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WITH STATISTICS OF OTHER ELECTIONS HELD IN TASMANIA FROM 1903 TO 1928

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Office of Chief Electoral Officer for the State,

Hobart, 24th September, 1928.

SIR.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the General Election held on

the 30th May, 1928.

Parliament was dissolved by His Excellency the Governor on the 16th April, 1928, and the following dates were fixed in connection with the Election:-

Issue of writs	20th April, 1928.
Nominations	2nd May, 1928.
Poll	30th May 1928.
Writs returned	15th June, 1928.

The number of nominations received totalled 72, the candidates being distributed throughout the five Divisions as follows:-

Bass			14
Darwin			12
Denison			17
Franklin			16
Wilmot		, .	13
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Total			72

This number represents a decrease of two candidates as compared with 1925, and five as compared with the 1922 General Election. At the 1928 Election 12 candidates lost their deposits, which is five less than the previous Election.

The following figures, which are dealt with in detail in the various tables accompanying this report, indicate the total enrolment for the State and the

voting for each Division, as follows:-

Division.	${f Electors} \ {f Enrolled}$.	Total No. of Votes Recorded.
Bass	22,292 23,012 22,654 22,968 21,030	17,764 19,373 18,950 18,646 16,946
Total	$\overline{111,956}$	91,679

This table shows a higher number of votes recorded than at any previous State Election, and that the percentage of votes cast upon the basis of the electors enrolled was 81.9. The percentage of informal votes, 3.24, is the highest since 1919, being over 1 per cent. above the 1925 figures and 2.27 per cent. above those of 1916. A return showing the percentage of the chief classes of informality in each division is submitted herewith.

5817 absent votes were recorded, of which 5604 were valid. 1154 postal votes were received. In both cases this represents an increase as compared with the 1925 Election, the increase in postal votes amounting to approxi-

mately 50 per cent.

Votes recorded under Section 116 (a), which deals with errors and omissions in the roll, were not so numerous on this occasion as compared with the previous General Election. This may be taken as an indication that the rolls were in a good state, and consequently reduced the necessity of having recourse to the provisions of this section.

Attention is drawn to the appended Tables 8, 9, and 10, which furnish an analysis of the votes cast under the above headings.

The number of polling-places open throughout the State totalled 456, which is eight more than were required at the last General Election and 1173 officials were engaged in dealing with the requirements of the Election.

An opportunity was taken of conferring with the divisional returning officers regarding the publication of polling-place details, and their unanimous opinion, after the most careful consideration, was to the effect that the publication of polling-place details tends to violate the secrecy of the ballot. It is therefore strongly urged that the practice followed by the Commonwealth, in only publishing divisional totals, be adopted by the State.

In the early stages of the Election the opportunity was taken to personally examine the conditions in the whole of the electoral divisions. As a result of such inspection, expert assistance was provided in divisions where it was anticipated that keen contests would be experienced. Care was also taken to place in the hands of the divisional returning officers, at an early date, such material and equipment as was required in the conduct of the Election. This provided these officers with the opportunity of concentrating on matters of organisation and administration, and it is pleasing to note that, having secured a record poll, no hitch of any importance occurred. I have to express my appreciation of the efficiency and care displayed in this connection by all concerned.

At the termination of the Election a conference of the whole of the divisional returning officers was held, at which matters of administration and legislation requiring adjustment were fully discussed, and, as a result of this conference, recommendations have been made to provide amended legislation for the improvement of the working of the electoral system. The prin-

cipal recommendations are as follows:

Simplification of Postal Voting.—In the recent amendments made by the Federal Government, under the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, it has been provided that it is only necessary for an elector to witness an application for a postal vote certificate, and the authorised witness to witness the elector's signature on the postal vote certificate. It was recommended by the conference that this practice be adopted in future State Elections. Under State legislation an authorised witness is required to witness the elector's signature on an application for a postal vote certificate as well as on the postal vote certificate.

It was also recommended that the use of printed ballot-papers be permitted after the receipt of nominations. This will greatly facilitate the working of this section, and will bring State operations into line with those of

the Commonwealth.

Assistance to Persons Physically Incapacitated.—As provision has been made under Section 117 for assistance to persons who are physically incapacitated in voting as ordinary voters, it has been suggested that assistance should be granted to the electors similarly incapacitated when voting as postal voters. The amendment which has been submitted will, if adopted, give effect to this recommendation.

Section 155 (a) of the Electoral Act provides that persons shall not exhibit or leave in the polling-booth any card or paper having thereon any direction or instruction as to how an elector should vote or to the method of voting. Under the Commonwealth Act an illiterate voter is permitted to take into the booth, and to exhibit to the presiding officer, a marked card, in order to assist him in voting, and it is recommended that similar provision be made in the State Act.

I desire to record my high appreciation and thanks for the valuable services rendered by the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (Mr. C. A. Blakney), and the Divisional Returning Officers for Bass (Mr. A. J. Simmons), Darwin (Mr. N. J. Warmbrunn), Denison (Mr. L. Ainsworth), Franklin (Mr. E. A. J. Benjafield), and Wilmot (Mr. A. R. Cooke), mainly to whose efforts can be attributed the successful conduct of the Election.

Statistical tables compiled by the Deputy-Statistician (Mr. L. F. Giblin), together with his observations in relation to various phases of the Election,

are appended hereto.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

> D. W. ADDISON, Chief Electoral Officer.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLES—GENERAL ELECTION, 30th MAY, 1928. COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS ELECTIONS.)

Table 1.—Electors, Voters, and Informal Votes-General Election, 30th May, 1928.

	Estimated	Electors	Electors on Roll. Votes Recorded.			Informa	Valid	
	Population 31st March,	Number.	Per 1000 of Popula- tion.	Number.	Percentage on Electors.	Number.	Percentage on Votes Recorded.	Votes
Bass Darwin Denison Franklin Wilmot		22.292 23,012 22,654 22,968 21,030	545 490 563 530 518	17,764 19,373 18,950 18,646 16,946	79-7 84-2 83-7 81-2 80-6	601% 628 519 527 698	3·38 3·24 2·74 2·83 4·12	17,163 18,745 18,431 18,119 16 248
Total	212,040	111,956	528	91,679	81.9	2973	3.24	88,706

The number of votes recorded is the number of votes, formal and informal, that were admitted The number of votes recorded is the number of votes, formal and informal, that were admitted to the scrutiny. Up to 1922 this number did not differ much from the number of ballot-papers issued, but in 1928, as in 1925 and 1922, owing to amendments of the Act and regulations, a large number of persons filled in voting-papers on the strength of their claim that their names should be on the roll. In the majority of cases this claim was not sustained, and the vote was disallowed These attempted votes are not counted as "votes recorded" in the above and subsequent tables.

Table 2.—Comparative Summary.—State General Elections since 1916.

	30th May	3rd June,	10th June,	31st May,	25th March,
	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.	1916.
Electors on Roll Male Female Total Malesper cent of total %.	55,058	56,667	54,958	53,295	54,466
	56,898	58,234	55,591	54,336	52,855
	111,956	114,901	110,549	107,541	107,321
	49+2	49 · 3	49:7	49.5	50:8
Electors per 1000 of population	528	542	514	529	575
Votes Recorded : — Male Female Total Males— per cent. of total **O'/**	46,769	41,322	38,157	37,037	41,127
	44,910	35,959	31,295	34,027	97,557
	91,679	77,281	69,752	71,064	78,984
	51·0	53 · 5	55 · 1	52+1	52·5
Male % Female % Total %	84 · 94	72 · 92	70·0	69·6	76:06
	78 · 94	61 · 75	56·3	62·6	71:05
	81 · 90	67 · 26	63·1	66·1	73:00
Valid votes recorded	88,706	75,567	67,918	68,250	74,514
Informal Votes .— Number Percentage to votes recorded	2973 3·24 72 12 7 452 126	1714 2·22 74 17 6 381	1834 2·63 77 19 2 4:39 160	2814 3·96 57 4 13 264 126	4470 5·66 48 3 11 117 54

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The number of electors on the roll is 3000 less than in 1925, though greater than at any previous election. The decrease in population in the three years was only about 2000, of which adults would form not much more than half. It may be inferred, therefore, that the rolls in 1925 were inflated by about 2000 compared with 1928. The numbers on the roll in 1928 appear to correspond very closely with the adult population of the State.

