Meringur to Morkalla Railway Construction Act 1930* authorizes the construction of a railway 5 ft. 3 in. gauge from Meringur to Morkalla at cost not exceeding £49,020, including £1,500 for rolling-stock.

Act No.	Date.	
3863	.. 2nd June	.. The <i>Wheat Advances Arrangements Act 1930</i> enables the Treasurer of Victoria to enter into arrangements with banks respecting advances to cultivators of land for purpose of enabling them to sow additional areas with wheat during 1930. The total amount payable under this Act shall not exceed in all £200,000.
3864	.. 2nd June	.. The <i>Victorian Government Loan (Debentures) Act 1930</i> authorizes the issue of debentures in favour of the Government of the Commonwealth in lieu of the creation and issue of Victorian Government Inscribed Stock under the <i>Victorian Government Loan Act 1928</i> .
3865	.. 2nd June	.. The <i>Preston Loan Act 1930</i> authorizes the Council of the City of Preston, on a special order being made to apply money borrowed for "plant for making concrete slabs, &c.," to street construction and the purchase of machines for making roads.
3866	.. 2nd June	.. The <i>Unemployment Relief Act 1930</i> provides for the taxation of gross incomes for the purpose of raising moneys for the relief of unemployment.
3867	.. 2nd June ..	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,545,175 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1930-31.
3868	.. 2nd June ..	.. The <i>Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1930</i> provides for raising moneys for the relief of unemployment by imposing on salary or wages of not less than £1 per week nor more than £6 per week, a stamp duty of 1d. on each £1 of weekly salary or wages and on each fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.
3869	.. 31st July	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,407,581 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1930-31.
3870	.. 19th August	.. This Act applies the sum of £173,268 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1929-30.
3871	.. 4th September	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,409,963 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1930-31.
3872	.. 11th September	.. The <i>Brighton Town Relief Fund Act 1930</i> makes provision for applying for relief of unemployed residents in the City of Brighton the moneys standing to the credit of the "Town Relief Fund" which was raised for the purpose of affording financial assistance to residents of Brighton who suffered loss on the occasion of severe storm on 2nd February, 1918.
3873	.. 30th September	.. The <i>Forests Act 1930</i> makes a minor amendment of sub-section (7) of section forty-eight of the <i>Forests Act 1928</i> .
3874	.. 30th September	.. The <i>Officers of the Department of Agriculture Act 1930</i> provides for the appointment of inspectors under the <i>Stock Diseases Act 1928</i> and <i>Shearers' Hut Accommodation Act 1928</i> as supervisors under Part II. of the <i>Milk and Dairy Supervision Act 1928</i> and <i>vice versa</i> .

Act No.	Date.	
3875	.. 8th October	.. The <i>Victoria Racing Club Act 1930</i> enables the Victoria Racing Club to install totalizators in accordance with the <i>Totalizator Act 1930</i> and increases the borrowing power of the club from £15,000 to £100,000.
3876	.. 8th October	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,227,573 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1930-31.
3877	.. 28th October	.. The <i>Colongulac Land Act 1930</i> provides for the revocation of reservations of certain land in the Parish of Colongulac, County of Hampden, temporarily reserved as a site for camping purposes and permanently reserved as a site for watering purposes and for its use for other purposes.
3878	.. 28th October	.. The <i>Oakleigh Land (Mechanics Institute) Act 1930</i> revokes the reservation of certain land in the City of Oakleigh permanently reserved as a site for a mechanics' institute and free library and provides for the transfer of that land and certain other land for reservation for municipal purposes and for the grant thereof to the Council of the City of Oakleigh.
3879	.. 3rd November	.. The <i>Stamps (Bookmakers' Licences) Act 1930</i> provides power with respect to the issue of a substitute licence or permit to any approved person nominated by a bookmaker to act during his illness.
3880	.. 3rd November	.. The <i>Cattle Compensation Act 1930</i> reduces the proportion of compensation payable by the Treasurer of Victoria, also the amount of compensation in respect of cattle ordered to be destroyed.
3881	.. 3rd November	.. The <i>Swine Act 1930</i> relates to the stamp duty payable on statements on sale of pigs and the carcasses of pigs.
3882	.. 3rd November	.. The <i>Water Supply Loan Application Act 1930</i> sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for irrigation works, water supply, drainage, and flood protection works in country districts for works under the River Murray Water Acts.
3883	.. 3rd November	.. The <i>Treasury Overdrafts Act 1930</i> authorizes the obtaining of temporary advances (whether by way of overdraft or otherwise) during any financial year pending the receipt of revenue in respect of that year.
3884	.. 6th November	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,325,640 out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year 1930-31.
3885	.. 18th November	.. The <i>Yarrawonga Land Act 1930</i> provides for the transfer to the Crown of certain lands at Yarrawonga and for the permanent reservation and grant thereof to the Council of the Shire of Yarrawonga for a site for municipal buildings.

