

Victorian Year-Book, 1947-48.

PART I.

GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, AREA, AND CLIMATE.

**Area of
Victoria.**

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

The most southerly point of Wilson's Promontory, in latitude 39 deg. 8 min. S., longitude 146 deg. 26 min. E., is the southernmost point of Victoria and likewise of the Australian continent; the northernmost point is where the western boundary of the State meets the Murray, latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S., longitude 140 deg. 58 min. E.; the point furthest east is Cape Howe, situated in latitude 37 deg. 31 min. S., longitude 149 deg. 59 min. E. The westerly boundary lies upon the meridian 140 deg. 58 min. E., and extends from latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S. to latitude 38 deg. 4 min. S., a distance of 280 miles.

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

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

The relative humidity in Victoria is usually low in hot weather, though warm humid conditions may occasionally be experienced in summer. The average 3 p.m. relative humidity in January is below 30 per cent. in Northern Victoria, but south of the divide increases towards the coast from 40 to over 70 per cent. at Wilson's Promontory and Gabo Island.

Prevailing winds are southerly from November to February inclusive, with a moderate percentage of northerlies often associated with high temperatures. Considerable fluctuations of temperature occur with changes of wind in the summer months. Northerly or

westerly winds predominate from March to October inclusive. Snow falls on the mountains in the winter and spring months, but is of rare occurrence in low level parts of the State.

At Melbourne the highest shade temperature recorded in the 92 years ended 1946 was 114·1 deg. Fahr. on 13th January, 1939, and the lowest 27 deg. on 21st July, 1869. On the average, temperatures of 90 deg. or over are recorded on nineteen days per year and over 100 deg. on four days per year. Night temperatures fall below 32 deg. on about two nights per year and remain above 70 deg. also on only two nights per year.

High wet bulb temperatures are infrequent, such temperatures exceeding 75 deg. on only about two occasions in three years. The average relative humidity of the atmosphere on a summer afternoon is 50 per cent. but on very warm days it may fall to 10 per cent. or lower: in June and July in the morning it is 82 or 83 per cent. Fogs occur on four or five mornings per month in May, June, and July (twenty occurrences in June, 1937) and on 21 days per year. The average number of hours of sunshine per day is 5·6 and the average wind speed is 8·2 m.p.h. Gusts occasionally exceed 60 m.p.h., the highest on record being 72 m.p.h. on 30th May, 1923. Rain on the average falls on 142 days per year, the annual average amount being 25·55 inches.

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

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF VICTORIA.

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

MOUNTAINS AND HILLS, RIVERS AND LAKES.

The highest mountain in Victoria is Mount Bogong, situated in the county of the same name, 6,509 feet above sea-level; the next highest peaks are—Mount Feathertop, 6,306 feet; Mount Nelson 6,170 feet; Mount Fainter 6,160 feet; Mount Hotham, 6,100 feet; Mount McKay, 6,030 feet; and Mount Cope, 6,027 feet; all situated in the same county; also the Cobboras, 6,030 feet, situated between the counties of Benambra and Tambo. These, so far as is known, are the only peaks which exceed 6,000 feet in height, although, according to a list which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, there are 39 peaks between 5,000 and 6,000 feet high, and 40 between 4,000 and 5,000 feet high. It is known, moreover, that there are many peaks rising

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and Hills.**

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

Rivers.

The Rivers of the State form two main systems—those flowing north into or toward the Murray River and those flowing south toward the sea. The chief use of these streams is as suppliers of water for irrigation to towns and townships, and for domestic and stock purposes, either by direct diversion or after storage in reservoirs. Owing to the variability of the season and the absence of perpetual snow, the flows vary greatly from season to season and from year to year. The largest stream in Australia is the Murray, which forms the northern boundary of the State and has a total length of 1,609 miles, of which 1,211 miles are along the border. Its waters, under an Interstate agreement, are shared by New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. The longest and one of the most reliable streams in Victoria is the Goulburn, which enters the Murray near Echuca. The average annual flow of the Goulburn is 2,300,000 acre feet, and it has varied from 6,200,000 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. These have been added to by the aforementioned water supply reservoirs, several of which, both in size and beauty, compare most favourably with the natural lakes. The lakes have various origins; some, such as Corangamite and Colac in the south-west, are of volcanic origin; others, such as the Kerang Lakes, form part of old river courses and are filled at flood periods. On the other hand the Gippsland Lakes form an estuary for a number of rivers, and are separated from the sea by only a narrow belt of sand dunes.

The main lakes formed by reservoirs are at Eildon, Nagambie, and Waranga in the Goulburn River system, at the Hume, Yarrawonga, Torrumbarry, and Mildura on the Murray River, at

Laanecoorie on the Loddon River, at Malmsbury on the Coliban River, at Glenmaggie on the Macallister River, at Melton on the Werribee River and at Lonsdale and Wartook in the Grampians Mountains. In addition, there are reservoirs at Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan. These are the five main storage basins contributing to the metropolitan water supply system.

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

THE HISTORY OF VICTORIA.

An article on this subject contributed by Professor Ernest Scott, late Professor of History in the University of Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, pages 1 to 31.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF LEADING EVENTS.

A chronological table of leading events connected with the discovery and the history of Victoria for the years 1770 to 1934 inclusive, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34. Since then the principal happenings of the year in the State have been recorded in the *Year-Book* relating thereto.

Some of the principal events in Victorian and Australian history from 1st July, 1948, to 30th June, 1949, were as follow:—

1948.

24th July	..	Death of Air Vice-Marshal S. J. Goble.
29th July	..	Opening of the London Olympic Games by King George VI.
7th August	..	By-election in the East Yarra Province for the Legislative Council resulted in the election of Mr. E. P. Cameron.
11th August	..	The Full High Court declared invalid certain sections of the <i>Commonwealth Banking Act 1947</i> .
23rd August	..	Premiers' Conference (53rd) opened at Canberra.
30th August	..	Cr. J. S. Disney elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
2nd September	..	The D.C. 3 Airliner Lutana crashed into Mt. Ben Evers, near Tamworth, N.S.W. and all occupants (10 passengers and 3 crew) were killed.
20th September	..	Responsibility for price control reverted to State Governments.
9th October	..	Death of Mrs. F. E. Brownbill, M.L.A. for Geelong.
8th November	..	D.C. 3 Airliner Kurana crash landed at Mount Macedon. The Pilot and the Co-pilot were killed and ten of the nineteen passengers were injured.

1948.

- 13th November .. Geelong by-election for the Legislative Assembly resulted in the election of Mr. E. H. Montgomery.
- 14th November .. Birth of Prince Charles Philip Arthur George to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.
- 16th November .. Death of Mr. W. Quirk, M.L.A. for Prahran.
- 22nd November .. Dr. H. C. Coombs appointed Governor of the Commonwealth Bank in succession to Mr. H. T. Armitage.
- 29th November .. Australia's first mass-produced motor car, the "Holden", publicly shown.
- 23rd December .. Execution in Tokyo of General Tojo, Japan's wartime Premier, and six other Japanese war leaders.

1949.

- 1st January .. The New Year's honours list included knighthoods for Dr. J. C. V. Behan, former warder of Trinity College; Professor Bernard Heinze, who occupies the Ormond Chair of Music at Melbourne University; the Hon. Norman Martin, Agent General for Victoria in London; and Mr. E. G. Knox, M.B.E., Managing Director and Editor in Chief of the "Argus".
- 22nd January .. Prahran by-election for the Legislative Assembly resulted in the election of Mr. F. Crean.
- 7th February .. Mr. Arthur Dean L.L.M., K.C., appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- 22nd February .. Coastal Steamer Bombo foundered off Wollongong in heavy seas. Twelve of the crew of fourteen lost their lives.
- 4th March .. Mr. Stanley Lewis, 71; oldest barrister in active practice in Melbourne, appointed King's Council.
- 10th March .. Twenty-one persons incinerated when plane crashed near Bilinga Aerodrome, Queensland.
- 13th March .. Death of Sir Sidney Sewell, noted authority on tuberculosis.
- 19th March .. Death of Lt. Colonel E. Newland, V.C.
- 29th March .. Death of Mr. V. Galbraith, Chairman of Forests Commission.
- 6th April .. Death of Dr. Crawford Henry Mollison, Government Pathologist.
- 28th April .. Melbourne awarded the 1956 Olympic Games.
- 30th April .. Death of Sir George Louis Goudie, M.L.C.
- 4th May .. Death of Sir Raymond Connelly, former Lord Mayor of Melbourne.
- 14th May .. Death of Mr. J. R. Jewell M.L.A., for Brunswick.
- 18th May .. Australia's first aircraft carrier, H.M.A.S. Sydney arrived in Melbourne.
- 19th May .. State Executive Council appointed Sir Charles Lowe as Royal Commissioner to inquire into Communist activities in Victoria.

1949.

- 1st June .. Death of Chief Judge Drake-Brockman at the age of 65 years.
- 6th June .. The Full High Court declared invalid Commonwealth regulations dealing with petrol rationing.
- 8th June .. King's birthday honours list included the following Victorian recipients :—Sir Edmund Herring, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, Sir Gordon Keith Snow, K.B., Sir Thomas Maltby, K.B., Mr. Norman Charles Harris, C.M.G., Mrs. Mary Dora Daly, C.B.E., Lady Angliss, C.B.E., Mr. Francis Arthur Jenkins, O.B.E., Miss Agnes Morgan, O.B.E., Cr. John James Young, O.B.E., Mr. Garnett Hannell Carroll, O.B.E., Mr. Percy Dodds, M.B.E., Mr. Joseph Francis Lovewell, M.B.E., Mrs. Ida Myra Mitchell, M.B.E., Mr. Laurie Lachlan Chapman, I.S.O.
- 16th June .. Australian mine workers, by a 16 to 1 majority, voted to stage a general coal strike.
- 17th June .. Mr. Justice Kelly appointed Chief Judge of the Arbitration Court.
- 18th June .. Legislative Council elections held. New members elected were Mr. J. W. Galbally (Melbourne North); Mr. H. D. Ludbrook (Ballarat) and Mr. W. Slater (Doutta Galla).
- 20th June .. Mr. R. J. Risson appointed Chairman of the Melbourne Tramways Board.
- 27th June .. General strike of coal miners throughout Australia began.
- 29th June .. National Emergency (Coal Strike) Bill to "freeze" union funds for the purpose of preventing financial assistance being given to striking coal miners.

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.