The percentage of electors who voted was 85 per cent. for men, 79 per cent. for women, and 82 per cent. for all voters. The highest percentages previously recorded were 73 per cent in 1916 and 1912. In 1925 only 67 per cent. voted. The high proportion in 1928 may be put down to the institution of compulsory voting at the last Federal election, when, in Tasmania, 89 per cent. voted, compared with 46 per cent. at the previous Federal election. Compulsory voting at the Federal election no doubt broke the ice for many electors, and, in addition, there was a widespread impression that voting was compulsory at the State election also. The increase in women voters was very much greater than the increase in men.

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There were 2973 informal votes, 3.24 per cent., compared with 1714, or 2.22 per cent., in 1925. This great increase in informalities may be taken to reflect the inexperience, and possibly also the lower intelligence or interest, of the electors who voted by supposed compulsion.

The number of candidates, 72, and the number of counts, 126, differ little from those numbers

Women electors were slightly in a majority, 51 per cent., but women voters to the same degree in a minority, 49 per cent.

Table 3.—Electors on Roll and Voters—Last Four General Elections.

Electors on Roll—Males.						Voters -	-Male.	
	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.
0	10.400	10 500	11,184	10,636	8,722	7,806	7,698	7,118
Bass	10,406	10,583	9,459	10,000	10,573	9,226	6,721	7,319
Darwin	12,195 10,009	12,174 11,075	12,895	11,319	8,607	8,257	9,166	8,288
Denison			12,172	11,837	9,840	8,457	8,415	8,187
Franklin Wilmot	11,634 10,814	11,918 10,917	9,248	9,210	9,027	7,576	6,457	6,125
Total	55,058	56,667	54,958	53,205	46,769	41,322	38,457	37,037
I	Electors on	Roll—Fema	iles.			Voters-	Female.	
	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.
Dung.	11,886	11,768	12,174	11,741	9,042	7,401	6,615	7,025
Bass Darwin	10,817	10,845	8,033	8,385	8,800	7,006	4,300	5,306
Denison	12,645	13,589	15,597	14,300	10,343	8,764	9,690	9,689
Franklin	11,334	11,575	10,683	10,688	8,806	6,549	5,501	6,480
Wilmot	10,216	10,457	9,104	9,222	7,919	6,2 39	5,189	5,527
Total	56,898	58,234	55,591	54,336	44,910	3 5,9 59	31,295	34,027
Ele	ectors on R	oll—Both S	exes.			Voters-B	oth Sexes.	
	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919
Bass	22,292	22,351	23,358	22,377	17,764	15,207	14,313	14,148
Darwin	23,012	23,019	17,492	18,588	19,373	16,232	11,021	12,62
Denison	22,654	24,664	28,492	25,619	18,950	17,021	18,856	17,977
Franklin	22,968	23,493	22,855	22,525	18,646	15,006	13,916	14,66
Wilmot	21,030	21,374	18,352	18,432	1 6 ,946	13,815	11,646	11,65
Total	111,956	114,901	110,549	107,541	91,679	77,281	69,752	71,06

The result of the alteration of the boundaries of electoral districts, which came into operation for the 1925 election, is shown in the more equal numbers in the five districts. In the 1922 election the largest number of electors in a district exceeded the smallest by 63 per cent.; in 1928 the greatest excess was less than 10 per cent. Darwin and Franklin have now most electors, and Wilmot fewest.

Table 4.—Percentage of Electors Voting at General Elections since 1909.

General Election.	Percentage of Electors Voting.			
General Election.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
State, 30.4.1909	60·7 64·8 61·3 77·0 n 79·0 81·3 76·1 82·0 69·6 65·1 70·0 53·4 72·9 89·5 84·9	43·7 51·5 51·6 69·7 n 70·8 73·7 71·0 70·0 62·6 52·3 56·3 38·0 61·8 88·0 78·9	52:6 58:5 56:7:7 73:5 67:2 75:0 77:6 78:6 66:1 58:7 67:5 88:7:	

The above table, giving the percentage of electors who exercised the franchise at all general elections, both State and Federal, since 1909, indicates roughly the rise and fall of political interest among the electors up to 1925. The proportion of voters, on the whole, increased greatly from 1909 to 1914, remained steady until 1917, then fell away until 1922, but shows some recovery in 1925. Both its rise and fall are much more pronounced in the case of women than of men. The proportions for the last two elections are dominated by Federal compulsory voting.

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES IN DIVISIONS.

There were two outstanding features of the 1928 election. The parties by any reckoning were There were two outstanding features of the 1928 election. The parties by any reckoning were almost equal in number; and the allegiance of a considerable number of electors to any party was very loose. Under these circumstances, a result of 15 members to each party, or 16 to 14 either way, was equally possible. The determining factor would probably be the personal strength of the individual candidates on either side. This will manifest itself in the transfer of later preferences to the opposite party and the number of votes lost to a party by exhaustion. A further complicating factor is the relative size of the unrepresented minorities of each party in all divisions put together. These various factors may be considered separately.

The first point to settle is the political allegiance of the 72 candidates. Of these, 26 described themselves as Nationalist, 35 as Labour, 10 as Independent, and 1 as Independent Labour. It is necessary to class the Independents and verify the others from the evidence of the voting-papers.

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and no great exhaustion of votes which affected party representation.
In Darwin the position was equally clear. There were six Labour candidates, five Nationalist, and one Independent, who was evidently regarded as a Nationalist in the transfer of votes.

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In Denison the position was a little more involved. There were five Nationalist and eight Labour candidates, three Independents, and one Independent Labour. Of the Independents, Mr. Graham may be classed as Labour, because 80 per cent. of his votes were transferred to Labour candidates. The other two, Mr. McHugo and Mr. Stamford, by the same test, appear as equally divided betwen Labour and Nationalist. Half their No. 1 preferences are therefore ascribed to each party. The Independent Labour candidate, Mr. Mahoney, was not "cut up," but a full analysis of his papers has been made, and is given on page 19, from which it appears that he could not be distinguished from an official Labour candidate.

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In Franklin there is greater difficulty in interpreting the No. 1 preferences. There were four Nationalist candidates, eight Labour, and four Independent. The four Independent candidates were predominantly Nationalist, and are counted as such, but they appeared to receive apparently more Labour support in the transfer of votes than the average Nationalist candidate. The same was true of Sir John Evans, an avowed Nationalist. There was, in general, considerably more than the usual amount of cross-voting and particularly on the Labour side the party allegiance was loose. usual amount of cross-voting, and, particularly on the Labour side, the party allegiance was loose. Consequently the score of the No. 1 preferences for Labour over-estimates the real Labour strength

in the division.

For Wilmot there were seven Labour candidates, four Nationalist, and two Independent. One Independent, Mr. Cameron, was evidently considered by the electors as a Nationalist, and his No. 1 preferences are counted as Nationalist votes. The other Independent, Mr. McShane, was apparently regarded as of no party, and his No. 1 preferences are divided between parties in proportion to the next available choice on his papers when he was excluded. Here, as in Franklin, party allegiance was weak on the Labour side, but manifested itself in the number of votes lost by exhaustion rather than in cross-voting

With the allotment of candidates, as indicated in the above paragraphs, we get the following

totals for the No. 1 preferences cast for the two parties

Table 5.—Party Strength as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1928.

	Number of	1st Choices.	Number of Quotas and Seats		
Division.	Nationalist.	Labour.	Nationalist.	Labour.	
ass	77 95	9368	3.18	, 3·82	
Darwin	9987	8758	3.73	3.27	
Denison	8088	10,343	3.07	3-98	
ranklin	10,233	7886	§ 8∙95	3.05	
Wilmot	7801	8447	3·36 3	3.64	
Total	43,904	44,802	\$ 17·29 \$ 16	{ 17·71 14	

Note.-The upper line of bracketed numbers gives the number of quotas of first choices, and the lower line the seats actually won.