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3886 ..	18th November	.. The <i>Wonthaggi Land Act</i> 1930 relates <i>inter alia</i> to the acquisition for the purposes of the State Coal Mine of certain lands at Wonthaggi.
3887 ..	18th November	.. The <i>Oddfellows Hall (Melbourne) Land Act</i> 1930 permits the use of buildings erected on land situated in Victoria-street, Melbourne, and permanently reserved as a site for Oddfellows Asylum and Hall for purposes other than those specified in the Crown grant, and provides that the net revenue derived from such use shall be applied to benevolent purposes.
3888 ..	1st December	.. The <i>Births Notification Act</i> 1930 applies to every municipal district in which there is an Infant Welfare Centre under the control of and subsidized by the council of the municipality of such district, and approved by the Minister of Health, requires notice of every birth of a child, whether the child is born dead or alive, to be given to the municipal clerk within forty-eight hours after the birth; provides for such notice to be sent to the nurse whose duty it is to visit the house to which the notice relates.
3889 ..	1st December	.. The <i>Finance Act</i> 1930 declares the rates of income tax for the year ending 30th June, 1931, and of land tax for the year ending 31st December, 1931, provides for the payment for a certain period of additional duty on estates of deceased persons and on settlements, alters the rate of entertainment tax from 2d. for the first 2s. and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for every 6d. or part of 6d. by which the payment for admission exceeds 2s. to 1d. for admission payments of 10d. to 1s. and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for every 6d. or part of 6d. by which the payment exceeds 1s., increases the stamp duties payable on bookmakers' licences and betting tickets.
3890 ..	1st December	.. The <i>Fees (Jury Cases) Act</i> 1930 increases the fees payable to jurors in the Supreme Court and County Court.
3891 ..	1st December	.. The <i>Ararat Land Act</i> 1930 provides for the purchase from the Crown by the Victorian Railways Commissioners of certain land, required for railway purposes, situated in the Town of Ararat.
3892 ..	1st December	.. The <i>Cemeteries Act</i> 1930 authorizes the application of surplus moneys in the hands of trustees of public cemeteries for the purchase of land for cemetery purposes.
3893 ..	4th December	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,321,221 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1930-31.
3894 ..	9th December	.. The <i>Club Tivoli Registration Act</i> 1930 makes provision with respect to registration under the <i>Licensing Act</i> 1928 of the Club Tivoli established on premises situated in Victoria-street, Abbotsford.