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

Constitutional History. Regular Government of the district of Port Phillip, then part of the Crown Colony of New South Wales, was first established in 1836, when Captain Lonsdale was sent from Sydney to act as Resident Magistrate. On 1st July, 1851, following upon an Act of the Imperial Parliament, dated 5th August, 1850, and entitled "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies", the district of Port Phillip was separated from New South Wales and erected into and formed a separate colony known and designated as the Colony of Victoria.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act afore-mentioned, the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales passed the Victoria Electoral Act of 1851, which provided that the Legislative Council of Victoria should consist of 30 members, ten to be appointed by Her Majesty and twenty to be elected.

In 1852 the Imperial Government decided to invite each of the Australian Colonies to frame such a Constitution for its government as its representatives might deem best suited to its own peculiar circumstances.* The Constitution framed in Victoria, approved by the British Parliament and proclaimed in Victoria on the 23rd November, 1855, was avowedly based upon that of the United Kingdom. It provided for the establishment of two Houses of Legislature with power "to make laws, in and for Victoria in all cases whatsoever" subject to the assent of the Crown as represented generally by the Governor of the Colony; the Legislative Council, or Upper House, to consist of thirty, and the Legislative Assembly, or Lower House, of sixty members: members of both Houses to be elective and to possess property qualifications: electors of both Houses to possess either property or professional qualifications, the property qualification of both members and electors being lower in the case of the Assembly than in that of the Council: the Council not to be dissolved, but five members to retire every two years and to be eligible for re-election: the Assembly to be dissolved every five years, or oftener, at the discretion of the Governor: certain officers of the Government, four at least of whom should have seats in Parliament, to be deemed "Responsible Ministers": any member of either House accepting an office of profit under the Crown to vacate his seat, but to be capable of being re-elected.

* *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.

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, the need for reducing the numbers of members in the States' Houses and for the reform of their constitutions was made manifest. Accordingly, in Victoria, there was passed the *Constitution Act* 1903, which provided for a reduction in the number of responsible ministers from ten to eight, and their salaries from £10,400 to £8,800; in the number of members of the Legislative Council from 48 to 35, but an increase in the number of electoral provinces from 14 to 17, each being represented by two members elected for six years—one retiring every three years by rotation, except at a general election when one half of the members were to be elected for only three years. The property qualification of members of the Council was reduced from £110 to £50 as the annual value of the freehold, and that of electors qualifying as lessees or occupying tenants from an annual value of £25 to one of £15. A reduction was also made in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly from 95 to 68 and in that of the electoral districts from 84 to 65.

Power was given to any Minister who was a member of the Assembly to sit in the Council—or *vice versa*—in order to explain the provisions of any measure connected with any department administered by him. The Council was empowered to suggest alterations in any Appropriation Bill, viz. (a) when in Committee, (b) on the report of the Committee, (c) on the third reading. The remedy provided to meet disagreements between the two Houses was the simultaneous dissolution of both after a Bill had been twice submitted to and rejected by the Council—viz., once before, and once after a dissolution of the Assembly in consequence of such first rejection.

The present Constitution. Although modifications of the Constitution of 1903 have been made from time to time, its essential framework is very little changed. A detailed description of the present Constitution will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 9 to 16. The principal modifications since 1903 are as follow:—

1908. The *Adult Suffrage Act* 1908, No. 2185, conferred the suffrage on women aged 21 years and upwards for all elections of the Assembly, and also placed them on an equality with men at elections of the Legislative Council.
1910. The *Electoral Act* 1910, No. 2288, now incorporated in The Constitution Act, provided (a) that every person of the full age of 21 years, a natural born or naturalized subject of His Majesty, and who had resided in Victoria for the six months and in any district for one month immediately preceding the date of any electoral canvass or of his claim for enrolment, was entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly; and (b) for voting by post at elections for the Legislative Council or Assembly.
1911. The system of preferential voting at elections for the Assembly was provided for by Act No. 2321. (In 1921, by Act No. 3139, this system was made applicable at elections for the Council.)
1920. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1919 (No. 3044) provided for the payment to any member of the Assembly who is for the time being the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition (in addition to reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his parliamentary duties) of any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of his services as such leader.

1920. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1920* (No. 3118) (a) increased the amount for Ministerial salaries to £10,000; (b) increased the amount of reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Assembly to £500 per annum.
1922. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1922* (No. 3218) provided for reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Council at the rate of £200 per annum.
1923. *The Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Act 1923* (No. 3337) provided that no woman by reason only of sex or marriage should be disqualified or disabled from or be incapable of being a candidate at any election whether for the Council or the Assembly or being elected a member of the Council or the Assembly or voting therein if elected.
1926. *The Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Act 1926* (No. 3488) made it compulsory for every elector to record his vote at every election for which he is entitled to vote. (The compulsory provision was extended to elections of the Legislative Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350)).
1927. *The Electoral (Absent Voters) Act 1927* (No. 3525) provided for the voting by absent voters at elections for the Assembly. (This provision was extended to elections of the Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350)).
1935. *The Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Act 1935* (No. 4334) allows Railway Employés and Civil Servants to contest any parliamentary election without having first to resign from the service.
1936. *The Responsible Ministers of the Crown Act 1936* (No. 4367) increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from eight to nine, and the maximum total amount of salaries paid to such Ministers from £10,000 to £11,250.
1937. *The Constitution (Reform) Act 1937* (No. 4533) altered the procedure to be adopted in the event of a disagreement between the two Houses of Parliament. In addition, the qualifications of members of the

Council were widened by reducing the age of qualification from 30 to 21 years, and the property qualifications from £50 to £25. The deposit required from a candidate for election to the Council was reduced from £100 to £50.

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. Increases are provided for the party and Government whips and 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 that 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.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

Governors of Victoria.

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

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Charles Joseph La Trobe ..	30th September, 1839 ..	5th May, 1854
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (Acting) ..	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B.	22nd June, 1854 ..	31st December, 1855
Major-General Edward Macarthur (Acting)	1st January, 1856 ..	26th December, 1856
Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. ..	26th December, 1856 ..	10th September, 1863
Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.B. ..	11th September, 1863 ..	7th May, 1866
Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (Acting)	7th May, 1866 ..	15th August, 1866
The Honorable Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B.	15th August, 1866 ..	2nd March, 1873
Sir William Foster Stawell (Acting) ..	3rd March, 1873 ..	19th March, 1873
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.	31st March, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry (Acting) ..	3rd January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell (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 (Acting) ..	18th April, 1884 ..	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. }	15th July, 1884 ..	8th March, 1889
Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (Acting) }	18th October, 1889 ..	15th November, 1889
The Right Honorable John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	9th March, 1889 ..	17th October, 1889
The Honorable John Madden, LL.D. (Acting) }	16th November, 1889 ..	27th November, 1889
The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B. }	28th November, 1889 ..	12th July, 1895
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (Acting) }	26th January, 1893 ..	11th May, 1893
The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B. }	27th March, 1895 ..	24th October, 1895
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. (Acting) }	25th October, 1895 ..	31st March, 1900
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) }	29th December, 1896 ..	16th February, 1897
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S. }	27th September, 1897 ..	10th October, 1897
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) }	23rd March, 1898 ..	21st October, 1898
Major-General Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B. }	15th January, 1900 ..	10th December, 1901
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) }	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
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, K.C.M.G. }	6th July, 1908 ..	27th July, 1908
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) }	27th July, 1908 ..	19th May, 1911
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, Baronet, K.C.M.G. }	19th May, 1911 ..	24th May, 1911
The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) }	24th May, 1911 ..	31st January, 1914
Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G. }	28th August, 1913 ..	23rd February, 1914
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) }	23rd February, 1914 ..	30th January, 1920
The Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E. }	30th July, 1919 ..	24th February, 1921
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting) }	24th February, 1921 ..	7th April, 1926
Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. }	1st April, 1923 ..	24th October, 1923
	8th April, 1926 ..	27th June, 1926
	28th June, 1926 ..	23rd June, 1931

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	26th April, 1929 .. 3rd October, 1930 ..	27th October, 1929 .. 21st January, 1931 ..
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor	24th June, 1931 ..	14th May, 1934
Captain The Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.	14th May, 1934 ..	5th April, 1939
Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	20th May, 1937 .. 29th March, 1938 .. 5th April, 1939 ..	28th September, 1937 .. 23rd September, 1938 .. 17th July, 1939 ..
Major-General The Right Hon. Lord Dugan, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.*	12th September, 1941 ..	23rd November, 1941 ..
	28th July, 1944 ..	30th July, 1944 ..
	6th September, 1944 ..	29th January, 1945 ..
	17th July, 1939 ..	20th February, 1949 ..
	1st February, 1946 ..	18th February, 1946 ..
Lieutenant-General The Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D., K.C., Lieutenant-Governor (Acting)	17th May, 1946 .. 19th January, 1947 .. 14th June, 1947 .. 14th October, 1947 ..	23rd October, 1946 .. 11th March, 1947 .. 17th June, 1947 ..
General Sir Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.	1st January, 1948 ..	31st January, 1948 ..
	27th July, 1948 ..	23rd August, 1948 ..
	27th August, 1948 ..	20th September, 1948 ..
	1st October, 1948 ..	30th October, 1948 ..
	14th December, 1948 ..	16th December, 1948 ..
	21st February, 1949 ..	17th October, 1949 ..
	18th October, 1949 ..	

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

* On leave from 17th May, 1946, to 23rd October, 1946, and administered the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia from 6th September, 1944, to 29th January, 1945, and from 19th January, 1947, to 10th March, 1947.