The electoral law provides that a seat shall be allotted to each complete quota of votes in each The electoral law provides that a seat shall be allotted to each complete quota of votes in each division. In Bass, Darwin, and Wilmot there were three comp lete quotas in each party, indicated by the No. 1 preferences, and the result of three members to each party was never in doubt. In Denison and Franklin the position was not so clear. In Denison the Nationalists only just obtained three quotas (3·07) of No. 1 preferences, and in Franklin, Labour, in the same way, only just obtained three quotas (3·05). In this critical position, in order that the respective parties should obtain their three members, they could not afford to lose any votes on the balance by cross-voting or by exhaustion of ballot-papers. In Denison the Nationalists fulfilled this condition. The losses in transfer due to cross-voting exactly balanced on the two sides, and the losses by exhaustion, which were small during the critical part of the count, also balanced almost exactly. The Nationalists accordingly won the three seats indicated by their three quotas of No. 1 preferences. In Franklin, on the other hand, Labour did not fulfil the necessary conditions for getting the three seats indicated by No. 1 preferences. In exhaustion of votes Labour gained 106 on balance, chiefly on account of the large number of Mr. Murdoch's papers (231) that were exhausted when he was excluded. But by cross-voting, which was very rife in Franklin, Labour lost 607 votes, whereas the Nationalists lost only 394, giving a net loss of 213 votes, which were also a gain to the opposite party. The operations of the scrutiny may be summarised thus:—

	Nationalist Votes.	$Labour\ Votes.$			
No. 1 preferences	4 quotas less 123 less 285 less 33	 3 quotas plus 119 less 181 less 56			
Not goin and law has many	4 quotas less 441	 3 quotas less 118			
Net gain and loss by cross-voting	plus 213	 less 213			
Final result	4 quotas less 228	 3 quotas less 331			

In the final result Labour were 103 votes further behind in getting their third quota than the Nationalists in getting their fourth quota. The last seat, therefore, went to the Nationalists.

This result does not tally with the indications given by the No. 1 preferences, but it must be remembered that the No. 1 preferences are only a guide on the assumption that cross-voting will be approximately equal on each side. Where the claim to a seat is fairly equal on the first preferences, and one party votes much more "solidly" than the other, the solid-voting party will gain the seat, even if the original figures were slightly against it. The No. 1 preferences of the other party have really a smaller average value—something less than one—because of the tendency of its supporters to give later preferences to candidates of the other party.

A comparison with previous years in respect to the quotas of No. 1 preferences and the seats won for each party in each division is given in the following table:—

Table 6.—Party Strength as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1913-1928.

Quotas of No. 1 Preferences and Seats Actually Won.

	19	13	1:	916	15	919	1:	922	1	925	1:	9 2 8
Division.	Non- Labour.	Labour.	Non- Labour.	Labour.	Non- Labour.	Labour.	Non- Labour.	Labour.	Non- Labour.	Labour.	Non- Labour.	Labour.
Bass Quotas Seats won	9·48 3	3·52 3	3·27 3	3·73	4.35	2.65	3.65	2.77	3.30	3·70	3.18	3.82
Darwin \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	3·43 3	3.57	3·45 3	3·55 3	3·68	3.32	3.95	3.05	3.40	3.60	3.73	3.27
Denison (Quotas Seats won	3·64 3	3.36	3.23	3.47	3.90	3.10	4.22	2.78	3.00	4·00 4	3.07	3.93
Franklin \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	3.93	3·07 3	3.62	3.38	3.86	3.14	4·29 4	$\frac{2\cdot 71}{2}$	3.41	3.26	3·95 4	3.00
Wilmot { Quotas Seats wen	4.46	2·54 2	4.26	$\frac{2\cdot 74}{2}$	4.89	2.11	5·08 4	1.92	3.77	3.53	3.36	3.64
All Quotas Seats won	18·94 16	16·06 14	18·13 16	16·87 14	20·68 17	14·32 13	21·19 17	13·23 12*	16·91 14	18.09	17·29 16	17·71 14

Omitting the votes for one Independent candidate, who was elected for Bass.
 Note.—The boundaries of divisions were altered between the 1922 and 1925 elections.

In 1928, as pointed out above, Labour, with just three (3.07) quotas of No. 1 preferences in Franklin, failed to win the third seat. From the above table it will be seen that the only time that this happened before was in 1922. In Wilmot the non-Labour parties had 5.08 quotas, but failed to win the fifth seat. In Denison, at the same election, there was a still greater discrepancy between first choices and seats. The non-Labour parties, with a much greater margin, 4.22 quotas, won only three seats. In both cases the cause was cross-voting to the Labour party, or, in other words, that a No. 1 choice for non-Labour was not a solid vote, and its average value was less than one.

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES IN THE STATE.

It has been always recognised that the present system of voting, while giving proportional representation in divisions as exactly as the number of members will allow, may occasionally fail to give exactly true representation for the State as a whole. If the unrepresented fractional quotas for each division, when added up for all divisions, are appreciably greater for one party than for the other, it may possibly result in under-representation by one member of the first party for the whole State, and corresponding over-representation by the other.

When parties are very equally divided, so that accurate representation would be 15 members on each side, it is possible that the results will give 16 to 14, and the party with 16 members may be the party which was slightly in the minority in the whole State.

In the seven previous elections under the present law this did not happen; but in the 1928 election the anomaly has occurred. In the table given on page 7 it will be seen that there was a moderate surplus for Labour in Wilmot, balanced by a Nationalist surplus in Darwin, but in the three other divisions there was a particularly big surplus for Labour. The fractional quotas unrepresented added up to 3.71 quotas for Labour and only 1.29 quotas for the Nationalists. If we take the total number of No. 1 preferences for each party as arrived at above, and divide 30. we take the total number of No. I preferences for each party, as arrived at above, and divide 30 members in proportion, we get the following allotment of seats due to parties and seats actually

Representation of Parties in Proportion to No. 1 Preferences, and Seats Won.

	$No.\ 1$ $Preferences.$	Seats in Proportion.	Sea	ts Actually Won.
Nationalist		 14.85		16
Labour	44,802	 15.15		14

These figures suggest that the minority party has obtained the majority of seats; but that inference cannot fairly be made. As shown in the analysis above (page 7), the No. 1 preferences for Labour have to be discounted for not being full Labour votes, on account of the greater tendency of those reckoned Labour voters to cross-vote to the other party. Allowance for this just about cancels the small apparent Labour majority indicated by the No. 1 preferences. The parties, in fact, on the evidence of the votes were, as nearly as can be measured, equal in voting strength. The anomaly is that when two parties were practically equal, one should have obtained 16 seats and the other 14.

This anomaly is due to the unrepresented fractional remainders, and the possibility of it is inherent in the present electoral law. It can only be made impossible by the adoption of the uniform quota. (For the method of the uniform quota see Report on General Election, 1913, pp. 22-24, and for its adaptation to Tasmanian conditions, and the present method of voting, see the Report and Progress Report of the Select Committee on the Tasmanian Electoral Amendment Bill, 1914, House of Assembly Papers, No. 12 of 1915-16, and No. 31 of 1914-15.)

It must be remembered, however, that the irregularities in the present system are not great, and happen only occasionally; and are insignificant in comparison with the irregularities in the old

system of single-seat electorates.

A comparison between the number of seats due to parties, on the basis of No. 1 preferences and seats actually won, is given for all elections held under the present law in the following table:—

Table 7.—Representation of Parties for the Whole State, 1909-1928. Seats in Proportion to No. 1 Preferences, and Seats Actually Won.

	Non- Labour.	Labour.		Non- Labour.	Labour.
1909 Proportionate share	18·31 18	11·69 12	1919 Proportionate share Actually won	17·56 17	12·44 13
1912 Proportionate share	16·35 16	13+65 14	1922 Proportionate share Actually won	18·07 17	11·42* 12
1913 Proportionate share	15·78 16	13·80* 14	1925 Proportionate share Actually won	14·42 14	15·58 16
1916 Proportionate share Actually won	15·46 16	14*54 14	1928 Proportionate share	14·85 16	15·15 14

^{*} Omitting the votes for an Independent candidate for Wilmot in 1913 who was not elected, and one for Bass in 1922 who was elected.

