

## CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

### The Present Constitution.

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

### ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 1931.

Elections for  
the Legislative  
Council.

At the triennial elections for the Legislative Council, held on 6th June, 1931, nine seats were contested, eight members being returned unopposed. A statement showing the number of electors on the rolls for each province, also the number and proportion who voted in the provinces where elections were held, appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1930-31, page 7.

### ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1932.

Elections.  
Legislative  
Assembly.

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly held on 14th May, 1932, there were contests in 44 of the 65 constituencies, each returning one member. The number of electors on the rolls was 1,055,301—510,809 males and 544,492 females. In contested districts 94·16 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes, the proportion for males being 94·56 per cent. and for females 93·77 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 :—

### NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 14TH MAY, 1932.

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 .. .. .	9,676	12,755	22,431	8,916	11,507	20,423	92·15	90·22	91·05
Allandale .. .. .	4,990	5,048	10,038		No	contest			
Ballarat .. .. .	7,757	10,132	17,889	7,628	9,559	17,187	98·34	94·34	96·08
Barwon .. .. .	5,750	6,350	12,100		No	contest			
Benalla .. .. .	5,310	4,832	10,142		No	contest			
Benambra .. .. .	4,885	4,053	8,938		No	contest			
Bendigo .. .. .	7,981	8,913	16,894	7,411	8,727	16,138	92·86	97·91	95·53
Boroondara .. .. .	10,979	15,148	26,127		No	contest			
Brighton .. .. .	11,078	14,351	25,429		No	contest			
Brunswick .. .. .	11,794	12,897	24,691	11,360	12,237	23,597	96·32	94·88	95·57
Bulla and Dalhousie ..	5,414	4,952	10,366	5,233	4,385	9,618	96·66	88·55	92·78
Carlton .. .. .	9,492	10,607	20,099	8,740	9,615	18,355	92·08	90·65	91·32
Castlemaine .. .. .									
and									
Kyneton .. .. .	5,224	5,508	10,732	5,004	5,306	10,310	95·79	96·33	96·07
Caulfield .. .. .	10,904	13,966	24,870	10,485	12,971	23,456	96·16	92·88	94·31
Clifton Hill .. .. .	10,831	12,575	23,406	10,062	11,587	21,649	92·90	92·14	92·49

NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT  
THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 14TH MAY, 1932.—*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.
Coburg .. ..	11,556	12,813	24,369	10,956	12,086	23,042	94·81	94·33	94·55
Collingwood .. ..	10,558	11,748	22,306		No contest				
Dandenong .. ..	12,753	13,501	26,254	12,095	12,606	24,701	94·84	93·37	94·08
Dundas .. ..	6,104	5,135	11,239	5,942	4,842	10,784	97·35	94·29	95·85
Essendon .. ..	10,556	12,335	22,891	10,424	11,654	22,078	98·75	94·48	96·45
Evelyn .. ..	5,455	5,254	10,709	5,082	4,799	9,881	93·16	91·34	92·27
Flemington .. ..	9,742	11,110	20,852	9,152	10,669	19,821	93·93	96·03	95·06
Footscray .. ..	12,225	11,976	24,201	11,707	11,686	23,393	95·76	97·58	96·66
Geelong .. ..	8,457	9,562	18,019	8,225	8,949	17,174	97·26	93·59	95·31
Gippsland East .. ..	4,414	3,357	7,771		No contest				
Gippsland North .. ..	5,484	5,248	10,732	5,157	4,938	10,095	94·04	94·09	94·06
Gippsland South .. ..	6,128	5,096	11,224		No contest				
Gippsland West .. ..	6,115	5,217	11,332		No contest				
Goulburn Valley .. ..	6,158	5,434	11,592		No contest				
Grant .. ..	5,296	4,529	9,825	4,867	4,283	9,150	91·90	94·57	93·13
Gunbower .. ..	6,006	4,985	10,991	5,697	4,782	10,479	94·86	95·93	95·34
Hampden .. ..	5,630	5,275	10,905		No contest				
Hawthorn .. ..	9,666	13,054	22,720		No contest				
Heidelberg .. ..	12,919	14,140	27,059	12,147	13,177	25,324	94·02	93·19	93·59
Kara Kara and Borung .. ..	5,428	5,074	10,502	5,222	4,863	10,085	96·20	95·84	96·03
Kew .. ..	10,446	14,496	24,942	9,927	13,050	22,977	95·03	90·02	92·12
Korong and Eaglehawk .. ..	5,752	5,350	11,102	5,530	5,065	10,595	96·14	94·67	95·43
Lowan .. ..	5,980	5,440	11,420	5,684	5,348	11,032	95·05	98·31	96·60
Maryborough and Daylesford .. ..	5,322	5,575	10,897	5,270	5,245	10,515	99·02	94·08	96·49
Melbourne .. ..	9,978	9,203	19,181	8,677	8,647	17,324	86·96	93·96	90·32
Mildura .. ..	6,004	4,962	10,966	5,705	4,431	10,136	95·03	89·30	92·43
Mornington .. ..	6,721	5,938	12,659	5,995	5,493	11,488	89·20	92·51	90·75
Northcote .. ..	11,113	12,382	23,495	10,489	11,494	21,983	94·38	92·83	93·56
Nunawading .. ..	10,420	11,818	22,238		No contest				
Oakleigh .. ..	12,796	13,459	26,255	12,512	14,209	26,721	97·78	91·91	94·57
Ouyen .. ..	6,020	4,659	10,679	5,669	4,353	10,022	94·17	93·4	93·85
Polwarth .. ..	5,958	5,348	11,306	5,735	4,964	10,699	96·26	92·82	94·63
Port Fairy and Glenelg .. ..	5,873	5,618	11,491	5,731	5,271	11,002	97·58	93·82	95·74
Port Melbourne .. ..	10,475	10,713	21,188		No contest				
Prahran .. ..	10,747	13,302	24,049	9,364	12,590	21,954	87·13	94·65	91·29
Richmond .. ..	11,240	12,385	23,625		No contest				
Rodney .. ..	6,071	5,450	11,521		No contest				
St. Kilda .. ..	11,275	14,752	26,027	10,598	14,081	24,679	94·00	95·45	94·82
Stawell and Ararat .. ..	5,771	5,506	11,277	5,565	5,232	10,797	96·43	95·02	95·74
Swan Hill .. ..	5,361	3,811	9,172	4,860	3,683	8,543	90·65	96·64	93·14
Toorak .. ..	8,665	13,831	22,496		No contest				
Upper Goulburn .. ..	5,141	4,318	9,457	4,823	4,061	8,884	93·81	94·09	93·94
Upper Yarra .. ..	6,931	6,654	13,585		No contest				
Walhalla .. ..	6,053	4,85	10,638	5,481	4,348	9,829	90·55	94·83	92·40
Wangaratta and Ovens .. ..	5,508	4,830	10,338		No contest				
Waranga .. ..	5,062	4,352	9,414	4,770	4,120	8,890	94·23	94·67	94·43
Warrenheip and Gren- ville .. ..	5,182	5,172	10,354		No contest				
Warrnambool .. ..	5,758	5,697	11,455	5,680	5,372	11,052	98·65	94·30	96·48
Williamstown .. ..	10,742	11,082	21,824	10,348	10,452	20,800	96·33	94·32	95·31
Wonthaggi .. ..	5,729	4,876	10,605	5,437	4,612	10,049	94·50	94·59	94·76
Total .. ..	510,809	544,492	1,055,301	..	..	..	..	..	..
Less twenty-one uncon- tested districts .. ..	156,153	169,816	325,969	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. ..	354,656	374,676	729,332	335,362	351,349	686,711	94·56	93·77	94·16

**Preferential Voting.** The preferential system of voting adopted in 1911 for Assembly elections, and in 1921, for Council elections, is still in force. An illustration of this system of voting is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 19.

In 20 of the 44 contested districts in the election of 14th May, 1932, there were more than two candidates. In twelve of these the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded, and consequently a second count was unnecessary. In three of the other eight contests the candidate who occupied the highest position on the first count was displaced after the second and subsequent preferences were distributed.

**Absent Voting.** The legislation providing for absent voting was assented to on the 10th November, 1927, and was applied generally for the first time at the general election for the Legislative Assembly in November, 1929.

**Compulsory Voting.** Compulsory voting was again in operation at the general election for the Legislative Assembly on 14th May, 1932, this being the third general election at which it has been in operation.

### PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1856-1932.

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

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.
	%		%		%
1856	*	1883	64·96	1911	63·61
1859	*	1886	64·70	1914	53·92
1861	*	1889	66·58	1917	54·21
1864	*	1892	65·12	1920	63·70
1866	55·10	1894	70·99	1921	57·26
1868	61·59	1897	70·33	1924	59·24
1871	65·02	1900	63·47	1927	91·76†
1874	61·00	1902	65·47	1929	93·72
1877	62·29	1904	66·72	1932	94·16
1880 (Feb.)	66·56	1907	61·26		
1880 (July)	65·85	1908	53·64		

\* 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.

### DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS, 1856 TO 1932.

During the period 1856 to 1927 the number of Parliaments was 28. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament, the number of days in session, and the percentage of the latter to the former appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 21. Similar information in regard to the twenty-ninth and thirtieth Parliaments is shown in the following statement :—

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

### STATE ACTS PASSED DURING <sup>1931</sup>~~1930~~.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during 1931 :—

Act No.	Date.	
3950 ..	2nd July	.. The <i>Preston Loan Act</i> 1931 authorizes the Council of the City of Preston, on a special order being made, to apply to street construction, money borrowed for "machines for road construction."
3951 ..	2nd July	.. This act applies the sum of £1,481,884 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1931-32.
3952 ..	21st July	.. The <i>Workers Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Act</i> 1931 vests the Premier of Victoria with authority on behalf of the State to enter into arrangements with other parts of the Empire whereby sums awarded under the law relating to workmen's compensation in one part of the Empire to beneficiaries resident or becoming resident in another part of the Empire may be transferred to and administered in that part of the Empire in which such beneficiaries reside.
3953 ..	29th July	.. The <i>Debt Conversion Agreement Act</i> 1931 approves of the Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the States relating to the conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States.
3954 ..	30th July	.. This Act applies the sum of £867,336 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1930-31.

Act No.	Date.	
3955 ..	7th August	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,169,674 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1931-32.
3956 ..	14th August	.. The <i>Trustee Act 1931</i> provides protection for Trustees in connexion with the conversion of securities under the <i>Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act 1931</i> , &c.
3957 ..	26th August	.. The <i>Indeterminate Sentences Act 1931</i> amends the section (525) of the <i>Crimes Act 1928</i> relating to the release of prisoners on probation, and the forfeiture of their earnings if conditions of release are not observed.
3958 ..	26th August	.. The <i>Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931</i> provides for the continuance of the Unemployment Relief Stamp Duties from 31st August, 1931, to 10th October, 1931.
3959 ..	3rd September	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,085,451 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1931-32.
3960 ..	22nd September	.. The <i>Police Offences (Trotting Races) Act 1931</i> permits the holding of certain trotting races at Agricultural Shows without betting.
3961 ..	24th September	.. The <i>Financial Emergency Act 1931</i> provides for the carrying out of a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity.
3962 ..	24th September	.. The <i>Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931</i> provides temporary relief to unemployed lessees, mortgagors, and purchasers under contracts of sale of dwelling-houses and to farmers in respect of debts.
3963 ..	29th September	.. The <i>Treasury Overdrafts Act 1931</i> amends the section of the <i>Treasury Overdrafts Act 1930</i> relating to the repayment of temporary advances.
3964 ..	1st October	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,019,458 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1931-32.
3965 ..	8th October	.. The <i>Royal Agricultural Show-grounds Act 1931</i> provides for the use of certain lands forming portion of the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds for purposes of recreation, entertainment, or amusement in addition to purposes already provided for, and prohibits the use of such portions of the said lands for horse, pony, motor car, motor cycle races, &c.
3966 ..	8th October	.. The <i>Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931</i> (No. 2) provides for the continuance of the Unemployment Relief Stamp Duties from 10th October, 1931, to 7th November, 1931, at increased rates.