Ministers of
the Crown
1851 to 1855

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

MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Name of Minister.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.
William Lonsdale	Colonial Secretary	} 15th July, 1851
Alastair Mackenzie	Colonial Treasurer	
Charles Hotson Ebdon	Auditor-General ..	
Robert Hoddle	Surveyor-General ..	
Alexander McCrae	Chief Postmaster ..	
William Foster Stawell	Attorney-General ..	
Redmond Barry	Solicitor-General ..	
James Horatio Nelson Cassell	Collector of Customs	} 13th April, 1852
Edward Eyre Williams	Solicitor-General ..	
James Croke	Solicitor-General ..	
Frederick Armand Powlett	Colonial Treasurer	} 30th September, 1852

MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—*continued.*

Name of Minister.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.
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 **Ministries, 1855 to 1948.** from 1855 to 1948 are listed hereunder:—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
1. William Clark Haines	28th November, 1855	11th March, 1857 ..	Days. 469
2. John O'Shanassy ..	11th March, 1857 ..	29th April, 1857 ..	49
3. William Clark Haines	29th April, 1857 ..	10th March, 1858 ..	315
4. John O'Shanassy ..	10th March, 1858 ..	27th October, 1859	596
5. William Nicholson ..	27th October, 1859	26th November, 1860	396
6. Richard Heales ..	26th November, 1860	14th November, 1861	353
7. John O'Shanassy ..	14th November, 1861	27th June, 1863 ..	590
8. James McCulloch ..	27th June, 1863 ..	6th May, 1868 ..	1,775
9. Charles Sladen ..	6th May, 1868 ..	11th July, 1868 ..	66
10. James McCulloch ..	11th July, 1868 ..	20th September, 1869	436
11. John Alexander MacPherson	20th September, 1869	9th April, 1870 ..	201
12. James McCulloch ..	9th April, 1870 ..	19th June, 1871 ..	436
13. Charles Gavan Duffy	19th June, 1871 ..	10th June, 1872 ..	357
14. James Goodall Francis	10th June, 1872 ..	31st July, 1874 ..	781
15. George Briscoe Kerferd	31st July, 1874 ..	7th August, 1875 ..	372
16. Graham Berry ..	7th August, 1875 ..	20th October, 1875	74
17. Sir James McCulloch	20th October, 1875	21st May, 1877 ..	579
18. Graham Berry ..	21st May, 1877 ..	5th March, 1880 ..	1,019
19. James Service ..	5th March, 1880 ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	151
20. Graham Berry ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	9th July, 1881 ..	340
21. Sir Bryan O'Loughlen	9th July, 1881 ..	8th March, 1883 ..	607
22. James Service ..	8th March, 1883 ..	18th February, 1886	1,078
23. Duncan Gillies ..	18th February, 1886	5th November, 1890	1,722
24. James Munro ..	5th November, 1890	16th February, 1892	469
25. William Shiels ..	16th February, 1892	23rd January, 1893	343
26. James Brown Patterson	23rd January, 1893	27th September, 1894	612

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.
27. Sir George Turner, P.C., K.C.M.G.	27th September, 1894	5th December, 1899	1,895
28. Allan McLean ..	5th December, 1899	19th November, 1900	350
29. Sir George Turner, P.C., K.C.M.G.	19th November, 1900	12th February, 1901	85
30. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	12th February, 1901	10th June, 1902 ..	483
31. William Hill Irvine	10th June, 1902 ..	16th February, 1904	616
32. Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G.	16th February, 1904	8th January, 1909	1,789
33. John Murray ..	8th January, 1909	18th May, 1912 ..	1,226
34. William Alexander Watt	18th May, 1912 ..	9th December, 1913	205
35. George Alexander Elmslie	9th December, 1913	22nd December, 1913	13
36. William Alexander Watt	22nd December, 1913	18th June, 1914 ..	178
37. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	18th June, 1914 ..	29th November, 1917	1,260
38. John Bowser ..	29th November, 1917	21st March, 1918 ..	112
39. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	21st March, 1918 ..	7th September, 1923	1,996
40. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	7th September, 1923	19th March, 1924 ..	194
41. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	19th March, 1924 ..	28th April, 1924 ..	40
42. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	28th April, 1924 ..	18th July, 1924 ..	81
43. George Michael Prendergast	18th July, 1924 ..	18th November, 1924	123
44. John Allan ..	18th November, 1924	20th May, 1927 ..	913
45. Edmond John Hogan	20th May, 1927 ..	22nd November, 1928	553
46. Sir William Murray McPherson, K.B.E.	22nd November, 1928	12th December, 1929	385
47. Edmond John Hogan	12th December, 1929	19th May, 1932 ..	889
48. Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S.	19th May, 1932 ..	2nd April, 1935 ..	1,048
49. Albert Arthur Dunstan	2nd April, 1935 ..	14th September, 1943	3,088
50. John Cain ..	14th September, 1943	18th September, 1943	5
51. Albert Arthur Dunstan	18th September, 1943	2nd October, 1945	746
52. Ian Macfarlan, K.C.	2nd October, 1945	21st November, 1945	51
53. John Cain ..	21st November, 1945	20th November, 1947	730
54. Thomas Tuke Hollway	20th November, 1947	3rd December, 1948	380
55. Thomas Tuke Hollway	3rd December, 1948		

The 53rd Ministry, in which the Hon. John Cain was Premier, resigned on 20th November, 1947, and the 54th Ministry under the leadership of the Hon. Thomas T. Hollway took office on the same date. The general elections for the Legislative Assembly were held on 8th November, 1947. The 54th Ministry resigned on 3rd December, 1948, and on the same date the 55th Ministry, in which the Hon. Thomas T. Hollway was again Premier, was appointed.

The personnel of the 55th Ministry is as follows :—

The Hon. T. T. Hollway, M.L.A. . .	Premier and Treasurer
„ „ Colonel W. S. Kent Hughes, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., E.D., M.L.A.	Minister of Transport, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and a Vice- President of the Board of Land and Works.
„ „ T. D. Oldham, M.L.A. . .	Attorney-General and Solicitor-General
„ „ Lieut.-Col. A. H. Dennett, M.L.A.	Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forests, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
„ „ J. A. Kennedy, M.L.C. . .	Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice- President of the Board of Land and Works.
„ „ A. G. Warner, M.L.C. . .	Minister in Charge of Housing, Minister in Charge of Materials, and Minister in Charge of State Development.
„ „ Lieut.-Col. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D., M.L.A.	Chief Secretary
„ „ Brigadier R. W. Tovell, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., M.L.A.	Minister of Public Instruction.
„ „ R. C. Guthrie, M.L.A. . .	President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Soldier Settlement.
„ „ H. E. Bolte, M.L.A. . .	Minister of Water Supply and Minister of Mines.
„ „ C. P. Gartside, M.L.C. . .	Minister of Health.
„ „ A. E. McDonald, M.L.C.	Minister of Labour.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1949.

The names of members, the constituencies which they represent, and the name of the clerk of Parliaments are given below :—

VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President : Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.C.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Ballaarat.. ..	Hon J. F. Kittson	1952
	Hon. H. C. Ludbrook	1955
Bendigo	Hon. Col. G. V. Lansell, C.M.G., V.D.	1952
	Hon. J. H. Lienhop	1955
Doutta Galla ..	Hon. P. Jones	1952
	Hon. W. Slater	1955
East Yarra.. ..	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.C. (President)	1952
	Hon. E. P. Cameron	1955

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1949—*continued.*THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—*continued.*

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Gippsland	Hon. T. Harvey	1952
	Hon. W. MacAulay	1955
Higinbotham ..	Hon. A. G. Warner (Minister in Charge of Materials, Minister in Charge of Housing and Minister in Charge of State Development).	1952
	Hon. J. A. Kennedy (Commissioner of Public Works, and a Vice-President of the Board of Lands and Works).	1955
Melbourne	Hon. W. J. Beckett	1952
	Hon. F. M. Thomas	1955
Melbourne North ..	Hon. A. M. Fraser	1952
	Hon. J. W. Galbally	1955
Melbourne West ..	Hon. P. J. Kennelly	1952
	Hon. P. L. Coleman	1955
Monash	Hon. Sir Frank Beaurepaire	1952
	Hon. Sir Frank Clarke, K.B.E.	1955
Northern	Hon. D. J. Walters	1952
	Hon. G. J. Tuckett	1955
North-Eastern ..	Hon. I. A. Swinburne	1952
	Hon. P. P. Inchbold	1955
North-Western ..	Hon. P. T. Byrnes	1952
	Hon. C. E. McNally	1955
Southern	Hon. Sir William Angliss	1952
	Hon. G. L. Chandler	1955
South-Eastern ..	Hon. C. E. Isaac	1952
	Hon. C. P. Gartside (Minister of Health)	1955
South-Western ..	Hon. A. E. McDonald (Minister of Labour)	1952
	Hon. G. S. McArthur	1955
Western	Hon. R. C. Rankin (Chairman of Committees)	1952
	Hon. H. V. McLeod	1955

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

VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Speaker : The Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park	R. Schilling
Allendale	R. T. White
Ballaarat	Hon. T. T. Hollway (Premier and Treasurer)
Barwon	Hon. T. K. Maltby (<i>Speaker</i>)
Benalla	F. A. Cook
Benambra	T. W. Mitchell
Bendigo	Hon. L. W. Galvin
Borong	W. J. Mibus
Box Hill	G. O. Reid

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1949—*continued.*

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Brighton ..	Brigadier the Hon. R. W. Tovell, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D. (Minister of Public Instruction)
Brunswick ..	P. J. Randles
Camberwell ..	R. K. Whately
Carlton ..	Hon. W. P. Barry
Caulfield ..	Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. A. H. Dennett (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forests, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Clifton Hill ..	J. L. Cremean
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	W. R. Dawnay-Mould
Dundas ..	W. J. F. McDonald
Elsternwick ..	J. Don, M.B.E.
Essendon ..	A. R. Bateman
Evelyn ..	Hon. W. H. Everard
Footscray ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Geelong ..	E. H. Montgomery
Gippsland East ..	Hon. A. E. Lind (Chairman of Committees)
Gippsland North ..	W. O. Fulton
Gippsland South ..	Hon. H. J. T. Hyland
Gippsland West ..	M. Bennett
Glen Iris ..	L. G. Norman
Goulburn ..	P. S. Grimwade
Grant ..	F. C. T. Holden
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte (Minister of Water Supply and Minister of Mines)
Hawthorn ..	F. L. Edmunds
Ivanhoe ..	R. C. Curnow
Kew ..	Colonel the Hon. W. S. Kent Hughes, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., E.D. (Minister of Transport, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Korong ..	Hon. Sir Albert Dunstan, K.C.M.G.
Malvern ..	Hon. T. D. Oldham (Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General)
Melbourne ..	Hon. T. Hayes
Mentone ..	H. V. Drew
Mernda ..	A. E. Ireland
Midlands ..	Hon. C. P. Stoneham
Mildura ..	N. Barclay
Moonee Ponds ..	S. Merrifield
Mornington ..	Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D. (Chief Secretary)
Murray Valley ..	G. C. Moss
Northcote ..	Hon. J. Cain
Oakleigh ..	J. S. Lechte
Polwarth ..	E. F. Guye
Portland ..	H. R. Hedditch
Port Melbourne ..	T. P. Corrigan
Prahran ..	F. Crean

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1949—*continued.*THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Preston ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Rainbow ..	Hon. K. Dodgshun
Richmond ..	S. M. Keon
Ripon ..	Hon. R. C. Guthrie (President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Soldier Settlement.)
Rodney ..	R. K. Brose
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Shepparton ..	Hon. J. G. B. McDonald
St. Kilda ..	Hon. A. Michaelis
Sunshine ..	A. E. Shepherd
Swan Hill ..	Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Hipworth, E.D.
Toorak ..	E. R. T. Reynolds, K.C.
Warrnambool ..	Hon. H. S. Bailey
Williamstown ..	Hon. J. Lemmon
Wonthaggi ..	W. J. Buckingham

Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly: F. E. Wanke.