ABSENT VOTES, POSTAL VOTES, AND SECTION 116A.

Under the provisions of Section 116A, 1051 persons whose names were not on the roll claimed the right to vote, and filled in ballot-papers. Of these, 720 were rejected because their claim to be on the roll could not be sustained. The remaining 331 were admitted to the scrutiny, and 13 of

them rejected for informalities, leaving 318 valid votes under Section 116a.

The number of absent votes was 6642, but these included a number whose names were not, in fact, on the roll, and 825 were rejected on this account. A further 213 were rejected for informalities, leaving 5604 valid absent votes.

These numbers can be compared only with those of the last two elections, on account of changes in the Act and regulations. Valid absent votes again show an increase, but valid votes under Section 116a dropped away a little. As in the two previous elections, of those claiming to be improperly omitted from the rolls, only about 30 per cent. made good their claim.

Postal votes showed a remarkable increase to 1154 valid votes, nearly double the number at either of the two previous elections. Postal votes for Labour candidates were, as usual, only half as numerous as for Nationalist candidates.

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Tables 8, 9, and 10 show the details of voting under Section 116a and of absent and postal votes. The total number of votes disallowed owing to the voter not being on the roll, or having no right to be on the roll, was 1545, compared with 1668 in 1925 and 1473 in 1922. These votes are not counted either as votes recorded or as informal votes.

Table 8 .- Votes under Section 116A and Absent Votes.

	V	otes under	Section 16A			Absent	Votes.	
Division.	Pa	pers Receive	ed.	Admitted	Pa	pers Receive	ed.	Admitted
-	Males.	Females.	Total.	scrutiny.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Scrutiny.
Bass Darwin Denison Franklin Wilmot	101 98 76 213 77	112 56 107 159 52	213 154 183 372 129	75 20 60 154 22	661 672 953 855 752	577 383 619 595 575	1238 1055 1572 1450 1327	1110 929 1394 1266 1118
Total	565	486	1051	331	3893	2749	6642	5817

Table 9 .- Valid Postal Votes in Parties.

Division.	Non-Labour.	Labour.	Total.
Bass	132 94 397 132 68	80 49 194 44 24	212 143 581 176 92
Total	763	391	1154

Table 10.—Summary of Absent and Postal Voting.

	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.	1916.
Valid Absent Votes	5604 (a)	5398 (a)	5032 (a)	1875 (b)	2901 (b)
	318	353	296		
	1154	591	658	640	950

⁽a) Voting outside subdivision in which enrolled.(b) Voting outside division in which enrolled.

INFORMAL VOTES.

The number of informal votes increased from 1714 in 1925 to 2973 in 1928, and the proportion of informal votes increased from 2.22 per cent. to 3.24 per cent. The increase is common to all divisions (though greatest in Bass and Wilmot), and to both the chief types of informality—failure to number 1, 2, 3, and not attempting to indicate any preference. The increase is probably due to the increased poll bringing in inexperienced electors in unusual numbers. The proportion, however, is still very much lower than for recent elections for single seats in the House of Representatives. (See Table 14.)

Table 12 gives a summary of the percentage occurrence of the chief kinds of informality since 1909. The figures for 1916 and 1919 are slightly exaggerated by the inclusion for those years of the voting papers of electors who were not on the roll, but the number of such voters up till 1922 was insignificant.

Table 14 gives a summary of informal votes at all general elections in Tasmania, State and Federal, since 1903.

Table 11.—Informal Ballot-papers, General Election, 1928, showing Specific Sources of Informality in each Division.

	Bass.	Darwin.	Denison.	Franklin.	Wilmot.	Ali Divisions.
Total Number of Bullot-papers Polled	17,764	19,373	18,950	18,646	16,946	91,679
Defective Preference Numbering	354 295 12}	369 211 48	306 193 20	221 232 74	317 237 144	1567 1108 298
Total Informal Ballot-papers	601	628	519	527	698	2973
Percentage of Informals to Total Paper-Polled	3·38 6	3.24	2.74	2.83	4.12	3·24 14

Table 12.—Informal Ballot-papers, 1909-1928.—Percentage of Chief Classes of Informality in each Division.

euch 1900						
]	Percentag	e of Infor	mal Ballo	t-papers.	
Principal Sources of Informality.	Bass.	Darwin.	Denison.	Franklin.	Wilmot.	All Divisions.
Year.	1·47 a ·88 1·14 ·81 1·09 ·97 1·99	1·19 a 1·21 1·32 1·17 1·17 1·42 1·90	1·45 a 1·34 1·48 1·32 1·30 1·21 1·61	1·20 a 1·25 ·95 1·36 1·19 1·05 1·19	$2 \cdot 22$ a $1 \cdot 09$ $2 \cdot 05$ $1 \cdot 29$ $1 \cdot 77$ $1 \cdot 01$ $1 \cdot 87$	1·49 a 1·16 1·36 1·27 1·29 1·14 1·71
Unitormly marking as follows:—	.72	1 · 26	.91	1.17	-83	-97
1912 1913 1916 1919 1922 1925 1928	a 1·23 2·35 2·28 ·75 ·57 1·32	a 1·50 3·40 2·95 1·22 ·89 1·09	1 · 53 3 · 68 1 · 34 · 77 · 65 1 · 02	a 1·53 4·88 1·62 1·37 1·02 1·24	a 1·09 2·42 2·58 1·30 ·78 1·40	1 · 38 3 · 49 2 · 08 1 · 05 · 78 1 · 20
and so failing to distinguish preference.		<u></u>			: !	
Sundry defects $ \begin{cases} 1909 \\ 1912 \\ 1913 \\ 1916 \\ 1919 \\ 1922 \\ 1925 \ b \\ 1928 \ b \end{cases} $	· 37 a · 38 · 39 · 24 · 21 · 28 · 07	·47 ·46 ·36 ·77 ·24 ·17 ·20 ·24	43 a 48 -87 -96 -51 -6 -11	· 27 a · 39 · 69 · 37 · 30 · 18 · 40	39 a ·21 1·06 2·19 ·13 ·61 ·85	· 40 a · 97 · 81 · 61 · 29 · 30 · 93
All forms of informalities	2·56 2·63 2·49 3·88 3·33 2·05 1·82 3·38	2·92 2·97 3·07 5·49 4·36 2·56 2·51 3·23	2·79 2·67 3·35 5·63 3·02 2·58 2·12 2·64	2·64 2·78 3·17 6·52 3·34 2·86 2·25 2·83	3 · 44 3 · 26 2 · 39 5 · 53 6 · 06 3 · 20 2 · 40 4 · 12	2·86 2·85 2·91 5·66 2·65 2·22 3·24

a Details not ascertained. b Excluding defects in voting by post, as given at the foot of Table 10. These have been included in previous years, but the number is so small that the figures are comparable without appreciable error.

Table 13.-Votes Lost by Exhaustion.

	1928.	1925.	1922.	1919.	1916.	1913.	1912.	1909.
Bass Darwin Denison Franklin Wilmot	331 321 466	485 914 224 918 518	1183 191 400 592 291	645 454 392 389 366	500 461 763 725 451	899 655 1212 42 390	875 531 65 1160 306	251 87 708 696 159
Total	2548	3059	2499	2246	2900	3198	2937	1901
Percentage of Total Votes	2.9	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.9	4.7	4.0	3.9

The number of votes exhausted because of the failure of electors to record enough preferences was 2548, or 2.9 per cent. of the total. The number varies greatly according to the accidental circumstances of the election in each division, but the total for the State remains fairly steady. The large numbers, e.g., 1152, in Wilmot in 1928, occur when members of only one party are left in the count, and are due to the elector restricting preferences to members of his own party. The loss of votes by exhaustion on this account, of course, makes no difference in the representation of parties.