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3895	.. 9th December	.. The <i>Local Government (Breadth of Highways) Act 1930</i> provides for altering without expense to property owners the breadth of any carriage or footway that has been declared and made.
3896	.. 18th December	.. The <i>Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust Act 1930</i> makes provision for vesting in trustees all real and personal property situated in Victoria which was at the time of his death held by and immediately before the commencement of this Act stood in the name of William Bramwell Booth or was held by and stood in the name or names of any other person or persons in trust for the Salvation Army.
3897	.. 18th December	.. The <i>Business Agents Act 1930</i> provides for the licensing of agents or their sub-agents who undertake the selling, buying, or exchanging or who negotiate the sale, purchase or exchange of any hotel, boardinghouse, storekeeping, or manufacturing business or any trading business whatsoever, or any share or interest in or concerning or the goodwill of or any stocks connected with any of such businesses.
3898	.. 18th December	.. The <i>Boort Land Act 1930</i> provides <i>inter alia</i> for the revocation of the reservation of Crown lands in the Parish of Boort reserved as sites for a racecourse and other purposes of public recreation and for a pound respectively.
3899	.. 18th December	.. The <i>Hawkers and Pedlars Act 1930</i> relates to the granting of licences to hawkers.
3900	.. 18th December	.. The <i>Victorian Congregational Building Association Incorporation Act 1930</i> provides for the creation of a corporate body in which property belonging to the Victorian Congregational Building Association may be vested and for declaring the trusts in which such property is to be held.
3901	.. 18th December	.. The <i>Motor Car Act 1930</i> provides for the fixing on motor cars, at the registration or the renewal of registration, of identifying numbers and number-plates issued by the Chief Commissioner of Police; for the arrest of any person driving a motor car who having failed to produce his licence refuses to state his name and address when requested to do so by any member of the police force, that licence may be suspended on first conviction.
3902	.. 24th December	.. The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1930</i> relates to appeals by employees against dismissals, fines, &c., and to the construction of tramways under municipal guarantee.
3903	.. 24th December	.. The <i>Baptist Union Incorporation Act 1930</i> incorporates the Baptist Union of Victoria.
3904	.. 24th December	.. The <i>Kaniva Land Act 1930</i> provides <i>inter alia</i> for the revocation of the reservation of certain land in the Township of Kaniva permanently reserved as a site for a mechanics' institute.

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3905	24th December	.. The <i>Gritjurk Land Act</i> 1930 provides for the revocation of the temporary reservation and the permanent reservation of certain land in the Parish of Gritjurk reserved as a site for a common school.
3906	24th December	.. The <i>Mansfield Land Act</i> 1930 provides <i>inter alia</i> for the revocation of the reservation of certain Crown land in the Parish of Maindample permanently reserved as a site for a racecourse and other purposes of public recreation.
3907	24th December	.. The <i>Oakleigh Loan Act</i> 1930 gives power to the Council of the City of Oakleigh, on the making of a special order, to expend the balance of certain moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said moneys were borrowed.
3908	24th December	.. The <i>Coburg Loan Act</i> 1930 authorizes the applications by the Council of the City of Coburg of certain moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which such moneys were borrowed.
3909	24th December	.. The <i>Treasury Bonds Act</i> 1930 authorizes the issue of Treasury Bonds not exceeding in the whole the sum of £1,285,135 5s. 2d.
3910	24th December	.. The <i>Local Government (Commonwealth Loans) Act</i> 1930 enables municipalities to invest in Commonwealth loans.
3911	24th December	.. The <i>Victorian Loan (State Forests) Act</i> 1930 repeals the limitation of period during which moneys may be raised under the <i>Victorian Loan (State Forests) Act</i> 1924.
3912	24th December	.. The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Lands Act</i> 1930 provides for the closing of certain streets, roads, and tracks in several watershed areas and the vesting in the Board the lands forming the same.
3913	24th December	.. The <i>Stamps (Increased Duty Continuance) Act</i> 1930 provides for the continuance, from 30th June, 1931, to 31st December, 1935, of increased stamp duties on certain instruments.
3914	24th December	.. The <i>Licensing Fund Act</i> 1930 provides for the transfer from the Licensing Fund under the Licensing Acts to the consolidated revenue of a sum equal to the cost of licensing poll of 1930 and for the transfer of the surplus of the Fund for the year 1930-31.
3915	24th December	.. The <i>Lord Mayor's Fund Act</i> 1930 makes provision for the incorporation, regulation, and management of The Lord Mayor's Fund for Metropolitan Hospitals and Charities.
3916	31st December	.. The <i>Wild Flowers and Native Plants Protection Act</i> 1930 provides for the fixing by proclamation of a limited or unlimited period of protection of wild flowers, &c.
3917	31st December	.. The <i>Mornington Land Act</i> 1930 provides <i>inter alia</i> for the revocation of the reservation of certain Crown lands in the Township of Mornington reserved as a site for market purposes.