Act No.	Date.	
3967 ..	27th October	.. The <i>Camberwell Loans Act 1931</i> authorizes the Council of the City of Camberwell to expend the balances of certain moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the moneys were borrowed.
3968 ..	27th October	.. The <i>Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Land Act 1931</i> revokes the permanent reservation and the Crown Grant of certain land in the City of Melbourne as a site for the purposes of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital and provides for the Grant of the land to that institution.
3969 ..	4th November	.. The <i>Dairy Produce Act 1931</i> amends the law relating to the testing and grading of dairy produce.
3970 ..	4th November	.. The <i>Financial Emergency (Amendment) Act 1931</i> amends Part III. of the <i>Financial Emergency Act 1931</i> .
3971 ..	4th November	.. The <i>Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief (Amendment) Act 1931</i> amends the Section (21) of the <i>Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931</i> relating to the issue of protection certificates.
3972 ..	4th November	.. This Act applies the sum of £936,363 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1931-32.
3973 ..	4th November	.. The <i>Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931</i> (No. 3) provides for the continuance of the Unemployment Relief Stamp Duties from 7th November 1931, to 5th December, 1931.
3974 ..	17th November	.. The <i>Police Offences (Consorting) Act 1931</i> provides that any person who habitually consorts with reputed thieves, &c., shall be liable to punishment as an idle and disorderly person.
3975 ..	1st December	.. The <i>Northcote Loan Act 1931</i> approves, adopts, authorizes, and ratifies an agreement between the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Northcote and the Trustees for the time being of the Victorian Board of Directors of the Australian Natives Association and provides for the form of debentures to be issued pursuant to the agreement.
3976 ..	1st December	.. The <i>Financial Emergency (Amendment) Act 1931</i> (No. 2) amends the Section (11) of the <i>Financial Emergency Act 1931</i> relating to expenses allowed to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.
3977 ..	2nd December	.. This Act applies the sum of £1,301,586 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1931-32.
3978 ..	4th December	.. The <i>Treasury Bonds Act 1931</i> amends the <i>Treasury Bonds Act 1930</i> and authorizes the issue of Treasury Bonds (subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Acts) for any amounts, the proceeds whereof not to exceed the sum of £2,454,197.

Act No.	Date.	
3979 ..	4th December	.. The <i>Nurses Act 1931</i> provides for a reduction of the period of training in cases of certain mental nurses, and for the registration of nurses trained in British Dominions.
3980 ..	4th December	.. The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act 1931</i> sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund for Public Works.
3981 ..	4th December	.. The <i>Motor Car Act 1931</i> provides for the half-yearly registration of motor cars.
3982 ..	4th December	.. The <i>Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931</i> (No. 4) provides for the continuance of the Unemployment Relief Stamp Duties from 5th December, 1931, to 9th January, 1932, and for the charging and payment of increased stamp duties.
3983 ..	15th December	.. The <i>Mildura Vineyard Protection Act 1931</i> repeals the <i>Mildura Vineyards Protection Act 1918</i> and the <i>Mildura Vineyards Protection Act 1922</i> and provides <i>inter alia</i> for certain moneys to be paid to the Treasurer of Victoria to be placed to the credit of an account called the "Mildura High School Scholarship Fund."
3984 ..	15th December	.. The <i>Hawkers and Pedlars Act 1931</i> amends the sections of previous Hawkers and Pedlars Acts relating to the application for hawkers licences by holders of existing licences.
3985 ..	24th December	.. The <i>Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Act 1931</i> provides for a temporary reduction in the rate of interest payable by certain property owners in accordance with Section 582 of the <i>Local Government Act 1928</i> in respect of the cost of making, &c., of certain streets, lanes, &c.
3986 ..	24th December	.. The <i>Wareek Land Act 1931</i> provides for the revocation of the permanent reservation of portions of certain land in the Parish of Wareek permanently reserved for public purposes, and for dealing with the land in accordance with Section 172 of the <i>Land Act 1928</i> .
3987 ..	24th December	.. The <i>Sewerage Districts (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Act 1931</i> provides for a temporary reduction in the rate of interest payable by certain property owners in respect of the costs and expenses of certain sewerage connexions, &c.
3988 ..	24th December	.. The <i>Water Supply Loans Application Act 1931</i> sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for irrigation works, water supply works, drainage, and flood protection works in country districts, &c.
3989 ..	24th December	.. The <i>Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary Limited Act 1931</i> provides <i>inter alia</i> for the sale of certain Crown land to the Company on payment of the sum of £50,000 by the Company.