Table 14.—Elections held in Tasmania, 1903-1928—Informal Ballot-papers.

			o were in 1 asn	manu, 1903-1928—Informa			Ballot-papers.
General Elec		Electorates Contested.	Date of Election.	Total Number of Ballot-	of	Percent age of Informa	Made d .C.M D
Federal.	State.	Con	!	papers.	Papers.		
•••	Assembly	1	2. 4. 1903	No. 23,261	No. 345	°/ ₀ 1·48	Striking out all names but
Senate		1 (all	16. 12. 1903	37,021	1441	3.89	× opposite three names
Representatives	•••	5	J 10. 12. 1903	37,013	1164	3.14	× opposite one name
•••	Assembly	27	16. 3. 1906	40,322	487	1.21	Striking out all names but
Senate		1	} 12. 12. 1906 {	48,879	2192	4.48	one × opposite three names
Representatives		4	J 12. 12. 1906 {	40,194	1583	3.94	× opposite one name
•••	Assembly	5	80. 4. 1909	50,402	1442	2.86	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate		1	13. 4. 1910	57,609 {	1893	3.29	× opposite three names
Representatives	•••	5	3.4.1910	57,609 {	1447	2.51	× opposite one name
Referendum (Leg. Powers)			26. 4. 1911	58,020	673	1.16	× opposite name
	Assembly	5	30. 4. 1912	76,052	2166	2.85	Preference 1, 2, 3
	Assembly	5	23. 1. 1913	70,812	2035	2.87	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate		1	1		4927	6.13	× opposite three names
Representatives		5	31. 5. 1913	80,398	2470	3.07	× opposite one name
Senate (Dissolution)		1) (82,253	3871	4.71	× opposite six names
Representatives		4	5. 9. 1914	65,103	1549	2.38	× opposite name
	Assembly	5	25. 3. 1916	78,984	43 48	5·51	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate		1)	82,608	3075	3.72	× opposite three names
Representatives		4	5. 5. 1917	65,873	2021	3.07	× opposite name
	Assembly	5	31, 5, 1919	71,064	2757	3.88	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate		1	12 10 1010	25.510	6364	9.68	Preference 1 to 7
Representatives		5	}13. 1 2 . 1919	65,716	3304	5.03	Preference 1, 2, 3
•••	Assembly	5	10.6 1922	69,752	1834	2.63	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate		1	} }16. 12. 1922	£1 000 [4750	9-27	Preference 1 to 7
Representatives		5	\[\begin{align*}	51,220	3304	6.45	Preference 1, 2, 3
•••	Assembly	5	3. 6. 1925	77,281	1714	2.22	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senute		1	14. 11. 1925	102,742	11,578	11.27	Preference 1 to 9
Representatives		5	12.11.1320	102,742	5027	4.89	Preference 1, 2, 3
·	Assembly	5	30. 5, 28	91,679	2973	3.24	Preference 1, 2, 3
				1	1	į.	

Table 15.—Elective Franchise, House of Assembly.—Brief History of the Elective Franchise for House of Assembly in Tasmania, showing the more important Stages of its Development since the Year 1870.

Year.	Adult Persons (Estimated).	Total Mean Population.	Elected Parliamentary Representatives.	al ns.	Con	stituen		Elector	s Enrol		Lower Range of Electors' Qualification to Franchise in
1 681.	tt P	M I	Elec lian rese	isio	- 1	er.	ě		Per Cen	t. to-	Possession of—
	Adu (Es	Tota P.	Par Rep	Electoral Divisions.	Oue- Member.	Two- Member	Six- Member.	No.	Total Pop.	Adult Pop.	
1870	48,210	100,038	30	30	30		••,	11,171*	11·17	23.17	A.—Adult Males. Property value of £7
1871	48,820	101,393	32	32	32			13,801*	13.61	28-27	Ditto
1872	49,380	102,467	32	32	32			14,001*	13.67	28.35	Salary £80 annually
1881	55,750	116,280	32	32	32			15,659*	13.47	28.09	Ditto
1891	73,260	147,969	36	28	20	8		25,932*	17.53	35.40	Salary or wage £60
1901	86,490	172,525	38	29	20	9		39,002	22.61	45.09	Ditto
1902	87,810	175,173	35	35	35			39,495*	22.54	44.98	Manhood Suffrage
1906	92,370	184,272	35	35	35			89,029	48:31	96.38	B.—Universal Suffrage
1908	93,980	187,485	35	35	35			86,361	46.07	91.89	Ditto
1909	100,070	190,227	30	5			5	98,230	51.64	98.18	Ditto
1911	99,960	190,120	30	5			5	102,326	53.82	102.40	Ditto
1912	100,400	190,769	30	5			5	103,513	54.27	103-10	Ditto
1913	102,700	194,361	30	5			5	105,292	54.17	102.50	Ditto
1916	102,900	194,265	30	5			5	107,321	55.25	104.30	Ditto
1919	. 109,400	204,959	30	5			5	107,541	52.47	98-30	Ditto
1922	116,600	214,777	30	5			5	110,549	51:47	94.82	Ditto
1925	115,800	213,469	30	5			5	114,901	53.83	99.24	Ditto
1928.	114,400	211,000	30	5			5	111,956	53.06	97.86	Ditto

^{*} Males only. † Estimated.

VOTING IN SUBDIVISIONS.

The following tables, 16 to 20, give for each division the number of first choices for each candidate in each subdivision, and in absent votes, votes under Section 116a, and postal votes. The number of electors on the roll, and electors who voted, by sexes, and the number of informalities are also given for the same sub-headings. The candidates are grouped in parties, and the totals given for parties. The totals are also given for Independent candidates, but these totals must not be taken to indicate a party vote as in the case of the other grouped totals.

Table 16.—First Choices for Candidates by Subdivisions—Division of Bass. (Quota 2452.)

			Electors.	rs.								First Cl	First Choices obtained by Candidates.	btained	by Car	didates						Votes.	es.
-	On Roll.	Roll.		Who	Who Voted.					Nati	National.							Labour				8	
	Mules.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Femules.	Total.	Brumby.	• .səmst	Kidd. (a)	Lefevre.(n)	Murphy.	Оскегру.	Salisbury.	Thomson.	Becker, *	Davies.	Guy.*	Higgins.	Holmes.(a)	Shaw. *	Total	Valid Vote Recorded.	Informal.
Flinders George Town Launceston, Central Launceston, Bast Launceston, North	252 245 1142 1839 1938	180 241 1605 2689 2203	432 486 2747 4528 4141	204 192 826 1408 1506	123 176 1103 1790 1790	327 368 1929 3198 3117	1 10 27 87 23	14 39 245 559 233	1 4 21 8	6 9 9 27 20	13 84 59 50 51	7 5 293 519 5	998 988 94	70 1 41 1 157 8 258 17 87 8	116 155 878 1 768 2 801 3	9 10 28 1 170 10 232 11 324 10	103 118 104 134 162 9		1 7 106 106 1238	1 40 10 10 8 360 18 379 20 465	195 198 977 1332 5 2169	311 35 353 7 1855 2 3100 3 2970	16 15 74 98
Annoeston, West Lilydale Portland Ringaroona Scottscale	1545 686 386 11186 667	1954 608 311 908 634	3499 1294 697 2094 1301	1198 532 301 918 514	1384 440 289 672 496	2582 972 540 1590 1010	39 22 112 48	228 62 60 36	10 11 1 1 8	23 50 134 28	56 192 19 137 464	33 33 4 10 19	142 37 23 39 15	161 10 99 5 67 1 123 6 87 6	1036 2 516 1 199 2 661 5 655 655	230 141 235 508 1	182 99 49 112 112	438 5 94 1 27 167 5 38 1	56 1 7 2 25 8 10 17	12 542 26 58 3 3 39 92 79 10	1460 8 428 3 324 877 877 877		88 82 12 13 13 13
St. Leonards	930	553	1073	361	367	728	55	64	6	35	35	29	37		838	6,	37 1	171	- 03	82	3 367		23
Absent Votes	:::	:::	:::	601 34 127	509 41 91	1110 75 218	2 63 53	131 8 43	9	40	200	101 6 29	52 1 16	78 6 86 1	514 1 26 132	156 12 13	9	28 88 8 2.	4 8 4 S	35 104 1 11 2 16	80 40 80	9 1083 9 75 0 212	۶ : _ه
	10,406 11,886 22,292	1,886	25,23	8722	9042 17,764	7,764	454	1745	144	431	1183	1749	805	1284 77	7795 25	2210 12	1301 28	2963	549	367 2088	8 9368	8 17,163	109

Table 17.—First Choices for Candidates by Subdivisions—Division of Durwin. (Quota 2678.)