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3918 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Poisons Act 1930</i> forbids the sale or attempted sale in any street or from house to house of any narcotic or dangerous drug and provides for the more stringent control of the sale of poisonous substances and preparations and narcotic and dangerous drugs.
3919 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Queenscliffe Land Act 1930</i> provides for the revocation of the reservation of certain Crown lands in the Borough of Queenscliffe for the closing of portion of certain streets and for the reservation as a public park of parts of the land so dealt with.
3920 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Victorian Loan (Country Sewerage) Act 1930</i> authorizes the raising of money for sewerage works in country districts.
3921 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Public Authorities Marks Act 1930</i> relates to testing and the stamping or marking or use of articles, and materials for or in connexion with the works of certain public authorities.
3922 ..	31st December	.. The <i>State Electricity Commission (Funds and Accounts) Act 1930</i> relates to the repayment to the Treasurer of Victoria of the excess expenditure for the year 1922-23 of the State Electricity Commission.
3923 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1930</i> provides for the vesting in the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners of the bed, soil, and banks of portion of the Barwon River.
3924 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Wangaratta Church of England Land Act 1930</i> relates to the Trusts upon which certain lands at Wangaratta are held by the Church of England's Trusts Corporation.
3925 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Railway Loan Application Act 1930</i> sanctions the issue and application of £586,000 out of loan funds for railways and tramways and works.
3926 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Developmental Railways Act 1930</i> provides for the transfer to the consolidated revenue of certain moneys out of the Developmental Railways Account.
3927 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Morwell Land Act 1930</i> provides for the closing of portion of a certain street in the township of Morwell and for the reservation of portion of it as a site for State school purposes.
3928 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Special Funds (Teachers' Residences) Act 1930</i> , abolishes Teachers' Residences Fund and provides for the moneys to credit of the Fund to be paid into the consolidated revenue.
3929 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Income Tax Act 1930</i> provides <i>inter alia</i> for the fixing of the taxable income by the Commissioner of companies controlled from abroad when the business of the company can be so arranged and is so arranged that it produces either no taxable income or less than the ordinary taxable income which might be expected to arise from the business.

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3930 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1930</i> provides that the construction of every Act passed before or after the commencement of this Act shall be subject to the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.
3931 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Cultivation Advances Act 1930</i> provides for advances being made to farmers, in areas affected by adverse climatic conditions, to enable them during the year 1931 to fallow or crop their farms or effect necessary improvements. The advances are made by way of loans bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.
3932 ..	31st December	.. The <i>South Australian and Victorian Border Railways Act 1930</i> provides carrying out of an agreement relating to the working of certain border railways, entered into between the Governments of the States of Victoria and South Australia.
3933 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Real Estate Agents Act 1930</i> provides that any person who, with the intention of inducing a prospective purchaser to buy an allotment of land or any interest in an allotment, knowingly makes any false representation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty of not more than £100 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than twelve months.
3934 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Victorian Loan (Electricity Supply) and Application Act 1930</i> authorizes the raising of a sum not exceeding £1,160,000 for certain works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.
3935 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Melbourne Electric Supply Company Act 1930</i> relates to the notification and validation of certain agreements which vest in the State Electricity Commission undertakings of The Melbourne Electric Supply Company Limited.
3936 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Workers' Compensation (Insurance and Reserve Funds) Act 1930</i> provides for the transfer during the financial year 1930-31 to the consolidated revenue of the sum of £50,000 out of certain funds under the <i>Workers' Compensation Act 1928</i> .
3937 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Victorian Government Special Inscribed Stock Act 1930</i> provides for the increases in the annual rate of interest payable on stock issued under this Act from 4 per cent. to 5½, 5¼ and 5 per cent. for fixed periods of investment of 2, 10 and 20 years respectively.
3938 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Closer Settlement (Financial) Act 1930</i> authorizes an increase of £400,000 in the borrowing powers under the Closer Settlement Acts.
3939 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Melbourne Harbor Trust (Overdraft) Act 1930</i> authorizes an increase in the limit of bank overdraft of the Board.