**Number of
Parliaments
and their
duration.**

During the period 1856 to 1947 there were 36 Parliaments. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament (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 1947.

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

VICTORIA—STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1948.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the period 1st January, to 31st December, 1948 :—

Act No. Date (1948).

5263 .. 20th January .. *The Essential Services Act 1948* empowers the Governor in Council to proclaim a state of emergency when any action has been taken or is immediately threatened whereby any essential service is or is likely to be interrupted or dislocated. No such proclamation is to be in force for more than one month, but successive proclamations may be issued. On the proclamation of a state of emergency Parliament, if not then sitting, is to meet as soon as practicable if a prescribed number of members, objecting to the proclamation, request that Parliament meet.

During the state of emergency the Minister may provide, operate, control, regulate and direct any essential services. Provision is made for compensating persons who suffer loss in complying with directions of the Minister. Penalties are provided for disobedience of directions of the Minister, for intimidation of persons employed in essential services, and for instituting lockouts; and also for taking part in any strike or interruption of an essential service unless, at a secret ballot conducted by the Chief Electoral Officer of the State, a majority of employes in the service vote in favour of such strike or interruption.

5264 .. 11th May .. *The Landlord and Tenant Act 1948* deals principally with the control of rents and the recovery of possession of premises, and came into operation (except as to Part V.) on 16th August, 1948, when the Commonwealth withdrew the National Security Regulations covering those subjects. The Act, which generally follows and is in continuation of the Commonwealth Regulations, consists of six Parts.

Part I., contains introductory and transitory provisions and defines the premises to which the operation of the Act extends.

Part II., provides for the appointment of a rent collector and officers and inspectors for the administration of the Act, and prescribes the basis on which fair rents may be determined. Initially, rents for premises are pegged at the level existing on 31st December, 1940, or at the date on which the premises were first leased thereafter; but rents so fixed may be varied by determinations of the rent controller from whom there may be an appeal to a police magistrate. Demand or payment of rent in excess of the fair rent fixed by or under the Act is prohibited, and any overpayment of rent may be recovered. Penalties are provided for various offences in relation to evasion of rent control.

Act No. Date (1948).

Part III., limits the circumstances in which a landlord may require a tenant to quit premises, and provides that no ejection order shall be enforceable unless made in accordance with the requirements of the Act. This Part also affords certain safeguards for sub-lessees and other persons in possession of premises.

Part IV., contains miscellaneous provisions abolishing the levying of distress for rent of dwelling houses, prohibiting threats and boycotts, providing for offences and penalties, and prescribing administrative procedure.

Part V., (the commencement of which has been withheld while the Commonwealth National Security (War Service Moratorium) Regulations remain in force) provides special protection and advantages for discharged members of the forces and their relatives and dependants in respect of leased premises.

Part VI., amends certain provisions of the Landlord and Tenants Acts relating to procedure in cases of eviction of tenants.

This Act has been amended by the *Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948* (No. 5291).

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| 5265 | .. | 29th June | .. | The <i>Public Works Committee Act 1948</i> increases the attendance fees and travelling expenses payable to members of the Public Works Committee. |
| 5266 | .. | 29th June | .. | The <i>Midwives (Amendment) Act 1948</i> reduces from 23 years to 21 years the minimum age at which a person may be registered as a midwife. |
| 5267 | .. | 29th June | .. | The <i>Carriers and Innkeepers Act 1948</i> amends the law relating to the liability of carriers and innkeepers for goods and chattels of passengers and guests, and in that respect removes anomalies in the statutes relating to innkeepers and proprietors of licensed premises. |
| 5268 | .. | 30th June | .. | The <i>Camberwell Lands Act 1948</i> provides upon the Transfer and Surrender to His Majesty of certain Land at Burwood, for the Reservation of that Land as a Site for a Public Park and Children's Playground; for the Excision of a Part of certain Land at Camberwell permanently reserved as a Site for Public Gardens; and for the Reservation of the Land so Excised, together with the Land forming the existing Town Hall Site at Camberwell, as a Site for Town Hall and for Municipal Purposes. |
| 5269 | .. | 30th June | .. | This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £5,437,317 to the service of the year 1948-49. |

Act No.	Date (1948).	
5270	.. 30th June	.. The <i>Miners' Phthisis (Treasury Allowances) Amendment Act 1948</i> increases the rate of payment to sufferers from miners' phthisis.
5271	.. 30th June	.. The <i>Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Amendment) Act 1948</i> amends the <i>Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act 1946</i> in various particulars (principally in relation to the types of building operations that may be carried out without the consent of the Minister) and by prohibiting the use of cement or bricks in "building operations" except for the actual construction of buildings. The period of operation of the Principal Act is extended until 31st December, 1948.
5272	.. 20th July	.. The <i>State Electricity Commission Act 1948</i> extends the borrowing powers of the State Electricity Commission by £50,000,000 to finance the development of the brown coal briquette industry at Morwell and the extension of the Kiewa Hydro-Electric Project, which are authorized by the Act. In addition, the Act provides for the transfer of the Newport "A" Power Station from the Victorian Railways Commissioners to the State Electricity Commission; for a subsidy from the consolidated revenue for briquetting losses and for reimbursement of such losses; and for the valuation of land which may be acquired for the briquetting scheme at Morwell.
5273	.. 20th July	.. The <i>Town and Country Planning Act 1948</i> amends the provisions of the <i>Town and Country Planning Act 1944</i> relating to schemes for development and zoning of areas of land.
5274	.. 20th July	.. The <i>Coranderrk Lands Act 1948</i> validates the Crown Grants of certain Lands at Coranderrk in the Parish of Gracedale and to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain other Land thereat as a Site for the use of the Aborigines, and for other purposes.
5275	.. 20th July	.. The <i>Coroners (Medical Witnesses) Act 1948</i> increases the remuneration payable to medical witnesses at coronial inquests.
5276	.. 26th July	.. The <i>Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Fly) Act 1948</i> amends interpretation provisions of the <i>Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Fly) Act 1947</i> .
5277	.. 26th July	.. The <i>Administration and Probate (Amendment) Act 1948</i> provides for the appointment of an assistant registrar of probates and administrations; authorizes the payment to a widow or custodian of the distributive shares of infant children in the case of an intestate's estate which is worth less than £100, and also the payment (without requiring

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5278	.. 26th July	..	The <i>Country Roads (Permanent Works) Act 1948</i> reduces the Liabilities on Municipalities in respect of Permanent Works on Main Roads and State Highways.
5279	.. 26th July	..	The <i>Shrine of Remembrance Trustees Act 1948</i> authorizes the Trustees of the Shrine of Remembrance (which was erected in relation to the war of 1914-1918) to apply trust funds towards competitions for designs for a memorial related to the Shrine and designed to commemorate those who served in the war of 1939-1945.
5280	.. 26th July	..	The <i>Non-Contributory State Pensions Act 1948</i> increases the scale of certain non-contributory pensions payable under various Acts of Parliament to certain retired public servants and their dependants.
5281	.. 26th July	..	The <i>Closer Settlement (Disposal of Land) Act 1948</i> amends provisions of the <i>Closer Settlement Act 1938</i> relating to modes of disposal of Closer Settlement Lands.
5282	.. 3rd August	..	The <i>Melbourne North Land Act 1948</i> revokes the Reservation of certain Land in the Parish of Melbourne North permanently reserved as a Site for the use of the Victorian Horticultural Improvement Society.
5283	.. 6th August	..	The <i>Melbourne Harbor Trust (Chairman's Salary) Act 1948</i> makes provision for Increasing the Salary of the Chairman of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners.
5284	.. 6th August	..	The <i>Police Offences (Race-meetings) Act 1948</i> amends the provisions of the Police Offences Acts relating to the licensing of race-courses, the limiting of the number of race-meetings to be held in any year, and the application of fees charged for the licensing of race-courses.

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| 5285 | .. 6th August | <p>The <i>Statute Law-Revision Committee Act 1948</i> provides for the constitution of a Joint Statute Law Revision Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly. The Committee is to examine anomalies of the statute law, proposals for the consolidation of statutes, and proposals in bills involving technical alterations in the existing law.</p> <p>The Committee may sit during any adjournment or recess within the session for which it is appointed. Members of the Committee are to be paid attendance fees and travelling expenses and such payments are not to disqualify members from sitting as members of Parliament.</p> |
| 5286 | .. 10th August | <p>The <i>Public Trustee Act 1948</i> prescribes conditions as to the tenure of office and the retention of public service superannuation and furlough rights and privileges by the Public Trustee; provides for the appointment of an acting public trustee during the absence of the Public Trustee; and for the appointment of deputy public trustees; authorizes the Public Trustee to decline to accept any trust, but not on the ground only of the small value of the estate concerned; amends the Public Trustee Acts in relation to medical certificates of incapacity; empowers the Supreme Court to authorize the Public Trustee to exercise certain powers in respect of uncared-for property; prescribes the bank accounts to be kept by the Public Trustee and the manner in which moneys held by the Public Trustee are to be invested and applied; establishes and prescribes the mode of operation of a Common Fund; and amends provisions of the Public Trustee Acts relating to elections to administer estates and the manner of the vesting of intestate estates in the Public Trustee pending grant of administration.</p> <p>The Public Trustee is declared to be capable of acting as sole trustee of a settlement under the Settled Lands Acts.</p> |
| 5287 | .. 13th August | <p>The <i>Horse Breeding (Amendment) Act 1948</i> amends interpretation provisions of the <i>Horse Breeding Act 1928</i>.</p> |
| 5288 | .. 13th August | <p>The <i>Building Operations Control (Amendment) Act 1948</i> provides that certain variations of consents issued by the Minister under the <i>Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act 1946</i> shall have retrospective effect.</p> |
| 5289 | .. 13th August | <p>The <i>Local Government (Streets) Act 1948</i> authorizes the Surveyor-General or Commissioner of Titles, after considering representations and objections, to declare the alignment of a street where the original alignment is doubtful. When the</p> |

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alignment is so declared any relevant street boundaries and titles to property are altered accordingly.