	ó		.lamvotal	867 47 89 49	111 882 288 447 81	3 2 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	8 ; ⁻	628						
Vetor	200 4	8	Valid Vote Becorded.	2136 2114 2893 383 1786	374 2854 905 1206 253	2049 546 1169	874 20 143	18,745						
		Inde- pendent.	Whitaitt.	8 5 4 8 5 5 6 8 8	16 104 104 11	910 9	ရှိ စာ င	1418						
		£.	Total.	1374 796 1015 301 533	86 208 888 195	968 953	452 10 49	8758						
			Steel.	35 77 80 70 80	74 c 20	95 95 95 95	: S	877						
			O'Donnell.	16 7 14 37 45	16 10 10 13 13	26 165	38	674						
	lates.	Labour.	" .niwbeM.	562 34 191 1	. 852 68	888	: 42 4	1171						
	Candi	3	,еи в ле,	56 477 91 117	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	41 83	0 0 0 0	954						
	med by		Kelly. •	110 86 175 236 169	396 73 411 193	60 275 484	165 7 21	2805						
	First Choices obtained by Candidates.		Belton.	324 156 467 16	72 164 80 174 96	421 91 166	139	2477						
	st Choic		.latoT	673 1269 968 968 30	272 1521 688 212 53	977 95 207	350 7 87	8674 sposit.						
	Pir		Parsons.	14 22 33 33	30 406 74	72	33	785 ited de						
		-18	*.ttoirraM	323 375 667 22 194	156 190 205 155 38	532 61 151	162 3	79 3266 785 8674 No forfeited deposit.						
1		National	McInnes.	71 49 61 22 248	8 52 70 21	169	20	(a) N						
				*.eiHoM	113 733 55 8	23 79 12	71 9 94	11	1703 Elected.					
			•.sddo.H	152 90 152 3	828 260 242 7	178 15 23	08 8 48	20411						
-			Total.	2209 2193 2467 339 1835	385 2436 1023 1253 268	2109 559 1204	929 20	19,373						
		Who Voted.	Who Voted.	Who Voted.	Who Voted.	Who Voted.	Who Voted.	Who Voted.	Females.	934 1149 1189 126 808	152 1207 490 518 110	966 223 485	349	8800
	ź.								Who Ve	Who Vo	Who Vote	Males.	1275 1044 1278 218	233 1229 533 735 158
	Electors		Total.	2829 2748 3192 389 2399	504 2988 1238 1468 358	2687 716 1496	::	1 (2)						
		Roll.	Holl.	On Roll.	Roll.	Holl.	Females.	1248 1480 1597 140	220 1479 603 634 158	1287 296 578	::	10,817		
		O	Males.	1581 1268 1595 249	284 1509 635 834 200	1400 420 918	: -:	12,195						
			Subdivision	Circular Head Devonport Ranu Bay Gormanston	King Island Leven The Penguin Queenssown	Table Cape	Absent Votes	Postal Votes						

Table 18.—First Choices for Candidates by Subdivisions—Division of Denison. (Quota 2634.)

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Votes.	8	Valid Vote	2098	3728	2519 2495	2701 1560	9181	531	18,431																							
	ندا	Stamford. (n)	23	3.15	0 9 8	₹ ∞	23		223																							
	Independent.	McHugo.	117	563	101	181	901	. 8	1057																							
	Inde	(n).medurt	14.5	2 4	17	15	14	:	176																							
	Inde- pendent Labour.	Маропеу.	462	220 462	229 244	94	120	30,	1982																							
		Total.	902	1561	871 1236	1038 589	497	174	7545																							
		*.sbooW	166	407	147	227 138	103	24.0	1493																							
		(v).sqillid4	82	2 2	22 45	51 29	17	:	293																							
gć.		Lloyd.	68	100	56 142	48 27	53	⊣ თ	505																							
First Choices obtained by Candidates.	Labour.	-19yw([*.ys14)	197	116 259	199 243	238 99	90	15	1461																							
d by Ca	La	Culley.	129	174	123 124	182 60	63	14	939																							
obtaine		Cosgrove.*	164	120 210	129 266	100		98	1235																							
Choices		Cleary.	65	118	97	6.60		16	595																							
First (Brown.	110	929	142	140		മ	977																							
		Total.	1		1262 1262 827	1273 778		306	7448																							
	National.	National.	National.	National.	National.	National.	National.	National.	National.	Walch.			265 121	208 124	86		1938															
										National.	National.	National	National.	National.	National.	National.	National	National.	*.ybnuos		Ì	151	254 100	-	4 &	1423						
																			National.	National.	National.	National	Nation	Nation	WcPhee.*	1		493 297	558 370		92.	2872
																									N	Na	*.dustk)		-	838 838 838	241	138
		(a). sivad			24.1	12	6	:	121																							
	ho Voted.	ho Voted.	ho Voted.	ho Voted.	ho Voted.	Who Voted.	Tho Voted.	Total.	1		2585 2574		-	60 536	18,950																	
								7ho Voted	ho Voter	ho Voted	ho Voted.	ho Voted.	ho Voted.	ho Voted.	Females.	1		1511			361	8607 10,343 18,950										
Electors.	A	Males.	1		1074		858	25 175	1																							
Ele		Total.	1		3379		:	::	22,654																							
	On Roll.	Pemales.	1		2/21		:	::	12,643																							
		Males.			1497		:	:::	10.00																							
		Sabdivision.	Holymat Control	Hobart East	Hobart North Hobart South Hobart West	New Town Oneenborough	Absent Votes	Votes under Sec. 116A Postal Vo'es	Total 10,009 12,645 22,654																							

• Elected. (a) Forfeited deposits, 4.

Table 19.—First Choices for Candidates by Subdivisions—Division of Franklin. (Quota 2589.)

		.laartotal	93 93 93 93	83 63 89 11	8 11	16 11 2	527
Votes.		Valid Votes Recorded.	1512 1140 702 1509 1601	2754 2181 1958 1074 622	731 344 472	1250 143 176	18,119
		Triffitt. (a)	<u> </u>	. :	::	:	106
	lent.	*.llasra94	100 855 933 568	26 103 189 61 14	50 1 44	88 41	1881
	Independent	Murdoch.	254 19 21 23	44 31 28 17 17	144 115 88	8 6 8	1043
	I	Earle.	54 64 69 63	93 128 123 40 22	25 24 24	84 9	910
		Total.	462 603 309 356 462	1810 767 1152 510 307	169 145 172	535 83 44	7886
		*.enistsW	83 15 31 43	392 194 92 53 53	48 14 37	108 12 8	1231
ø		Sheridan.	15 41 42 42 42	115 91 52 6	97.0	41 6	489
First Choices obtained by Candidates.		Rеесе.(a)	82790	219 8 8 6	211	0 2 3	286
l by Ca	Labour.	*.aivligO	271 410 207 241 219	990 361 649 373 216	95 95 90	294 49 20	4570
btainec	Lab	Michael. (a)	4 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	9 19 4 0 3	9 5 T	12 ::	144
hoices o		Lyden.	11 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	2334 233 9 9 5	-1 ж е	26 7 3	372
First C	<u> </u>	Норив.	16 70 21 21 26	36 47 64 35 9	16	8 - 8	377
		Prost.	28 126 126	31 28 47 21 8	1 28 28	26 8 4	417
		Total.	636 339 284 942 485	776 1102 459 440 142	298 63 143	473 39 102	6783
		*.110ggiq	204 195 129 441 228	242 382 132 120	174 15 40	145 14 26	2564
	National	Evang.*	109 61 73 217 119	224 221 98 208 21	40 12 39	122 10 32	1606
	2	Cummins	111 60 36 138 138	86 84 47 18 16	20 14 26	41 5 18	780
		*,19¥k8I	212 83 46 146 78	224 415 182 94 28	64 222 38	165 10 26	1833
	-	Total.	1558 1172 723 1577 1634	2837 2194 2021 1113 633	751 352 483	1266 154 178	18,646
	Who Voted.	Females.	830 504 839 724 734	1421 1171 945 496 275	300 147 199	529 70 122	8806 18,6
Electors.	W	Males.	728 668 384 853 900	1416 1023 1076 617 358	451 205 284	737 84 56	9840
Elec		.I'sto'l'	2049 1566 1112 2002 2049	3739 3169 2637 1421 922	1134 502 666	:::	22,968
	On Roll.	Ferrales.	1102 698 556 953 958	1927 1780 1252 673 410	514 215 296	: : :	11,334
	0	Males.	947 868 556 1049 1091	1812 1389 1385 748 512	620 287 370	:::	11,634
		Subdivision.	Clarence Esperance (fleorethy Huon Kingborough	Moonsh Nelson New Norfolk Port Cygnet Richmond	Sorell Spring Bay Tasman	Absent Votes	Total

* Elected. (a) Forfeited deposits, 3.

