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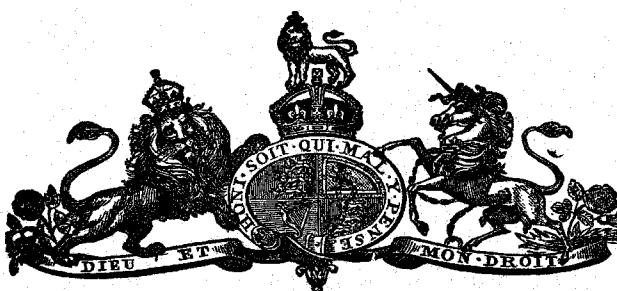
General Election, 6th May 1950.

and

By-Elections 1949.

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THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report:

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The appended tables show enrolment figures for the Council with the results of periodical elections in 1949 and in 1950.

The Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament was re-appointed on 15th March, 1949, to inquire into and report upon the provisions of the Constitution Bill (No. 2) 1948, and related matters. Officers of the Electoral Department were required to give evidence, and were examined by the Committee. The several questions dealt with are *sub-judice*, and so may not be referred to in this Report.

"DEADLOCKS" IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The Joint Committee also dealt with this problem. For the reason advanced in the foregoing paragraph, no reference to the Government's proposals herein is permissible at this stage.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The House of Assembly was dissolved by proclamation issued under the hand of His Excellency the Governor on 23rd March, 1950. The circumstances which led to the dissolution were important in the constitutional sense, and the events which preceded the issue of the proclamation by the Governor were recorded in Parliamentary Paper No. 10 of 1950.

The following dates were fixed for the purposes of the General Election:

Issue of Writs	30th March, 1950.
Nominations	6th April, 1950.
Poll	6th May, 1950.

Writs were returned on 16th May, 1950, from which date the life of the Parliament commenced.

Nominations for this election totalled 66 (Bass 12; Darwin 14; Denison 15; Franklin 13; Wilmot 12), the figures for previous General Elections being:-

1928	72
1931	70
1934	77
1937	67
1941	63
1946	86
1948	88

ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

His Excellency the Governor-General by a Commission under his hand dated 1st June, 1948, was pleased to appoint Distribution Commissioners for the purpose of redistributing the electoral divisions of the State.

The Commissioners subsequently furnished their report, and under the Constitution Act 1949 (Tasmania), Parliament adopted for the purposes of the House of Assembly the new divisions fixed for Commonwealth electorates. For convenient record, a summary of the Commissioners' report showing the proposed redistribution, and giving a general description of the manner in which each new division was constituted, is included in the series of tables attached to this report (Appendix D).

It should here be noted that there is nothing automatic about the procedure to bring the boundaries of Commonwealth divisions into conformity with divisions for the State House of Assembly. It is for the State Parliament to agree to make changes, and this step was taken in the Constitution Act above quoted. The desideratum is to preserve the joint enrolment system under which, as is well known, joint electoral rolls are used for both Commonwealth and State purposes, with financial advantage to the State.

Any pronounced differences in the enrolment figures shown in the statistical tables appearing herein (under Appendix E) as compared to the enrolment figures of previous years, may be attributed to the redistribution of boundaries.

THE ELECTORAL LAW.

The Electoral Act 1949 prohibited as regards polling day:

- (1) The distribution of any electoral advertisement, notice, handbill, pamphlet, or card; or
- (2) The publication in a newspaper of any advertisement for or on behalf of any candidate or any political party.

The amendment also restricted the activities of canvassers. Previously these activities were forbidden "at or about the entrance of any polling booth". The new Section prescribed a radius of 100 yards from a polling booth for this purpose.

The Electoral authorities have no reason to believe that these restrictions were repugnant to party agents or canvassers; polling day officials found no difficulty in giving effect to the amendment; and experienced officers advise that the conduct of the poll was not only facilitated by the new requirements, but moreover voters were spared what has previously been in some respects an annoyance.

There are no special features of the General Election to which it would be necessary to refer in this report. The Electoral machinery has been steadily improved over recent years and Parliamentary enactments to which the system conforms have proved adequate and satisfactory in those directions which concern the Electoral authorities. Questions of principle, for example: the franchise; "Dead-locks" in the House of Assembly; by-elections in the Assembly; single electorates; and postal voting privileges; are clearly matters which come within the province of the Legislature, as distinct from the responsibilities of the Electoral administration. The opinions which the Department holds upon these and related problems can be properly advanced only when officials are called upon to tender evidence to a select Committee, or some other competent authority, or in consultation with the Government of the day.

I record appreciation of the services of the State Electoral Staff, who carried out their duties under the supervision of Mr. H. J. Corrigan, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, with advantage to the electors, and with credit to themselves and to the Department. In particular, the Divisional Returning Officers of the Council, and of the Assembly, have rendered faithful and efficient service to the central administration.

The Department is indebted to the Deputy Statistician (Mr. J. C. Stephen) for the compilation of the statistical tables appended to the report. These tables, as distinct from the mere recording of election results, are of importance to students and interested observers.

E. PARKES,

Chief Electoral Officer.

8th November, 1950.

Appendix A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENROLMENT.