A new alternative procedure is provided whereby municipal councils may widen a street by acquiring the necessary land from time to time as various portions of the land abutting on the street become clear of buildings. Similar provision is made in relation to the opening of new streets.

5290 .. 13th August .. The *Country Roads Act* 1948 makes provision with respect to the Application of the Provisions of the *Local Government (Streets) Act* 1948 to State Highways, Main Roads, Developmental Roads, Tourists' Roads and Forest Roads.

5291 .. 13th August .. The *Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act* 1948 amends the *Landlord and Tenant Act* 1948 (No. 5264) by substituting Fair Rents Boards (each consisting of a police magistrate) for the Rent Controller as the authority to determine fair rents. Consequential alterations are made in procedure, and an appeal is allowed to the Supreme Court from any determination of a Fair Rents Board but only as to question of law.

Other amendments are made to the *Landlord and Tenant Act* 1948, particularly in relation to restriction on eviction of lessees, notices to quit where a house is sold, termination of leases by notices to quit, protection of sub-lessees, exclusion of certain premises from provisions restricting recovery of possession, and protection of discharged members of the forces.

In addition, amendments are made to the provisions of the *Landlord and Tenant Act* 1928 relating to procedure in cases of eviction; and distress for rent is abolished in the case of all leasehold property.

5292 .. 24th August .. The *Hepburn Springs Land Act* 1948 authorizes the Grantees or their Successors of a Crown Grant of certain Land at Hepburn to demise Portion thereof to be used only as a Site for the Working of Mineral Springs therein and the Collection, Preparation, Sale and Removal of the Natural Mineral Waters thereof for a Term not exceeding Ten Years.

5293 .. 24th August .. The *Gas Regulation (Amendment) Act* 1948 increases the payment of gas undertakers to the gas examiner from $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 2,000 cubic feet of gas sold.

5294 .. 24th August .. The *Commonwealth Transferred Officers Act* 1948 deals with the superannuation and long service leave entitlements of officers who were transferred from the Commonwealth to the State Service pursuant to an arrangement under the Income Tax Acts and who, at the conclusion of that arrangement, elected to remain in the State Service.

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| 5295 | .. 24th August | .. The <i>Forests (Amendment) Act 1948</i> amends the Forests Acts by restricting the definition of "fire protected area" so as to exclude margins around isolated unused roads and water frontages, by extending the prohibited period during which fires may not be lighted in fire protected areas, and by defining "Crown land" in relation to protected forests. |
| 5296 | .. 24th August | .. The <i>Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948</i> increases 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 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. Increases are provided for the party and Government whips and the parliamentary secretary to the Cabinet. |
| 5297 | .. 24th August | .. The <i>Farmers Debts Adjustment (Board) Act 1948</i> amends the provisions of the <i>Farmers Debts Adjustment Act 1935</i> relating to the retention of public service and superannuation rights by members and officers of the Farmers Debts Adjustment Board. |
| 5298 | .. 24th August | .. The <i>Justices (Courts) Act 1948</i> which has retrospective operation, authorizes the division of courts of petty sessions and courts of general sessions so as to enable more than one such court to sit at the same place at the same time. |
| 5299 | .. 24th August | .. The <i>Local Authorities Superannuation (Amendment) Act 1948</i> amends provisions of the <i>Local Authorities Superannuation Act 1947</i> relating to life insurance policies and premiums in the case of certain permanent employes over the age of 55 at the commencement of that Act, and to agreements for payment by employes of less than half of the premium for life insurance policies, in which case the employer is to pay the difference in addition to the other half of the premium. |

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5300 .. 31st August .. The *Hospitals and Charities Act 1948* consolidates with amendments the Hospitals and Charities Acts. The principal amendments relate to the substitution of a Commission of three full time members for the Hospitals and Charities Board which consisted of sixteen part-time members, and to the functions of the Commission.

Part I., contains preliminary provisions relating to transitory matters, interpretation, and application of the Act.

Part II., provides for the constitution and appointment of members of the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the general functions of that Commission in relation to the management, control and administration of hospitals, institutions, benevolent societies and ambulance services. The Part also provides for the establishment and management of a Hospital and Charities Fund into which, *inter alia*, there shall be paid £800,000 annually from the Treasury.

Part III., deals with the establishment and registration of institutions and benevolent societies.

Part IV., deals with hospitals and philanthropic institutions other than separate institutions particularly in relation to their incorporation internal management and property.

Part V., prescribes matters relating to the liability of patients in institutions controlled by the Act.

Part VI., authorizes the resumption of land for institutions.

Part VII., deals with miscellaneous general matters, including inquiries by the Commission, the keeping of account and investing of funds by institutions, restrictions on public collections and subscriptions, evidence, penalties and regulations.

5301 .. 31st August .. The *Health (Hospitals) Act 1948* which is supplementary to the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1948* (No. 5300 above) amends the provisions of the Health Acts relating to public hospitals for infectious diseases and private hospitals, particularly in relation to the respective functions of the Hospitals and Charities Commission and the Commission of Public Health.

5302 .. 31st August .. The *River Improvement Act 1948* provides a comprehensive scheme for the control and improvement of rivers and water courses in the State. Provision is made for the constitution of river improvement districts under the control of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, and also for the constitution of similar districts under river improvement trusts; the increase,

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diminution, union, transfer and abolition of such districts and the alteration of the constitution of river improvement trusts. Drainage areas under the *Drainage Areas Act 1928* or parts thereof may be converted into or incorporated in districts under this Act. The functions of river improvement authorities (including the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission) are set out in detail and include power to execute works on public or private land and to acquire land; and provision is made for compensation for injury caused by river improvement works.

The Act provides for the establishment of funds by river improvement authorities and the management thereof and authorizes the raising of river improvement rates in river improvement districts and Government grants towards river improvement works. Disputes between public authorities are to be referred to the Governor in Council for final determination. Provision is made for penalties, by-laws and regulations.

- 5303 31st August .. The *Geelong Harbor Trust (Land) Act 1948* provides for the Excision of Certain Land at Portarlington from the Lands vested in the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners.
- 5304 .. 31st August .. The *Stipendiary Magistrates Act 1948* changes the Title of Police Magistrate to that of Stipendiary Magistrate.
- 5305 .. 31st August .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £11,197,737 to the service of the year 1948-49.
- 5306 .. 31st August .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £759,666 to the service of the year 1947-48.
- 5307 .. 31st August .. The *Local Government (Footscray Street Construction) Act 1948* authorizes variations in a certain Scheme Private Street Construction in the City of Footscray, and for purposes connected therewith.
- 5308 .. 31st August .. The *Teaching Service (Application of Enactments) Act 1948* makes sundry minor amendments to Acts affecting the teaching service, particularly with regard to the salary of the Director of Education, the relation of public officers to political affairs, permission to members of the teaching service to become candidates for election to the Victorian Parliament and the resignation and reinstatement of teachers who contest elections for the Commonwealth Parliament.

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5309 .. 31st August .. The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1948* which is complementary to the *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5296), increases from £1 to £2 per fortnight the deductions to be made from members' salaries towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund, and extends the benefits derivable from that Fund in the case of retiring allowances to members and pensions to widows of members.

5310 .. 7th September .. The *Prices Regulation Act 1948* provides for the exercise by the State as from 20th September, 1948, of powers previously exercised by the Commonwealth under National Security Regulations relating to the control of prices and rates for certain goods and services and the control of certain transactions in land, and requires the progressive withdrawal of such controls as circumstances warrant.

Part I., is preliminary and provides for transfer of administration from Commonwealth to State, and declares the administrative policy of the Act.

Part II., provides for the appointment of a Prices Decontrol Commissioner and his deputy, and the general powers and duties of them, their officers and agents especially as to maintenance of secrecy, entry on premises and inspection of documents. The Governor in Council may declare goods and services to which the Act shall apply and, in relation thereto, the Commissioner may fix maximum prices and rates. It is made an offence to sell goods or provide services at more than the maximum prices and rates so fixed, and sundry provisions are made to prevent evasion of this general principle.

Part III., contains provisions regulating the maximum prices that may be charged in respect of transactions in land.

Part IV., relates to the appointment of officers for the administration of the Act and advisory committees, and for other general administrative matters.

Generally, the Act follows and is in continuation of the corresponding Commonwealth National Security Regulations.

5311 .. 7th September .. The *Marine (Pilotage Rates) Act 1948* makes permanent certain increases of rates of pilotage within Port Phillip which were temporarily imposed in 1946.

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| 5312 | .. 7th September .. | The <i>State Savings Bank Act 1948</i> increases the remuneration of the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria; raises to £2,000 the maximum advance that the bank may make by way of credit foncier loan on a dwelling house; and extends the class of persons of small means who are eligible for assistance by the bank in relation to the provisions of dwelling houses and expands the facilities available to such persons. |
| 5313 | .. 7th September .. | The <i>Coal Mine Workers Pensions Act 1948</i> forbids owners of coal mines to terminate on the ground of absence from work the services of any mine worker who has attained the age of 57 years if such absence is on account of sickness or accident not due to the fault of the worker. Pensions for coal mine workers and payments to their dependants are increased. Adjustments are made to pension rights having regard to compensation paid under the Workers Compensation Acts, earnings from employment and pensions and allowances received under Commonwealth Social Service Acts. Amendments are made to provisions of the Coal Mines Workers Pensions Acts relating to pension appeals and contributions payable by miners to the Pensions Fund. |
| 5314 | .. 7th September .. | The <i>Transfer of Land (Acquisitions) Act 1948</i> provides for the issue, on the application of the acquiring authority, of certificates of title for land compulsorily acquired under the Lands Compensation Acts, whether or not such land was previously registered under the Transfer of Land Acts. The Registrar of Titles is authorized to make all necessary cancellations of or endorsements on any certificate of title, but without prejudice to rights of compensation. The acquiring authority is required to indemnify any person who suffers loss by reason of the issue cancellation or alteration of any certificate of title under the Act. |
| 5315 | .. 7th September .. | The <i>Workers' Compensation (Police Force) Act 1948</i> applies the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Acts to Members of the Police Force. |
| 5316 | .. 7th September .. | The <i>Fire Brigades (Borrowing and Salaries) Act 1948</i> provides, in relation to both the Metropolitan Fire Brigades and Country Fire Brigades, for the fixing of salaries and wages of officers by means of Commonwealth arbitration awards or State wages board determinations or (in default thereof) by the appropriate fire brigade authority. In addition, the borrowing powers of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board are increased. |
| 5317 | .. 7th September .. | The <i>Public Officers Salaries Act 1948</i> provides for increases in the salaries of certain public officers where the maximum rates are fixed by statute or are required by statute to be fixed before or at the time of appointment. |