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3940 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Municipal Endowment (Temporary Discontinuance) Act 1930</i> provides for the discontinuance of the payment of endowment to municipalities for the financial year 1930-31.
3941 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board Act 1930</i> provides for the continuance in office of members of the Board.
3942 ..	31st December	.. The <i>University Act Amendment Act 1930</i> provides for the validation of non-payment of moneys out of consolidated revenue into the University, Students' Loan Fund in financial years commencing on 1st July, 1928, and on 1st July, 1929, and for the granting of moneys from consolidated revenue for the purposes of or in connexion with a University Veterinary Research Institute.
3943 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Statute Law Revision Act 1930</i> provides for amendments to be made in the Acts mentioned in the Schedule to this Act.
3944 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Country Roads Board Fund Act 1930</i> provides for the payment into the consolidated revenue and Rivers and Streams Fund of certain fees which were previously paid into the Country Roads Board Fund.
3945 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Special and Other Appropriations Reduction Act 1930</i> provides for rateable reductions from 1st October, 1930, to 30th June, 1931, in salaries disbursements payable to Ministers of the Crown, Members of Parliament, and certain Public Officers.
3946 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Public Service Payments Reduction Act 1930</i> provides for rateable reductions, from 1st October, 1930, to 30th June, 1931, in the pay of Officers of the Public Service and certain other Officers, who are not within the operation of the <i>Special and Other Appropriations Reduction Act 1930</i> .
3947 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Superannuation Act 1930</i> provides that officers may elect to contribute for a less number of units of pension in certain cases of reduction of salary.
3948 ..	31st December	.. The <i>Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930</i> , increases nearly all the rates of unemployment relief tax by more than 100 per cent. Provides for the appointment of Unemployment Relief Works Board and for the establishment and maintenance of camps for unmarried unemployed workers.
3949 ..	31st December	.. This Act applies a sum not exceeding £8,914,008 out of the consolidated revenue to service of the year 1930-31 and provides for the appropriation of all sums amounting to £17,324,429 granted out of consolidated revenue by this Act and the other Acts mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act.

OFFICIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

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

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Charles Joseph La Trobe ..	30th September, 1839	5th May, 1854
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (acting)	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B.	22nd June, 1854 ..	31st December, 1855*
Major-General Edward Macarthur (acting)	1st January, 1856 ..	26th December, 1856
Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. ..	26th December, 1856	10th September, 1863
Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.B.	11th September, 1863	7th May, 1866
Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (acting)	7th May, 1866 ..	15th August, 1866
The Honorable Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B.	15th August, 1866 ..	2nd March, 1873
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	3rd March, 1873 ..	19th March, 1873
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.	31st March, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry, Kt. (acting)	3rd January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	11th January, 1875..	14th January, 1876
The Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, G.C.M.G., P.C.	27th February, 1879	18th April, 1884
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	18th April, 1884 ..	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, { G.C.M.G., K.C.B.	15th July, 1884 ..	8th March, 1889
	18th October, 1889	15th November, 1889
Sir William Cleaver Francis / Robinson, G.C.M.G. (acting) {	9th March, 1889 ..	17th October, 1889
	16th November, 1889	27th November, 1889
The Right Honorable John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	28th November, 1889	12th July, 1895
The Honorable John Madden, { LL.D. (acting)	26th January, 1893..	11th May, 1893
	27th March, 1895 ..	24th October, 1895
The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B.	25th October, 1895	31st March, 1900

* Died on this date.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (acting)	29th December, 1896	16th February, 1897
	27th September, 1897	10th October, 1897
	23rd March, 1898 ..	21st October, 1898
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	15th January, 1900 ..	10th December, 1901
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.	10th December, 1901	24th November, 1903
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	24th November, 1903	25th April, 1904
Major-General Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B.	25th April, 1904 ..	6th July, 1908
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	20th March, 1907 ..	18th November, 1907
	6th July, 1908 ..	27th July, 1908
	19th May, 1911 ..	24th May, 1911
	28th August, 1913 ..	23rd February, 1914
	27th July, 1908 ..	19th May, 1911
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, K.C.M.G.	24th May, 1911 ..	31st January, 1914
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Baronet	23rd February, 1914	30th January, 1920
Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G.*		
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)†	30th July, 1919 ..	24th February, 1921
	1st April, 1923 ..	24th October, 1923
	8th April, 1926 ..	27th June, 1926
	26th April, 1929 ..	27th October, 1929
	3rd October, 1930 ..	21st January, 1931
	24th February, 1921	7th April, 1926
The Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E.‡	28th June, 1926 ..	23rd June, 1931
Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.§		
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor	24th June, 1931	

NOTE.—Captain William Lonsdale, formerly of the 4th Regiment, was appointed Police Magistrate of the District of Port Phillip on 9th September, 1836, and assumed office on the 29th of the same month. In that capacity he was in charge of the District until the appointment of Mr. C. J. La Trobe as Superintendent. Subsequently, Captain Lonsdale acted as Superintendent during the temporary absence of Mr. La Trobe, who was called on to administer the Government of Tasmania from the 13th October, 1846, to the 24th January, 1847.