Act No.	Date.	
3990 ..	24th December ..	The <i>Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Act</i> 1931 provides for the reduction of 4s. 6d. in every £1 of rent for a certain period of the rent payable in respect of certain leases, &c.
3991 ..	24th December ..	The <i>Caulfield Loans Act</i> 1931 authorizes the Council of the City of Caulfield to apply to drainage works money borrowed for street construction.
3992 ..	24th December ..	The <i>Dried Fruits Act</i> 1931 provides <i>inter alia</i> for the reconstitution of the Victorian Dried Fruits Board.
3993 ..	24th December ..	The <i>Electricity Supply Loans Application Act</i> 1931 sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.
3994 ..	24th December ..	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board Act</i> 1931 provides for the continuance in office of Members of the Board.
3995 ..	30th December ..	The <i>South Melbourne Loan Act</i> 1931 authorizes the Council of the City of South Melbourne to expend the balance of certain money on street reconstruction other than the reconstruction work for which purpose the money was borrowed.
3996 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Railway Loan Application Act</i> 1931 sanctions the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Railways, &c.
3997 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Fisheries Act</i> 1931 amends the provisions of the Principal Act relating to oysters.
3998 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Instruments Act</i> 1931 relates <i>inter alia</i> to the validity of agreements made between grantors of liens and the Board of Land and Works, the Closer Settlement Board, or the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.
3999 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Federal Aid Roads Act</i> 1931 approves, adopts, authorizes, and ratifies an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the varying of the agreement set out in the Schedule to the <i>Federal Aid Roads Act</i> 1926.
4000 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Unemployment Relief Amendment Act</i> 1931 provides for the continuance of the Unemployment Relief and Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and for a new schedule of tax for the relief of unemployment, &c.
4001 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Licensing (Fees) Act</i> 1931 provides <i>inter alia</i> for the reduction of fees for certain licences as from 1st July, 1932.
4002 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act</i> 1931 relieves the First Mildura Irrigation Trust of part of its indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply, &c.



Act No.	Date.	
4003 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Malvern Loans Act 1931</i> authorizes the Council of the City of Malvern to apply to improvements to park lands, &c., the unexpended balance of money borrowed for other purposes.
4004 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Cultivation Advances Act 1931</i> enables Government advances to be made on certain terms to farmers who through the existence or consequences of drought or other adverse climatic conditions would not be able without advances to fallow or crop their farms or a reasonably sufficient area thereof.
4005 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Companies Act 1931</i> provides <i>inter alia</i> for the temporary prohibition of the use by other companies of name of an intended company where copy of prospectus has been filed. Enables foreign companies under certain conditions to register under name even if a local company is registered under similar name.
4006 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Cemeteries Act 1931</i> gives the trustees of any cemetery with the consent of the Governor in Council power to borrow money in order to enable them to carry out the duties invested in them as Trustees under the Cemeteries Acts.
4007 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Act 1931</i> prohibits betting on sports grounds except at places set apart and on events then being held thereon.
4008 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Closer Settlement (Financial) Act 1931</i> increases the borrowing powers under the Closer Settlement Acts.
4009 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Debt Conversion Agreement Act 1931</i> (No. 2) approves of an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the various States for the compulsory conversion of the unconverted portion of the internal debts of the Commonwealth and the States.
4010 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Health Act 1931</i> deals with matters relating to Public Health.
4011 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Licensing (Half-yearly Payments) Act 1931</i> permits the payment of licence fees by half-yearly instalments.
4012 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Income Tax Act 1931</i> declares the rates of Income Tax for the year ending 30th June, 1932, and provides for the continuance of the Income Tax Acts.
4013 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Land Tax Act 1931</i> declares the rate of Land Tax for the year ending 30th June, 1932.
4014 ..	30th December ..	The <i>Stamps Act 1931</i> deals <i>inter alia</i> with the stamp duty payable on Settlements and Deeds of Gift, increases the duty from 2d. to 3d. upon receipts for amounts in excess of £25

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4015 ..	30th December	.. The <i>Income Tax Acts Amendment Act 1931</i> deals <i>inter alia</i> with the liabilities of companies, partnerships, or persons outside Victoria carrying on business in Victoria by means of agents and branches.
4016 ..	30th December	.. This Act applies the sum of £3,921,928 out of the consolidated revenue to the service of the year 1931-32.
4017 ..	30th December	.. The <i>Administration and Probate Duties Act 1931</i> provides for the continuance until 31st December, 1932, of additional duties payable under Part III. of the <i>Finance Act 1930</i> .

### OFFICIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

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

### GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Charles Joseph La Trobe ..	30th September, 1839	5th May, 1854
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (acting)	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B.	22nd June, 1854 ..	31st December, 1855*
Major-General Edward Macarthur (acting)	1st January, 1856 ..	26th December, 1856
Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. ..	26th December, 1856	10th September, 1863
Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.B.	11th September, 1863	7th May, 1866
Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (acting)	7th May, 1866 ..	15th August, 1866
The Honorable Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B.	15th August, 1866 ..	2nd March, 1873
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	3rd March, 1873 ..	19th March, 1873

\* Died on this date.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.—*continued.*

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.	31st March, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry, Kt. (acting)	3rd January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	11th January, 1875..	14th January, 1876
The Most Honorable George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, G.C.M.G., P.C.	27th February, 1879	18th April, 1884
Sir William Foster Stawell, Kt. (acting)	18th April, 1884 ..	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, { G.C.M.G., K.C.B.	15th July, 1884 .. 18th October, 1889	8th March, 1889 15th November, 1889
Sir William Cleaver Francis { Robinson, G.C.M.G. (acting) }	9th March, 1889 .. 16th November, 1889	17th October, 1889 27th November, 1889
The Right Honorable John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	28th November, 1889	12th July, 1895
The Honorable John Madden, { LL.D. (acting) }	26th January, 1893.. 27th March, 1895 ..	11th May, 1893 24th October, 1895
The Right Honorable Baron Brassey, K.C.B.	25th October, 1895	31st March, 1900
The Honorable Sir John { Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D. }	29th December, 1896 27th September, 1897 23rd March, 1898 ..	16th February, 1897 10th October, 1897 21st October, 1898
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	15th January, 1900..	10th December, 1901
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.	10th December, 1901	24th November, 1903
The Honorable Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)	24th November, 1903	25th April, 1904
Major-General Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B.	25th April, 1904 ..	6th July, 1908
The Honorable Sir John { Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D. }	20th March, 1907 .. 6th July, 1908 .. 19th May, 1911 .. 28th August, 1913 ..	18th November, 1907 27th July, 1908 24th May, 1911 23rd February, 1914
Sir Thomas David Gibson Car- michael, Baronet, K.C.M.G.	27th July, 1908 ..	19th May, 1911
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Baker, Baronet, K.C.M.G.	24th May, 1911 ..	31st January, 1914

## GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G.*	23rd February, 1914	30th January, 1920
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor (acting)†	30th July, 1919 ..	24th February, 1921
	1st April, 1923 ..	24th October, 1923
	8th April, 1926 ..	27th June, 1926
	26th April, 1929 ..	27th October, 1929
	3rd October, 1930 ..	21st January, 1931
The Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E.‡	24th February, 1921	7th April, 1926
Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.§	28th June, 1926 ..	23rd June, 1931
Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor	24th June, 1931	

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

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

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

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

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

## MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

In the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 29, appears a statement which shows the names of Ministers who held office from the separation of the Colony from New South Wales in 1851 up to the establishment of responsible Government in 1855. The office which each Minister held and the date of assumption of office are also shown.

## MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

During the period 28th November, 1855, to 22nd November, 1928, the number of Ministries was 45. A statement showing the name of the Premier, the date of assumption of, the date of retirement from, and the duration of office of each of these Ministries appears in the

*Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 30 and 31. Similar information in regard to the forty-sixth and forty-seventh Ministries is contained in the following statement :—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
Forty-sixth—Sir William Murray McPherson, K.B.E.	22nd November, 1928	12th December, 1929	Days. 385
Forty-seventh—Edmond John Hogan	12th December, 1929	19th May, 1932	889

The forty-eighth and existing Ministry, in which the Hon. Sir S. S. Argyle is Premier, assumed office on 19th May, 1932. This Ministry consists of the following members :—

#### ARGYLE MINISTRY.

Argyle, Sir Stanley S., K.B.E., M.R.C.S., M.L.A.	Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Public Health.
Macfarlan, Ian, M.L.A. .. ..	Chief Secretary and Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings.
Menzies, Robert Gordon, K.C., M.L.A.	Minister of Railways, Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
Allan, John, M.L.A. .. ..	Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
Dunstan, Albert Arthur, M.L.A. ..	President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Forests.
Pennington, John Warburton, C.B.E., M.L.A.	Minister of Public Instruction.
Jones, John Percy, M.L.C. .. ..	Commissioner of Public Works, Minister in charge of Immigration, Minister of Mines, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
Goudie, George Louis, M.L.C. ..	Minister of Water Supply and Minister of Labour.
Chandler, Alfred Elliott, M.L.C. ..	Minister without Portfolio.
Cohen, Harold Edward, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., M.L.C.	Minister without Portfolio.
Kent-Hughes, Wilfrid Selwyn, M.L.A.	Minister without Portfolio.
Manifold, Thomas Chester, M.L.A.	Minister without Portfolio.