Number of electors (in various categories) enrolled as at 30th June, 1950.

	Owners.			Occupiers.			R.S. Personnel.			All other Enrolments.			
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total	
Buckingham	4,279	1,841	880	2,721	914	129	1,043	445	68	498	11	6	17
Cornwall	4,127	1,264	1,031	2,285	1,003	477	1,480	274	9	283	57	22	79
Derwent	3,189	1,170	481	1,601	757	94	851	679	23	696	92	9	41
Gordon	1,174	591	206	797	212	5	217	142	1	143	15	2	17
Hobart	3,780	985	783	1,718	1,089	485	1,574	420	7	427	49	18	61
Huon	3,398	1,899	570	2,469	280	57	337	453	26	479	39	14	58
Launceston	2,571	609	496	1,105	886	988	1,169	235	18	253	35	9	44
Macquarie	2,482	1,205	555	1,760	282	25	907	306	19	319	46	-	46
Meander	2,601	1,412	867	1,779	433	25	458	339	5	344	18	2	20
Mersey	2,777	1,174	637	1,811	510	101	611	286	13	299	52	4	56
Monmouth	1,450	769	278	1,042	165	15	180	187	14	201	32	5	27
Newdegate	4,270	1,879	977	2,356	1,030	428	1,468	349	18	362	68	26	94
Pembroke	2,682	1,247	609	1,856	350	58	408	337	32	369	19	10	29
Queenborough	3,961	1,189	978	2,167	868	866	1,284	455	28	483	55	22	77
Russell	2,472	1,332	464	1,796	441	34	475	191	2	198	4	4	8
South Esk	2,242	1,211	537	1,748	277	35	312	165	8	168	11	3	14
Tamar	2,266	1,213	547	1,760	159	21	180	268	11	279	27	20	47
West Devon	3,206	1,346	489	1,835	818	112	930	389	21	410	26	6	81
Westmorland	4,572	1,960	1,129	3,079	996	242	1,178	261	11	272	26	17	43
Totals...	57,969	28,726	11,959	85,683	11,360	3,042	14,402	6,175	808	8,478	606	198	804

Appendix B.

PART XI. OF THE ELECTORAL ACT, 1907.

BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF WILMOT.

(Death of Hon. P. P. F. Pike.)

Nominations due 19th September, 1949.

Count.	Candidates.						Remarks.
	Pike	Burnell	Cashion	Gregg	Churchward-Kelly	Exhaust.	
1-29	3695 —3695	...	928	1092 ...	1437 ...	149	...
						78	...
						11	...
						3695	Pike excluded
30-43	...	928 29	1092 28	1437 51	149 —149	78 36	11 5
						...	3696
							Churchward-Kelly excluded
44-46	...	957 —904	1120 671	1488 196	...	114 36	16 1
							...
							Burnell excluded
		58	1791	1684	...	150	17
							3695
							D. A. Cashion elected

BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF FRANKLIN.

(Resignation of Mr. R. C. Wright.)

Nominations due 7th November, 1949.

Count.	Candidates.							Exhaust.	Loss.	Total	Remarks.
	Wright	Calvert	Griffiths	Morrisby	Park	Pearcey	Somerville				
1	4795	...	...	...	2597	199	8	23	40	4735	Wright excluded
2	—4735	466	580	868	—2597	—199	—8	—23	—40	4735	A. R. Park elected

(NOTE.—For this Appendix the term "Nominations" means "Consents" due from eligible candidates.)

Appendix C.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1949.

DIVISIONS OF DERWENT, TAMAR, AND WESTMORLAND.

Issue of Writs	6th April, 1949
Nominations	20th April, 1949
Poll	14th May, 1949
Return of Writs	18th May, 1949

DIVISION OF DERWENT.

Electors enrolled, 3337. Electors who voted, 2752. Informal votes, 23. Percentage of electors who voted, 82.46 per cent. Absolute majority, 1365. Retiring Member: Hon. R. O. Shoobridge.

Count.	Candidates.				Total	Informal	Remarks.
	Allwright	Cashion	Graham	Shoobridge			
1	216	584	662	1297	2729	23	
2	—216	65	16	135	—2729	—23	Allwright excluded.
	...	599	698	1432	2729	...	Hon. R. O. Shoobridge elected

DIVISION OF TAMAR.

Electors enrolled, 2171. Electors who voted, 1828. Informal votes, 26. Percentage of Electors who voted, 84.2 per cent. Absolute majority, 902. Retiring Member: Hon. A. T. Cutts.

Count	Candidates.			Total	Informal	Remarks.
	Cutts	Hodson	Perkins			
1	778	617	407	1802	26	
2	151	256	—407	—1802	—26	Hodson excluded
	929	873	...	1802	...	Hon. A. T. Cutts elected

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DIVISION OF WESTMORLAND.

Electors enrolled, 4555. Electors who voted, 3699. Informal votes, 52. Percentage of electors who voted, 81·2 per cent. Absolute majority, 1824. Retiring Member: Hon. G. L. Flowers.