Table 20.—First Choices for Candidates by Subdivisions—Division of Wilmot. (Quota 2322.)

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Votes.		Valid Votes Recorded.	1209 472 1066 979 2038	1567 1127 368 604 1666	1513 989 1487	1051 20 92	16,248	
	le- ents.	McShane.	254 254 7	6.0 4 6.0 c.	23 14	: 5	419	
	Inde- pendents.	Cameron.	27 11 83 33 141	69 48 35 165	28 53 27	45 1	723	
TANKS AND		Total.	449 372 464 728 731	841 902 228 396 685	803 608 456	577 10 24	8274	
.88		Shoobridge.	27 28 28 11	11 80 40 4	38 8 6	23	282	
First Choices obtained by Candidates.		Palamoun- tain. (a)	E 2 - 4 2	30 12 4 9 8	£ 11 80	02 : :	141	
d by C	our.	Osporne.	24 10 11 138 90	68 217 3 58	76 17 33	33	781	
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Choices		Lyons.*	162 211 275 394 510	515 385 129 214 421	503 346 255	370 3 16	4709	
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		Bennett.	. 86 86 86 86 86 86	104 67 15 22 22 59	60 59 51	36 1	673	
		Total.	730 85 815 215 1159	655 172 123 111 814	678 305 990	408 8 64	6832	
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	National.	*.99.I	70 25 56 58 273	196 63 8 35 389	424 106 517	154 3 17	2394	
	Nat	Campbell.*	629 33 136 78 233	231 53 98 25 184	102 12 2 264	152 3 · 31	2374	
		*.tsəH	27 27 113 71 647	131 52 17 17 49	144 76 207	98 98 16	1911	
	-ri	Total.	1244 502 1104 1024 2109	1654 1159 386 633 1741	1581 1039 1538	1118 22 92	7919 16,946	
	o Voted	Who Voted.	Females.	599 230 485 455	810 542 178 274 866	784 461 717	492	7919
Electors.	W	Males.	645 272 619 569 1140	844 617 208 359 875	797 578 821	626 16 41	2:06	
Elec		TetoT	1637 689 1606 1279 2741	2233 1426 455 1015 2327	2065 1585 1972	: : :	21,030	
	On Roll.	Females.	814 316 750 593 1299	1149 693 218 443 1181	1058 736 966	:::	10,216	
ĺ	0	Males.	823 373 856 686 1442	1084 733 2 37 572 1146	1007 849 :006	: : :	10,814 10,316 21	
	S. t. J.	Succession Vision.	Beaconsfield Bothwell Brighton Campbell Town	Evandale. Fingal. Glamorgan Hamilton Latrobe	Longford Oatlands Westbury	Absent Votes	Total	

* Flected. (a) Forfeited deposits, 2.

Table 21.—Analysis of Mr. Mahoney's First Choice Ballot-papers—Division of Denison.

oices,							M	ahor	ney (Ind	deper	dent	Labo	our),	1982.						
				L	abour	·					N	ation	al.		Ind	epend	lent.			
	Brown.	Cleary.	Cosgrove.	Culley.	Dwyer-Gray.	Lloyd.	Phillips.	Woods.	Total.	Davies,	Grant.	McPhee.	Soundy.	Walch.	Graham.	McHugo.	Stamford.	Total,	Exhaust.	Grand Total.
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It will be observed that the Nationalists proper were marked No. 2 on only 99 out of Mr. Mahoney's 1982 No. 1 preference papers, or just 5 per cent. If half the No. 2's given to Mr. McHugo and Mr. Stamford be counted as Nationalist votes (see p. 7), this brings the total to 196, or nearly 10 per cent. A loss of 10 per cent. on No. 2 preferences is not uncommon with strictly party candidates, so that Mr. Mahoney's vote can be counted as a normal Labour vote.

SUMMARISED RESULT-SHEETS.

The following tables, 22 to 26, give the result-sheet in each division in a summarised form. All the counts involved in exclusion of a candidate and the transfer of his votes are grouped as one "major" count, and the information given is the number of votes which accrue to each continuing candidate from such a major count, and the resulting total of votes for each continuing candidate. The 126 counts for Franklin, e.g., are thus reduced to 14 major counts, one for each transferred surplus, and one for the distribution of the votes of each excluded candidate. The effect is that the main features of the whole count can be shown on two ordinary pages in the case of the longest count, and can be read with comparative ease.

Table 22.—Result Sheet—Division of Bass.

Number of Valid Votes, 17,163. Quota, 2452. Informal Votes, 601, or 3:38 per cent.

Count No. 14-20 3 2490 Count No. 14-20 3 2452 80 14-20 1 2210 14-20 14-20 15-8 4 2452 80 14-20 15-8 14-20 15-8 14-20 15-8 15-8 15-8 15-8 15-8 15-8 15-8 15-8	(Jaminta	1201 1201 1201 1274 1274 1274 1274 1201 136 136 1388 1388 1388 1388 1988 1988 1988 1988	7	(dad) 77 22 61 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	.: 727 8 8 2 127 (Lab.).	CAND CAND 1752 1752 1771 1771 1772 1887 200 2005 2005 2005 2005 2007 2	CANDIDATES. CANDI	470 11 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2	1183 Murphy. (Nat.). 1184 1184 1184 1184 1184 1184 1184 118	1764 1749 1753 1753 1759 2455 2615 2615 2615 2615 2615 2615 2615 26	Tudalla8 808 80 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22	1284 Тъощеон. 1321 88 1286 1286 1286 1286 1286 1286 1286	.tausafată :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::	2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Potest Value of the first of th	Benarks. Guy elected Guys sur. dis. T.V1724 Becker's sur. dis. T.V0233 Becker's sur. dis. T.V0233 Holmes excluded Lefevre excluded Lefevre excluded Higgins excluded Shaw's sur. dis. T.V1680 Shaw's sur. dis. T.V1680 James and Ockerby elected James and Ockerby steated James' sur. dis. T.V5635 Ockerby's sur. dis. T.V5635
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Table 23.—Result Sheet—Division of Darwin.

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Division	Informal Votes,
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Table 23.—Result Sheet—Division of Darwin.	Quota,
ABLE 23	Valid Votes, 18,745.
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	Valid

	Remarks.	Marriott and Kelly elected Marriott's sur. dist. T.V1809	Kelly's sur. dist. T.V0452	O'Donnell excluded	Belton's sur. dist. T.V. 4394	Steel excluded	McInnes excluded	Parson's excluded	Hobb's elected Hobb's sur. dist. T.V5307	McFie's sur. dist. T.V. ·3788	Lane's primaries distributed	Medwin elected
	Total Votes. Counted.	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745	18,745
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	.stiesttW .(.bal)	1413 81	1494 1	1495 5	1500	1500 49	1549 81	1630 103	1733 35	1768	1827	1874
	Steel. (LæL).	622	989	692	811 14	825 — 825	, ,					
	Parsons.	785 72	857	857 9	998	866 18	884 153	1037	``			
	O'Donnell. (Lab.).	674	677	889 — 889 —	`\							
-	Medwin. (.ds.l.).	1171	1187 5	1192 202	1394 21	1415 395	1810	1839	1862	1865	1870 743	2613
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	Lane. (Lab.).	954	961 42	1003 104	1107	1158 259	1417	1433	1450	1450	1453	499
	Kelly.	2805	2805 127	2678	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	2678
	.kddoH (J&V.).	2041	2203 2	2205 6	2211	2212 39	2251 198	2449 488	2937	2678	::	2678
	Belton. (Lab.).	2477	2501 52	2553 223	2776	2678	::	::	::	::	::	2678
	Count No.	1167	က	4-6	7	8-13	. 14-20	21-27	58	29	30	

Table 24.—Result Sheet—Division of Denison.
Valid Votes, 18,431. Quota, 2634. Informal Votes, 519, or 2.74 per cent.