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5318	.. 7th September ..	The <i>Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts (Amendment) Act 1948</i> amends provisions of the Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Acts relating to voting at elections of urban water trust commissioners, amounts of rates, adoption of municipal valuations, and sinking funds.
5319	.. 7th September ..	The <i>Thornbury Land Act 1948</i> provides for the Grant of a Lease of certain Crown Land at Thornbury, being part of the Land known as the Thornbury Estate, to the Glen Iris Brick Tile and Terra Cotta Company Proprietary Limited, and for other purposes.
5320	.. 7th September ..	The <i>Barley Marketing Act 1948</i> which is complementary to similar legislation passed in the State of South Australia, provides for the constitution by arrangement between the States of Victoria and South Australia of a joint barley marketing board. The board is authorized to purchase, sell, treat and generally handle barley and also barley skins, barley bran, barley pollard, cornsacks, jute or jute products, and to act as agent for the Commonwealth or any State in connexion with the purchase and sale of barley, oats and grain sorghum. Provision is made for the licensing of receivers to handle the barley, and for the inspection of documents and accounts and audit. Growers of barley are required to sell and deliver their barley to the board except in certain cases, e.g., where barley is retained by the grower for use on his farm. The board is to market the barley to the best advantage and pay the growers from the net pooled proceeds of each season's crop. The Act is to apply for five years commencing with the 1948-49 season, but may cease to have effect at an earlier date if a poll of growers favours such a course. The Act is not to come into operation unless a poll of barley growers has first approved its proclamation.
5321	.. 7th September ..	The <i>North-West Mallee Settlement Areas Act 1948</i> provides for the appointment of a North-West Mallee Committee whose main function is to make recommendations to the Board of Land and Works as to the re-allocation of lands in certain Mallee areas of North-Western Victoria. Existing holdings in those areas may be surrendered or (failing surrender) compulsorily acquired in return for compensation as prescribed by the Act. Land so surrendered or acquired will be re-allocated in holdings sufficiently large to provide a reasonable living to settlers. Land so re-allocated will be granted to settlers by way of perpetual lease subject to prescribed conditions. Provision is made for assessment of rent, re-valuations, remission and increase of rent, and works for reconstruction holdings. No person is to hold more than one lease under the Act.

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5322	.. 7th September ..	The <i>Latrobe-street Tramway Construction Act 1948</i> relates to the Construction by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board of an Electric Tramway along Latrobe Street and Portions of Victoria Street and Victoria Parade within the Cities of Melbourne and Fitzroy, and for purposes connected therewith.
5323	.. 7th September ..	The <i>Gippsland Railway (Duplication and Regrading) Act 1948</i> authorizes the Duplication and Regrading by The Victorian Railways Commissioners of Part of the Gippsland Railway and for purposes connected therewith.
5324	.. 16th November	The <i>Municipal Endowment (Temporary Discontinuance) Act 1948</i> extends for a further period of 12 months the period during which Government payments for the endowment of municipalities are discontinued.
5325	.. 16th November..	The <i>Stamps (Increased Duty Continuance) Act 1948</i> continues for a further period of 12 months the increased stamp duties payable on cheques, receipts, conveyances, transfers and partitions of land, leases, settlements and insurance licences.
5326	.. 16th November..	The <i>Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act 1948</i> continues for a further period of 12 months the temporary credit to consolidated revenue (instead of to the Country Roads Board Fund) of fees for licences to drive motor cars, and similarly continues the temporary suspension of the annual payment of £50,000 from consolidated revenue into the Country Roads Board Fund.
5327	.. 30th November..	The <i>Land Tax Act 1948</i> declares the rate of Land Tax for the year ending 31st December, 1949.
5328	.. 30th November..	The <i>Housing Act 1948</i> amends the Housing Acts in relation to procedure at meetings of the Housing Commission; controlling the repair or demolition of houses unfit for human habitation or in a state of disrepair; compensation payable by the Housing Commission where it has inadvertently taken possession of land without prior notice; accounts of the Housing Commission; the determination of the cost and value of houses erected by the Commission and the terms and conditions on which houses may be leased or purchased from the Commission; powers of the Commission in relation to land acquired by it; writing off by the Commission of irrecoverable rents; the availability to the Commission of information known to the Land Tax authorities; and the creation of implied easements in substitution for certain extinguished easements.

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| 5329 .. | 30th November.. | The <i>Master of the Supreme Court Act 1948</i> provides for the appointment of a Master of the Supreme Court of Victoria who will take over the functions of the Master-in-Equity and of the Chief Clerk. The qualifications powers authorities and duties of the Master are prescribed. Provision is made for the appointment of an Acting Master and of an Assistant Master. |
| 5330 .. | 30th November | The <i>Treasury Bonds Act 1948</i> authorizes the issue of Treasury Bonds to fund the deficit for the financial year ending 30th June 1948. |
| 5331 .. | 30th November.. | The <i>Statute Law Revision Act 1948</i> eliminates some minor errors and anomalies in the Statute Law. |
| 5332 .. | 30th November.. | The <i>Forests (Land Acquisition) Act 1948</i> increases the amount which may in any one financial year be expended without the express sanction of Parliament on the acquisition of private land for forests. |
| 5333 .. | 30th November.. | The <i>State Forests Loan and Application Act 1948</i> authorizes the Raising of Money for State Forests and to sanction the Issue and Application for that purpose of the Money so raised or of Money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and for other purposes. |
| 5334 .. | 30th November.. | The <i>Water Supply Loans Application Act 1948</i> sanctions the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage Flood Protection and River Improvement Works in Country Districts and Works under the River Murray Water Acts, and for other purposes. |
| 5335 .. | 7th December .. | The <i>Country Roads (Works and Evidence) Act 1948</i> enables the Country Roads Board to carry out certain works for which it is suitably equipped but which are otherwise outside its powers; and provides for proof of the declaration of State highways, main roads, &c., by production of an official certificate. |
| 5336 .. | 7th December .. | The <i>Friendly Societies (War Service) Repeal Act 1948</i> repeals the <i>Friendly Societies (War Service) Act 1939</i> which has now achieved its purpose. |
| 5337 .. | 7th December .. | The <i>Teaching Service (Amendment) Act 1948</i> enables the making of regulations relating to teachers who undertake courses of study at the University or other institutions. |

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5338 .. 7th December .. The *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act* 1948 constitutes Victoria's legislative part in a scheme (in continuation of the expired National Security (Wheat Acquisition) Regulations) agreed to between the Commonwealth and all the States for stabilizing the wheat industry and regulating receipts by wheat growers.

The Act, which is complementary to a Commonwealth Act and similar to legislation passed in each of the other States, enables the Australian Wheat Board constituted under the Commonwealth Act to purchase and sell wheat and wheat products and otherwise manage and control the marketing of the wheat crop for at least five seasons.

Wheat may be delivered by growers to the Board and shall be delivered to the Board if the Board so demands. Wheat on delivery to the Board becomes the absolute property of the Board. The price to be paid by the Board for wheat is fixed in accordance with the Commonwealth Act. The price at which the Board is to sell wheat in Australia is determined by a formula based on the price guaranteed to wheat growers by the Commonwealth Government from season to season.

Penalties are provided for unauthorized dealings with wheat and other offences, and the Board is authorized to obtain information by requiring returns or by entering premises.

5339 .. 7th December .. The *Administration and Probate Duties Act* 1948 continues for a further period of 12 months the temporary additional duties chargeable on the estates of deceased persons and on certain settlements.

5340 .. 13th December .. The *Nurses (Registration) Act* 1948 amends statutory provisions relating to the registration in Victoria as nurses of persons trained as nurses in other countries.

5341 .. 13th December .. The *Cancer Institute Act* 1948 provides for the constitution of a Cancer Institute the objects of which are to include research into and treatment of cancer and allied conditions, and the provision of outpatient and inpatient hospital treatment, and of teaching facilities and instruction for students and practitioners, with regard to cancer and allied conditions. A Cancer Institute Board is to be established to carry out the objects of the Institute and provision is made for the appointment of an executive committee of the Board and officers of the Institute. With certain exceptions, the Institute is exempt from the provisions of the *Hospital and Charities Act* 1948.

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		Provision is made for Government grants and the raising of loans to finance the activities of the Board. Facilities of the Institute may be made available to residents of Tasmania in accordance with any agreement made between the Governments of Victoria and Tasmania.
5342	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Financial) Act 1948</i> authorizes the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board to apply up to £1,000,000 out of its reserve funds to meet deficits and, in certain cases, to reduce the amount payable to the reserve funds of the Board. The reserve fund may also be used to discharge loans raised by the Board.
5343	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Railways Standardization Agreement Act 1948</i> ratifies Victorian participation in an agreement between the Commonwealth and some of the mainland States of Australia which provides for the standardization of railway gauges at four feet eight and one half inches; but Victoria is not to be involved in the actual commencement of any standardization works under the agreement without the prior approval of both Houses of Parliament of Victoria.
5344	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Public Works Loan and Application (Amendment) Act 1948</i> increases the amount that may be applied for housing purposes under the <i>Public Works Loan and Application Act 1946</i> .
5345	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Alphington to East Preston Railway Construction Act 1948</i> authorizes the Construction of a Line of Railway from Alphington to East Preston.
5346	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Public Works Loan and Application Act 1948</i> authorizes the Raising of further Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application for such Purposes of the Money so raised or of Money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and for other purposes.
5347	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Building Operations (Amendment) Act 1948</i> relaxes to some extent the control of the use of cement in building operations, exempts certain building operations beyond the radius of 60 miles from Melbourne from the requirement of Ministerial consent, and extends until 31st December, 1949, the operation of the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts. (See No. 5271 on page 25).
5348	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Prices Regulation (Amendment) Act 1948</i> extends the operations of the <i>Prices Regulation Act 1948</i> until 31st December, 1949, and enables seizure and sale of goods by order of the Minister or a court to overcome cornering or restricted marketing of goods.

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5349	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act</i> 1948 increases the salary of the President of the Legislative Council and provides for payment of allowances to the Unofficial Leader in the Council and to the Leader of a Third Party in the Assembly.
5350	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Land (Leases) Act</i> 1948 varies the conditions on which certain leases of Crown land in the metropolis of Melbourne may be granted.
5351	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Coal (Overseas Purchase) Loan and Application Act</i> 1948 authorizes the Raising of Money towards the Purchase and Delivery of Coal from Overseas and to sanction the Issue and Application for such Purposes of the Money so raised or of Money in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and for other purposes.
5352	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Moe to Yallourn Railway Construction Act</i> 1948 authorizes the Construction of a Line of Railway from Moe to Yallourn.
5353	.. 21st December ..	The <i>Hide and Leather Industries Act</i> 1948 constituted Victoria's legislative part in a scheme (in continuation of the expired National Security (Hide and Leather Industries) Regulations) agreed to between the Commonwealth and the States for stabilizing the hide and leather industries and regulating prices of hides and leather.