* On leave of absence for six months from 30th July, 1919.

† Sir William H. Irvine was appointed Lieutenant-Governor to act in the absence of the Governor, by Commission dated 11th May, 1918.

‡ On leave of absence from 1st April, 1923, to 24th October, 1923.

§ On leave from 26th April, 1929, to 27th October, 1929, and administered the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia from 3rd October, 1930, to 21st January, 1931.

MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

In the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 29, appears a statement which 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. The office which each Minister held and the date of assumption of office are also shown.

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

During the period 28th November, 1855, to 22nd November, 1928, the number of Ministries was 45. A list showing the name of the Premier in each Ministry, the date of assumption of and retirement from office and the duration of office appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 30 and 31. The forty-sixth Ministry, in which Sir W. M. McPherson, K.B.E., was Premier, assumed office on the 22nd November, 1928, and retired therefrom on the 12th December, 1929, after 385 days of office. The date of assumption of office of the forty-seventh and existing Ministry, in which the Hon. E. J. Hogan is Premier, was 12th December, 1929. This Ministry consists of the following members:—

HOGAN MINISTRY.

Name.	Office.
Hogan, Edmond John, M.L.A. ..	Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Markets.
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, M.L.A. ..	Chief Secretary.
Lemmon, John, M.L.A. ..	Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Labour.
Bailey, Henry Stephen, M.L.A. ..	President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Water Supply.
Slater, William, M.L.A. ..	Minister of Agriculture, Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General.
Cain, John, M.L.A. ..	Minister of Railways, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
Jones, John Percy, M.L.C. ..	Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Mines, Minister in Charge of Immigration, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
Williams, Robert, M.L.C. ..	Minister of Forests, Minister of Public Health, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
Kiernan, Esmond Lawrence, M.L.C.	Minister without Portfolio.
McNamara, Daniel Laurence, M.L.C.	Minister without Portfolio.
Webber, Gordon Charles, M.L.A. ..	Minister without Portfolio.
Pollard, Reginald Thomas, M.L.A. ..	Minister without Portfolio.

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

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1931.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President : Hon. Sir F. G. Clarke, K.B.E.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Bendigo	Hon. Lieut.-Col. G. V. Lansell, V.D.	1934
	Hon. H. Keck	1937
East Yarra	Hon. C. H. A. Eager	1934
	Hon. W. H. Edgar (Chairman of Committees)	1937
Gippsland	Hon. M. McGregor	1934
	Hon. G. M. Davis	1937
Melbourne	Hon. H. H. Smith	1934
	Hon. H. I. Cohen, K.C.	1937
Melbourne East	Hon. J. P. Jones (Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Mines, Minister in Charge of Immigration)	1934
	Hon. D. L. McNamara (Minister without Portfolio)	1937
Melbourne North	Hon. E. L. Kiernan (Minister without Portfolio)	1934
	Hon. H. H. Olney	1937
Melbourne South	Hon. H. F. Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.	1934
	Hon. Sir F. G. Clarke, K.B.E. (President)	1937
Melbourne West	Hon. R. Williams (Minister of Forests, Minister of Public Health)	1934
	Hon. J. H. Disney	1937
Nelson	Hon. H. A. Currie, M.C.	1934
	Hon. E. G. Bath	1937
Northern	Hon. R. Kilpatrick	1934
	Hon. G. J. Tuckett	1937
North-Eastern	Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris	1934
	Hon. A. M. Zwar	1937
North-Western	Hon. W. J. McCann	1934
	Hon. G. L. Goudie	1937
Southern	Hon. W. C. Angliss	1934
	Hon. W. L. R. Clarke	1937
South-Eastern	Hon. W. Tyner	1934
	Hon. A. E. Chandler	1937
South-Western	Hon. H. F. Richardson	1934
	Hon. G. S. McArthur	1937
Wellington	Hon. F. W. Brawn	1934
	Hon. A. J. Pittard	1937
Western	Hon. M. Saltan	1934
	Hon. W. J. Williamson	1937

Clerk of the Legislative Council : P. T. Pook.

Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Committees, and Usher : H. B. Jamieson.

Clerk of the Records and Clerk Assistant at the Table : R. S. Sarah.

Clerk of the Papers : L. V. Hoyle.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1931—*continued.*

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Speaker : Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, K.C.M.G.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park	A. K. Wallace
Allandale	Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, K.C.M.G. (Speaker).
Ballarat	W. J. McAdam.
Barwon	T. K. Maltby.
Benalla	E. F. Cleary.
Benambra	Hon. H. Beardmore.
Bendigo	A. E. Cook.
Boroondara	Hon. R. Linton.
Brighton	Hon. I. Macfarlan.
Brunswick	J. R. Jewell.
Bulla-Dalhousie	Hon. R. T. Pollard (Minister without Portfolio).
Carlton	R. H. Solly.
Castlemaine and Kyneton	J. E. Satchell.
Caulfield	H. D. Luxton.
Clifton Hill	M. M. Blackburn.
Coburg	F. Keane.
Collingwood	Hon. T. Tunnecliffe (Chief Secretary).
Dandenong	H. M. Crenean.
Dundas	Hon. W. Slater (Minister of Agriculture, Attorney-General and Solicitor-General).
Essendon	A. S. Drakeford.
Evelyn	W. H. Everard.
Flemington	J. J. Holland.
Footscray	Hon. G. M. Prendergast.
Geelong	W. Brownbill (Chairman of Committees).
Gippsland East	A. E. Lind.
Gippsland North	J. W. McLachlan.
Gippsland South	H. J. T. Hyland.
Gippsland West	M. Bennett.
Goulburn Valley	Colonel Hon. M. W. J. Bourchier, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Grant	R. T. Hjorth.
Gunbower	Hon. H. Angus.
Hampden	T. C. Manifold.
Hawthorn	J. A. Gray.
Heidelberg	Hon. G. C. Webber (Minister without Portfolio).
Kara Kara-Borong	Hon. J. W. Pennington, O.B.E.
Kew	W. S. Kent Hughes.
Korong-Eaglehawk	A. A. Dunstan.
Lowan	Hon. M. E. Wettenthal.
Maryborough-Daylesford	G. C. Frost.
Melbourne	T. Hayes.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1931—*continued.*THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Name of Electoral District	Name of Member.
Mildura	A. G. Allnutt.
Mornington	H. Downward.
Northcote	Hon. J. Cain (Minister of Railways, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings).
Nunawading	Hon. R. G. Menzies, K.C.
Oakleigh	S. H. Reid.
Ouyen	H. Glowrey.
Polwarth	Hon. J. McDonald.
Port Fairy-Glenelg	E. E. Bond.
Port Melbourne	J. L. Murphy.
Prahran	A. R. Jackson.
Richmond	E. J. Cotter.
Rodney	Hon. J. Allan.
St. Kilda	B. Gray.
Stawell and Ararat	Hon. R. F. Toutcher.
Swan Hill	Hon. F. E. Old.
Toorak	Hon. Sir. S. S. Argyle, K.B.E.
Upper Goulburn	Hon. E. J. Mackrell.
Upper Yarra	Hon. Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Knox.
Walhalla	W. A. Moneur.
Wangaratta-Ovens	L. V. Diffey.
Waranga	E. A. Coyle.
Warrenheip-Grenville	Hon. E. J. Hogan (Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Markets).
Warrnambool	Hon. H. S. Bailey (President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Water Supply).
Williamstown	Hon. J. Lemmon (Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Labour).
Wonthaggi	W. G. McKenzie.

Clerk of Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly : W. R. Alexander, J.P.

Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Private Bills : G. R. Webb.

Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms : F. E. Wanke.

Reader : T. J. Landy.

Accountant and Assistant Clerk of Committees : P. P. Conlan.

Clerk of the Papers : H. K. McLachlan.

Chief *Hansard* Reporter : A. H. Angel.

Librarian : E. L. Frazer, B.A.

Secretary to the Committee of Public Accounts : E. Kennedy, F.C.I., A.F.I.A.