	Вешагка.	McPhee elected McPhee's sur. dist. T.V0828	Davis excluded	Graham excluded	Stamford excluded	Phillips excluded	Lloyd excluded	Cleary excluded	Culley excluded	McHugo excluded	Walch excluded	Grant and Soundy elected Grant's sur. dist. T.V. 1394	Soundy's sur. dist. T.V. 8958	Brown excluded	Woods elected Mahoney excluded	Cosgrove & Dwyer-Gray elect.
	Total Votes Counted.	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	18,431	:
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	Exhaust.	::	::			67 :		10	12	32	54 48	102 58	160	204 117	321	
	W oods. (Le.b.).	1493	1496 3	1499	1508 16	1524 69	593 123	1716 86	802 258	2060 139	2199 65	2264 1	2269 1	2275 359 1	2634 3	 :
	Walch. (Nat.).	1258 1 26 1	1284 1 18	1302 1	1305 1	1323 1	1325 1	1333 1	1337 1	1343 2	1462 2 -1462					
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	Soundy.	1423 138	1561	1576	1583 53	1636	1642 15	1657	1671	1677	1959 730	2689	2689	2634	2634	:
	Phillips. (Lab.).	293	293	294	295	298										İ
	. МсРћев. (Лаじ.).	2872	2634	: :	::	: :	::	::	::	::	: :	: :	::	: :	2634	
	MoHugo. (Ind.).	1057	1064 13	1077	1093	1124	1136	1159 29	1188	1206 1206	` `					
	Mahoney. (.d.I)	1982	1982 7	1989 24	2013 22	2035	2045 28	2073 12	2085 54	2139	2255 14	2269	2271	2272 59	2331 –2331	
CANDIDATES.	Liloyd. (Lab.).	502	502	504	511	518 27	545 545	`,								
CANDI	.trant) (Naci.).	1774	1827	1868 13	1881	1911	1912	1926 21	1947 19	1966 205	2171 538	2709 - 75	2634	::	2634	
	Graham. (Ind.).	176	176	182 -182												
	Dwyer-Gray (Lab.).	1461	1461	1468	1510	1519	1560 102	1662	1770 307	2077 122	2199	2241	2245	2245 345	2590	
	Davis. (Ast.).	121	124 124	``\												
	Oulley. (Lab.).	939	939	941	949	956 39	995	1066	1148							
	Cosgrove.	1285	1285	1287 24	1311	1322 33	1355	1401 189	1590 303	1893 106	1999 14	2013	2015	2016	2631	
	.(Jeary.	695	595	596	607	617	624 25	649 —								
	Brown. (Lab.).	776	977	981	991	1002	1053	1143	1237 167	1404 83	1487	1495	1495	1495 —1495	`	
	Count No.	2	3 & 4	5 & G	7 & 8	9-12	13-17	18-27	28-40	41-60	61-82	83	84	85-116		

Table 25.—Result Sheet—Division of Franklin. Valid Votes, 18,119. Quota, 2589. Informal Votes, 527, or 2.83 per cent.

	Remarks.	Ogilvie's elected Ogilvie's sur. dist. T.V. 4334	Piggott elected Piggott's sur. dist. T.V. 1139	Triffitt excluded	Michael excluded	Reece excluded	Lyden excluded	Frost excluded	Cummins excluded	Earle excluded	Hohne excluded	Watkin's sur. dist. T.V. 3975	Murdoch excluded	Evans elected Evans' sur. dist. T.V. :1141	Sheridan excluded Baker and Pearsall elected
	Total Votes Counted.	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119	18,119
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	Watkina. (Lab.).	1231 667	1898	1899	1910	1958 116	2074	2261 135	2396 16	2412 80	2492 161	2653	2589	::	2589
	.(.bnl)	106	114	114 -											
	Sheridan. (.dad)	489 325	814	815	823 34	857 109	966	1098 136	1234 8	1242 94	1336 753	2089	2137 120	2257	2258
6000	(Г.б.b.).	286 120	406	406	408	429									
	.ttoggi ⁴ .(J&V.)	2564 34	2598	2589		: :	:	: :	::	::	::	::	::	::	2589
	Pearsall.	1391 48	1439	1439	1470	1490 21	1511 14	1525 53	1578 64	1642 155	1797	1841	1842 544	2386	2398
Cuora, 2000.	Ogilvie. (Lab.).	4570 —1981	2589	::	: :	::			::	::	::	::	::	::	2589
ES	Murdoch. (Lad.).	1043	1081	1081	1086	1094	1097	1115	1134	1203 184	1387	1416	1416 —1416		
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viid vo	Lyden.	372	529	529	533	556 49	605	,							
A 9	Holine. (Iash).	377 245	622	622	630	649	690	817 324	1141	1150	1178	``\			:
	Frost. (Lab.).	417	586	586	588	609 58	667 82	749							
	Evans. (Nat.).	1606	1635	1636 16	1652	1657	1665	1674	1693	1966	2275	2301	2302	2626	2589
	Farle. (Ind.).	910	943	943	950	958	965	974 19	993	1102					
, p. 10.	Camutas.	780	789	789	796	796	797	798	803						
	Baker. (Nat.).	1833	1851	1851	1858	1863	1869	1876	1882	2126	2331	2349	2349	2540	2552
	Count No.	10	က	4. 5.		y-133	14-93	24-38	39-44	45-64	65-96	26	98-125	126	

Table 26.—Result Sheet—Division of Wilmot.
Valid Votes, 16,248. Quota, 2322. Informal Votes, 698, or 4.12 per cent.

	Remarks.	Lyons, Lee, & Campbell elected Lyons' sur. dist. T.V. 5069	Lee sur. dist. T.V0330	pbell's sur.		Palamountain excluded	McShane excluded	Best elected Best's sur. dist. T.V0307	=	Bennett excluded	Jensen elected Jensen's sur. dist. T.V. 4489	lded	Osborne excluded
	Total Votes Counted.	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248	16,248
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	Shoobridge.	282 307	589	589	589	593 119	712 67	622	779	`,			
	Rowell. (Nat.).	153	158	162	166 —166	``\							
	-tnuomala¶ sin. (.da.1)	141 150	291	291	291 3	294 — 294	` '						
	.enrodaO .(.d&I)	781 201	985	985	982	984 29	1013	1031	1031 137	1168 166	1334	1356	1433
	oivligO .(.dal)	661 541	1202	1202	$\frac{1202}{2}$	1204 35	1239 69	1308	1308 193	1501 259	1760 95	1855 122	1977
38.	McShane. (.bn1)	419 78	497	498	499	505	509 509	``					
CANDI DATES.	Lyons, (Læb.).	4709 2387	2322	: :	::	::	::		::	::	::	::	2322
0	Lee. (Vat.).	2394	2394 — 72	2322	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	2322
	Jensen. (Jæd).	1027 782	1809	1809	1809	1818 58	1876 43	1919	1919	2151 310	2461 — 139	2322	2322
	Campbell. (Nat.).	2374	2374	2374	2322	: :	::	::	::	::	::		2322
	Cemeron.	723	784	791	797	820	832 138	970	972	1012	1177	1181	`\
	Best. (Nat.).	1911	1988	2043 36	2079	2187	2196	2326	2322	::	::	::	2322
	Bennett, (Lab.).	673 178	851	851	851	856	877 13	068	890 86	976 —	`\		
	Count No.	121	ಣ	4	8-72	91-6	17-26	27	28-44	45-69	70	71-115	

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