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

### MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1932.

#### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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

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

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

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

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

Clerk of the Papers : L. V. Hoyle.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1932—*continued.*

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park .. ..	H. V. Drew.
Allandale .. ..	Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, K.C.M.G. (Speaker).
Ballarat .. ..	T. T. Hollway.
Barwon .. ..	T. K. Maltby.
Benalla .. ..	E. F. Cleary.
Benambra .. ..	J. R. Paton.
Bendigo .. ..	A. E. Cook.
Boroondara .. ..	Hon. R. Linton.
Brighton .. ..	Hon. I. Macfarlan (Chief Secretary, and Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings).
Brunswick .. ..	J. R. Jewell.
Bulla-Dalhousie .. ..	H. O. White.
Carlton .. ..	W. Barry.
Castlemaine and Kyneton .. ..	C. Shields, M.B.
Caulfield .. ..	Sir. H. D. Luxton, K.B.
Clifton Hill .. ..	M. M. Blackburn.
Coburg .. ..	F. P. Keane.
Collingwood .. ..	Hon. T. Tunnecliffe.
Dandenong .. ..	Hon. F. Groves.
Dundas .. ..	W. Slater.
Essendon .. ..	J. C. Dillon.
Evelyn .. ..	W. H. Everard.
Flemington .. ..	J. J. Holland.
Footscray .. ..	Hon. G. M. Prendergast.
Geelong .. ..	E. A. Austin.
Gippsland East .. ..	A. E. Lind.
Gippsland North .. ..	J. W. McLachlan.
Gippsland South .. ..	H. J. T. Hyland.
Gippsland West .. ..	M. Bennett.
Goulburn Valley .. ..	Colonel Hon. M. W. J. Bouchier, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.
Grant .. ..	F. C. T. Holden.
Gunbower .. ..	Hon. H. Angus.
Hampden .. ..	Hon. T. C. Manifold (Minister without Portfolio).
Hawthorn .. ..	J. A. Gray.
Heidelberg .. ..	H. P. Zwar.
Kara Kara-Borong .. ..	Hon. J. W. Pennington, C.B.E. (Minister of Public Instruction).
Kew .. ..	Hon. W. S. Kent Hughes (Minister without Portfolio).
Korong-Eaglehawk .. ..	Hon. A. A. Dunstan (President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Forests).

MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1932—*continued*.THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued*.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Lowan .. ..	Hon. M. E. Wettenhall.
Maryborough-Daylesford ..	G. C. Frost.
Melbourne .. ..	T. Hayes.
Mildura .. ..	A. G. Allnutt.
Mornington .. ..	A. J. Kirton.
Northcote .. ..	Hon. J. Cain.
Nunawading .. ..	Hon. R. G. Menzies, K.C. (Minister of Railways, Attorney-General and Solicitor-General, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works).
Oakleigh .. ..	J. T. V. Smith.
Ouyen .. ..	A. L. Bussau.
Polwarth .. ..	Hon. J. McDonald.
Port Fairy-Glenelg ..	E. E. Bond.
Port Melbourne .. ..	J. L. Murphy.
Prahran .. ..	J. McD. Ellis.
Richmond .. ..	E. J. Cotter.
Rodney .. ..	Hon. J. Allan (Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works).
St. Kilda .. ..	A. Michaelis.
Stawell and Ararat ..	Hon. R. F. Toutcher.
Swan Hill .. ..	Hon. F. E. Old.
Toorak .. ..	Hon. Sir S. S. Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S. (Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Public Health).
Upper Goulburn .. ..	Hon. E. J. Mackrell.
Upper Yarra .. ..	Hon. Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Walhalla .. ..	W. A. Moncur.
Wangaratta-Ovens ..	L. V. Diffey.
Waranga .. ..	E. A. Coyle.
Warrenheip-Grenville ..	Hon. E. J. Hogan.
Warrnambool .. ..	J. V. Fairbairn.
Williamstown .. ..	Hon. J. Lemmon.
Wonthaggi .. ..	W. G. McKenzie.

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

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

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

Reader : T. J. Landy.

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

Clerk of the Papers : H. K. McLachlan.

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

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