The Act, which is complementary to a Commonwealth Act and similar to legislation passed in each of the other States, vests in the Australian Hide and Leather Industries Board which is constituted under the Commonwealth Act all hides which are salted and treated in a meatworks or are submitted for appraisalment in accordance with this Act, and enables that Board to deal in hides and leather. The sale of hides which have not been appraised is forbidden.

The Act provides for the appointment of committees to control the appraisalment of prices of hides and the allocation of hides. Provision is also made for the licensing of dealers in hides.

Persons whose hides are acquired by the Board are entitled to be paid in respect thereof such amount as is fixed under the Commonwealth Act. The Board may determine which hides acquired by it shall be sold at home consumption sales and which at export sales.

The Board may call for returns relating to hides or leather; provision is made for entry and inspection of premises; and penalties are prescribed for various offences under the Act.

- | Act No. | Date (1948). | |
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| 5354 | .. 21st December .. | The <i>Revocation and Excision of Crown Reservations Act</i> 1948 provides for the Revocation of the Permanent Reservations and Crown Grants of certain Lands. |
| 5355 | .. 21st December .. | The <i>Fern Tree Gully and Gembrook Railway (Reconstruction) Act</i> 1948 authorizes the Conversion to wider Gauge and the Electrification of the Fern Tree Gully and Gembrook Railway and the Construction of Deviations from the Line of such Railway, and for purposes connected therewith. |
| 5356 | .. 21st December .. | The <i>Railway Loan and Application Act</i> 1948 authorizes the Raising of Money for Railway Purposes and sanctions the Issue and Application of the Money so raised and of other Money available for Railways under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund, and for other purposes. |
| 5357 | .. 21st December .. | The <i>Co-operative Housing Societies Act</i> 1948 amends the <i>Co-operative Housing Societies Act</i> 1948, in various particulars, principally in relation to definitions for the purposes of that Act; the extension of the objects of co-operative housing societies so as to include the purchase of houses of the Housing Commission and other houses not more than 10 years old; the purposes for which societies may make advances; providing that no member of a society shall be entitled to avoid liability under the Act on the ground of infancy; reducing the number of members required to form a quorum at meetings of housing societies; adding a fourth member to the Co-operative Housing Advisory Committee; and increasing the aggregate liability of the consolidated revenue under Government guarantees and the maximum limit to which the Treasurer may indemnify societies against losses resulting from advances to members. |
| 5358 | .. 21st December .. | The <i>Hospital Benefits Act</i> 1948 authorizes and approves the Execution by the State of Victoria of a further Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to Hospital Benefits, to amend consequentially the <i>Hospital Benefits Act</i> 1945 and the <i>Hospitals and Charities Act</i> 1948, and for other purposes. |
| 5359 | .. 21st December .. | The <i>Police Regulation (Amendment) Act</i> 1948 increases retrospectively the pensions of certain retired members of the police force and pensions of certain widows of members of the police force to whom a pension is already payable; increases the rate of ordinary pensions payable in the future to widows of members of the police force; and amends provisions of the Police Regulation Acts relating to appeals from disciplinary inquiries. |

Act No. Date (1948).

5360 .. 21st December .. Applies a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on 30th June, 1949, and to appropriate Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.

5361 .. 21st December .. The *Railways (Amendment) Act 1948* amends various provisions of the Railways Acts, particularly in relation to the time for retirement of officers and employes in the railway service, payments into the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund, and entitlement to long service leave. The Railways Classification Board is abolished. Amendments are made to the Coal Mines Regulation Acts in relation to the acquisition of land for purposes of the State Coal Mine and the disposal of surplus land so acquired.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 18th June, 1949, when thirteen of the seventeen provinces were contested. The following tables show the number of electors on the roll for each province, the results of the election and the numbers and proportion who voted in each province where an election was held.

NUMBERS OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ON 30TH JUNE, 1949.

Electoral Province.	Numbers of Electors on Rolls.								
	Ratepayers' Roll.			General Roll.			Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ballaarat	15,773	7,009	22,782	93	55	148	15,866	7,064	22,930
Bendigo	15,629	7,971	23,600	84	82	166	15,713	8,053	23,766
Doutta Galla	30,142	13,655	43,797	97	88	185	30,239	13,743	43,982
East Yarra	32,473	15,761	48,234	207	236	443	32,680	15,997	48,677
Gippsland	16,797	5,358	22,155	625	46	671	17,422	5,404	22,826
Higinbotham	31,197	15,158	46,355	75	78	153	31,272	15,236	46,508
Melbourne	24,132	11,828	35,960	66	72	138	24,198	11,900	36,098
Melbourne North	35,400	14,327	49,727	650	958	1,608	36,050	15,285	51,335
Melbourne West	27,102	11,708	38,810	64	138	202	27,166	11,846	39,012
Monash	28,344	16,156	44,500	160	115	275	28,504	16,271	44,775
Northern	15,193	5,007	20,200	76	67	143	15,269	5,074	20,343
North-Eastern	13,853	4,666	18,519	57	61	118	13,910	4,727	18,637
North-Western	14,420	4,784	19,204	145	70	215	14,565	4,854	19,419
Southern	21,755	10,223	31,978	74	35	109	21,829	10,258	32,087
South-Eastern	21,011	10,310	31,321	60	41	101	21,071	10,351	31,422
South-Western	18,984	7,453	26,437	106	70	176	19,090	7,523	26,613
Western	16,047	5,599	21,646	234	162	396	16,281	5,761	22,042
Grand Total	378,252	166,973	545,225	2,873	2,374	5,247	381,125	169,347	550,472

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS, 1949.

Candidates.	Votes.	Candidates.	Votes.
	No.		No.
BALLAARAT (22,930).		NORTHERN (20,343)	
H. C. Ludbrook	9,264	*G. J. Tuckett	8,350
G. Stewart	6,673	J. G. Gorton	7,958
N. T. Callow	3,043	Informal	124
Informal	277		
Final Count—		NORTH-EASTERN (18,637)	
H. C. Ludbrook	10,780	*P. P. Inchbold	8,062
G. Stewart	8,200	J. C. Tilson	6,780
		Informal	198
BENDIGO (23,766).		NORTH-WESTERN (19,419)	
*J. H. Lienhop	12,139	C. E. McNally	9,194
A. Brownbill	7,620	H. R. Paton	6,523
Informal	173	Informal	155
DOUTTA GALLA (43,982).		SOUTH-EASTERN (31,422).	
W. Slater	19,041	*C. P. Gartside	14,575
D. C. Don	17,146	F. R. Moore	7,942
Informal	531	Informal	367
GIPPSLAND (22,826).		SOUTH-WESTERN (26,613)	
*W. A. V. Macaulay	10,547	*G. S. McArthur	10,758
E. H. Bawden	7,249	J. G. R. Horne	5,322
Informal	290	J. W. Carr	4,598
		Informal	258
MELBOURNE (36,098)		WESTERN (22,042).	
*F. M. Thomas	13,798	*H. V. McLeod	10,501
J. Eddy	7,869	S. R. Dawson	7,062
Informal	445	Informal	163
MELBOURNE NORTH (51,335)			
J. W. Galbally	23,992		
*L. H. McBrien	18,623		
Informal	444		
MONASH (44,775)			
*Sir F. G. Clarke	17,652		
P. E. Joske	12,558		
Informal	847		

* Sitting Member.

UNCONTESTED PROVINCES.

Province.	Member.
East Yarra (48,677)	E. P. Cameron
Higinbotham (46,508)	J. A. Kennedy
Melbourne West (39,012)	P. L. Coleman
Southern (32,087)	G. L. Chandler

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED
AT THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON 18TH JUNE, 1949.

Province.	Number of Electors on Rolls.	Number of Electors who Voted.	Informal Votes.	Number who Voted. by Post.	Percentage of Electors who Voted.
Ballaarat	22,930	19,257	277	678	83·98
Bendigo	23,766	19,932	173	890	83·87
Doutta Galla	43,982	36,718	531	700	83·48
*East Yarra	48,677	..	..	..	..
Gippsland	22,826	18,086	290	82	79·23
*Higinbotham	46,508	..	..	..	..
Melbourne	36,098	22,112	445	685	61·26
Melbourne North	51,335	43,059	444	818	83·88
*Melbourne West	39,012	..	..	..	..
Monash	44,775	31,057	847	695	69·36
Northern	20,343	16,432	124	123	80·77
North-Eastern	18,637	15,040	198	126	80·70
North-Western	19,419	15,872	155	96	81·73
*Southern	32,087	..	..	..	..
South-Eastern	31,422	22,884	367	326	72·83
South-Western	26,613	20,936	258	450	78·67
Western	22,042	17,726	163	253	80·42
Total number of electors ..	550,472	..	..	..	..
Less uncontested provinces ..	166,284	..	..	..	..
Total contested provinces ..	384,188	299,111	4,272	5,922	77·86

* Uncontested.

**Elections,
Legislative
Assembly,
1947.**

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 8th November, 1947, there were contests in 62 of the 65 constituencies. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,345,530—645,342 males and 700,188 females. In contested

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

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

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

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Albert Park	11,376	15,545	26,921	10,763	13,345	24,108	94·61	85·85	89·55
Allendale	7,397	7,704	15,101	7,155	7,246	14,401	96·73	94·06	95·36
Ballaarat	9,968	11,952	21,920	9,489	11,451	20,940	95·19	95·81	95·53
Barwon	7,666	7,790	15,456	7,138	7,399	14,537	93·11	94·98	94·05
Benalla	7,002	6,508	13,510	6,498	6,065	12,563	92·80	93·19	92·99
Benambra*	6,596	5,907	12,503	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Bendigo	10,033	11,750	21,783	9,662	11,081	20,743	96·30	94·31	95·23
Borong	6,797	6,585	13,382	6,479	6,388	12,867	95·32	97·01	96·15
Box Hill	12,730	14,756	27,486	12,151	13,594	25,745	95·45	92·13	93·67
Brighton	12,717	15,102	27,819	11,839	14,079	25,918	93·10	93·23	93·17
Brunswick	12,772	13,509	26,281	12,135	12,629	24,764	95·01	93·49	94·23
Camberwell	11,618	15,267	26,885	11,269	13,413	24,682	97·00	87·86	91·81
Carlton	13,293	14,050	27,343	12,366	12,748	25,114	93·03	90·73	91·85
Caulfield*	11,880	14,264	25,644	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Clifton Hill	12,552	14,395	26,947	11,959	13,153	25,112	95·28	91·37	93·19
Coburg	12,409	13,220	25,629	11,902	12,355	24,257	95·91	93·46	94·65
Collingwood	13,032	14,023	27,055	12,289	12,474	24,763	94·30	88·95	91·53
Dandenong	13,663	14,000	27,663	12,938	13,082	26,020	94·69	93·44	94·06
Dundas	7,505	7,216	14,721	7,317	6,835	14,152	97·50	94·72	96·13
Elsternwick	10,945	13,432	24,377	10,294	12,076	22,370	94·05	89·90	91·77
Essendon	13,090	13,846	26,936	12,510	13,018	25,528	95·57	94·02	94·77
Evelyn	7,860	7,599	15,459	7,374	7,043	14,417	93·82	92·68	93·26
Footscray	12,691	13,605	26,296	12,062	12,376	24,438	95·04	90·97	92·93
Geelong	10,522	11,338	21,860	10,119	10,508	20,627	96·17	92·68	94·36
Gippsland East	6,621	5,977	12,598	6,214	5,572	11,786	93·85	93·22	93·55
Gippsland North	7,816	6,280	14,096	7,374	5,907	13,281	94·34	94·06	94·22
Gippsland South	7,720	7,057	14,777	7,347	6,700	14,047	95·17	94·94	95·06
Gippsland West	8,077	7,375	15,452	7,623	6,780	14,403	94·38	91·93	93·21
Glen Iris	11,411	13,611	25,022	10,770	12,622	23,392	94·38	92·73	93·49
Goulburn	7,096	6,305	13,401	6,663	5,926	12,589	93·90	93·99	93·94
Grant	7,883	7,239	15,122	7,364	6,759	14,123	93·42	93·37	93·39
Hampton	7,325	7,101	14,426	7,146	6,557	13,703	97·56	92·34	94·99
Hawthorn	10,428	15,347	25,775	9,777	14,237	24,014	93·76	92·77	93·17
Ivanhoe	12,264	14,095	26,359	11,650	12,894	24,544	94·99	91·48	93·11
Kew	11,462	14,558	26,020	10,033	13,393	23,426	87·53	92·00	90·03
Korong	6,689	6,306	12,995	6,463	5,869	12,332	96·62	93·07	94·90
Malvern	10,157	13,851	24,008	9,140	12,533	21,673	89·99	90·48	90·27
Melbourne	12,755	13,707	26,462	11,377	12,101	23,478	89·20	88·28	88·72
Mentone	13,522	14,825	28,347	12,797	13,884	26,681	94·64	93·65	94·12
Mernda	7,562	7,282	14,844	7,030	6,701	13,731	92·96	92·02	92·50

* Uncontested.

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

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on Rolls at Date of General Election.			Electors who Voted.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Percentage of Number on the Roll.		
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Midlands	7,216	7,501	14,717	6,949	7,161	14,110	96·30	95·47	95·88
Mildura	7,483	6,915	14,398	7,189	6,282	13,471	96·07	90·85	93·56
Moonee Ponds ..	12,970	14,171	27,141	12,399	13,346	25,745	95·60	94·18	94·86
Mornington .. .	8,292	8,079	16,371	7,297	7,685	14,982	88·00	95·12	91·52
Murray Valley ..	7,433	6,793	14,226	6,909	6,315	13,224	92·95	92·96	92·96
Northcote .. .	12,374	13,521	25,895	11,949	12,770	24,719	96·57	94·45	95·46
Oakleigh .. .	12,583	13,663	26,246	12,145	12,750	24,895	96·52	93·32	94·85
Polwarth .. .	7,049	7,217	14,266	6,634	6,935	13,569	94·11	96·09	95·11
Portland .. .	7,560	7,004	14,564	7,214	6,738	13,952	95·42	96·20	95·80
Port Melbourne ..	13,188	14,734	27,922	12,001	13,957	25,958	91·00	94·73	92·97
Prahran .. .	11,263	16,098	27,361	10,353	14,494	24,847	91·92	90·04	90·81
Preston .. .	12,803	13,480	26,283	12,395	12,727	25,122	96·81	94·41	95·58
Rainbow .. .	6,557	5,974	12,531	6,328	5,608	11,936	96·51	93·87	95·25
Richmond .. .	12,701	14,318	27,019	12,296	13,138	25,434	96·81	91·76	94·13
Ripon .. .	7,157	7,214	14,371	6,949	6,884	13,833	97·09	95·43	96·26
Rodney .. .	7,436	6,956	14,392	7,092	6,623	13,715	95·37	95·21	95·30
Scoresby* .. .	7,883	7,985	15,868	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shepparton .. .	8,070	7,374	15,444	7,638	6,891	14,529	94·65	93·45	94·08
St. Kilda .. .	11,385	14,452	25,837	10,597	12,955	23,552	93·08	89·64	91·16
Sunshine .. .	12,897	12,692	25,589	12,190	11,938	24,128	94·52	94·06	94·29
Swan Hill .. .	7,305	6,379	13,684	6,993	5,926	12,919	95·73	92·90	94·41
Toorak .. .	10,876	15,285	26,161	9,722	13,277	22,999	89·39	86·86	87·91
Warrnambool ..	7,263	7,206	14,469	6,958	6,933	13,891	95·80	96·21	96·01
Williamstown ..	12,993	13,708	26,701	12,553	12,801	25,354	96·61	93·38	94·96
Wonthaggi .. .	8,203	7,190	15,393	7,800	6,862	14,662	95·09	95·44	95·25
Total .. .	645,342	700,188	1,345,530	585,026	621,789	1,206,815	94·44	92·52	93·44
Less 3 uncontested districts .. .	25,859	28,156	54,015	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .	619,483	672,032	1,291,515	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Uncontested.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1948.

Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors on the Joint Rolls.
METROPOLITAN.		URBAN.	
Albert Park	27,686	Ballaarat	21,904
Box Hill	28,156	Bendigo	21,837
Brighton	28,703	Geelong	21,984
Brunswick	26,362		
Camberwell	26,752	Total	65,725
Carlton	27,896		
Caulfield	25,441	COUNTRY.	
Clifton Hill	27,026	Allendale	15,390
Coburg	25,990	Barwon	15,635
Collingwood	27,603	Benalla	13,792
Dandenong	29,594	Benambra	12,951
Elsternwick	23,661	Borung	13,698
Essendon	27,742	Dundas	14,981
Footscray	26,622	Evelyn	15,961
Glen Iris	25,419	Gippsland East	13,064
Hawthorn	26,081	Gippsland North	14,870
Ivanhoe	27,171	Gippsland South	15,419
Kew	24,958	Gippsland West	15,748
Malvern	23,529	Goulburn	13,600
Melbourne	26,120	Grant	15,619
Mentone	29,416	Hampden	14,667
Moonee Ponds	27,394	Korong	13,134
Northcote	26,163	Mernda	15,319
Oakleigh	26,734	Midlands	14,979
Port Melbourne	28,150	Mildura	14,735
Prahran	27,043	Mornington	17,182
Preston	26,605	Murray Valley	14,807
Richmond	27,689	Polwarth	14,848
St. Kilda	25,419	Portland	14,812
Sunshine	26,388	Rainbow	12,697
Toorak	26,212	Ripon	14,819
Williamstown	27,131	Rodney	14,715
		Scoresby	16,493
		Shepparton	16,085
		Swan Hill	14,151
		Warrnambool	14,678
		Wonthaggi	15,705
Total	856,856	Total	444,554
		Grand total	1,367,135

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

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1856-1947.

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

* Not available.

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

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

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 21 of the 62 contested districts in the Legislative Assembly election of 8th November, 1947, there were more than two candidates. In ten of these the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In four of the other eleven contests the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second and subsequent preferences were distributed.

VICTORIA—PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTIONS.

By-elections held in Victoria since 8th August, 1948, were as follows :—

Legislative Assembly—

13th November, 1948	..	Mr. E. H. Montgomery, elected for Geelong District
22nd January, 1949	..	Mr. F. Crean, elected for Prahran District
16th July, 1949	..	Mr. P. J. Randles, elected for Brunswick District

PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Geelong Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election ..	10,501	11,285	21,786
Number of electors who voted	9,655	10,355	20,010
Percentage of electors who voted	91·94	91·76	91·85

PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS—*continued.*

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Prahran Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election ..	11,041	14,750	25,791
Number of electors who voted	9,913	12,490	22,403
Percentage of electors who voted	89·78	84·68	86·86

Brunswick Electoral District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on roll at date of election ..	11,881	13,340	25,221
Number of electors who voted	11,018	11,533	22,551
Percentage of electors who voted	92·74	86·45	89·41

THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA.

An article on the "Agent-General for Victoria" was published in the *Year-Book* for 1937-38, pages 21 and 22.

The *Agent-General's Act* of 1945 simplifies and consolidates the statutory provisions relating to the administration of the office of the Agent-General for Victoria.

The Agent-General for Victoria in Great Britain is the Hon. Sir Norman Martin, O.B.E., K.B., Victoria House, Melbourne-place, Strand, London, W.C.2.

REFERENDUM, 1948.

On the 29th May, 1948, a Referendum was taken to amend the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act. Voting was as follows :—

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PRICE CONTROL).

State.	Votes in Favour of Proposed Law.	Votes Not in Favour of Proposed Law.	Percentage of Votes Recorded in Favour.		Percentage of Votes Recorded Not in Favour.		Informa Votes.
			(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	
			To Formal Votes.	To Electors Enrolled.	To Formal Votes.	To Electors Enrolled.	
New South Wales	723,183	1,012,639	41·66	38·45	58·34	53·84	26,269
Victoria ..	559,361	693,937	44·63	41·38	55·37	51·33	16,739
Queensland ..	187,955	422,236	30·80	28·07	69·20	63·06	7,487
South Australia ..	167,171	229,438	42·15	39·54	57·85	54·27	6,169
West Australia ..	105,605	168,088	38·59	35·06	61·41	55·80	4,589
Tasmania ..	50,437	91,845	35·45	31·99	64·55	58·25	2,853
Total ..	1,793,712	2,618,183	40·66	37·49	59·34	54·73	64,106