Count	Candidates.			Total	Informal.	Remarks.
	Carswell	Flowers	Green			
1	241	1719	1687	3647	52	
2	-241	186	105	...	...	Carswell excluded
				3647	...	Hon. G. L. Flowers elected

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1950.

DIVISIONS OF BUCKINGHAM, MACQUARIE, AND SOUTH ESK.

Issue of Writs	3rd April, 1950
Nominations	19th April, 1950
Poll	13th May, 1950
Return of Writs	17th May, 1950

DIVISION OF BUCKINGHAM.

Electors enrolled, 4040. Electors who voted, 3167. Informal votes, 22. Percentage of electors who voted, 78·39 per cent. Absolute majority, 1573. Retiring Member: Hon. J. B. Connolly.

Count	Candidates.		Total	Informal.	Remarks.
	Connolly	Johnson			
1	1847	1298	3145	22	Hon. J. B. Connolly elected

DIVISION OF MACQUARIE.

Electors enrolled, 2425. Electors who voted, 2083. Informal votes, 8. Percentage of electors who voted, 85·89 per cent. Absolute majority, 1038. Retiring Member: Hon. C. A. Archer.

Count	Candidates.		Total	Informal.	Remarks.
	Archer	Cheek			
1	828	1252	2075	8	Hon. T. L. Cheek elected.

APRIL 1950.

DIVISION OF SOUTH ESK.

(Hon. L. A. Procter returned unopposed.)

BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF LAUNCESTON.

(Resignation of Hon. R. K. Green.)

Issue of Writ	.....	3rd April, 1950
Nominations	.....	19th April, 1950
Poll	.....	13th May, 1950
Return of Writ	.....	17th May, 1950

Electors enrolled, 2230. Electors who voted, 1725. Informal votes, 29. Percentage of electors who voted, 77·35 per cent. Absolute majority, 849.

Count	Candidates.						Exhaust.	Total	Informal	Remarks.
	Ferrall	Grounds	Hollingsworth	Huston	McElwee					
1	522	685	236	137	116	...	...	1696	29	McElwee excluded
2	30	38	27	21	—116	...	...	
3	552	793	263	158	...	...	...	1696		Huston excluded
4	44	76	88	—158	...	...	...
	596	799	301	...	...	...	2	1696		Hollingsworth excluded
	204	57	—263	...	...	...	2	1696		
	800	866	98	...	...	...	2	1696		Hon. Dr. A. E. E. Grounds elected

APPENDIX D.

PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF STATE INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

Number of Divisions into which State is to be divided	5
Number of Electors in State	157,668
Quota	31,533
Permissible maximum number of Electors in a Division	37,839
Permissible minimum number of Electors in a Division	25,227

STATEMENT SHOWING PROPOSED DIVISION, AND, AS NEARLY AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED,
NUMBER OF ELECTORS RESIDING THEREIN.

Proposed Division.—

No.	Name.	Number of Electors.	Total.
3	Denison	33,019	33,019
Metropolitan	.....		38,019
Extra-Metropolitan	.....		124,649
	1 Bass	32,045	
	2 Darwin	30,442	
	4 Franklin	30,146	
	5 Wilmot	32,016	
			157,668

Summary of Proposed Divisions.

	Number of Electors.	Average Enrolment.
Metropolitan Division (1)	33,019	33,019
Extra-Metropolitan Divisions (4)	124,649	31,162
Total Divisions (5)	157,668	31,533

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE MANNER IN WHICH EACH PROPOSED DIVISION HAS BEEN
CONSTITUTED.**

Proposed Division 3 (Denison).

How Constituted—

Existing Division of Denison
From existing Division of Franklin—Subdivision of Nelson (small portion within boundary of City of Hobart)

Number of Electors.	
31,475
1,544
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33,019

Proposed Division 1 (Bass).

How Constituted—

Existing Division of Bass
From existing Division of Wilmot—Subdivisions of—
Beaconsfield (small part—Trevallyn) 200
Evandale (small part mainly within boundary of City of Launceston)

Number of Electors.	
29,483
200
2,362
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2,562
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32,045

Proposed Division 2 (Darwin).

How Constituted—

Existing Division of Darwin
Minus—Kentish Subdivision

Number of Electors.	
32,963
2,526
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30,442

Proposed Division 4 (Franklin).

How Constituted—

Existing Division of Franklin
Minus—
New Norfolk Subdivision 3,895
Small portion of Nelson Subdivision within Hobart City boundary

Number of Electors.	
35,585
1,544
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5,439
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30,146

Proposed Division 5 (Wilmot).

How Constituted—

Existing Division of Wilmot
Minus—
Subdivision of Beaconsfield (small part—Trevallyn) 200
Subdivision of Evandale (small part)

Number of Electors.	
28,157
2,526
3,895
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6,421
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32,016

The boundaries of existing Commonwealth Divisions and State House of Assembly Divisions are identical.

A. B. SMITH, Chairman,
C. A. BLAKNEY, and
COLIN M. PITTE, Distribution Commissioners.
9th October, 1948.

APPENDIX B
STATISTICAL TABLES

(NOTE.—In any comparison made between the information given in the following Tables with that published for previous elections, allowance should be made for changes in electoral boundaries referred to elsewhere in this Report.)

STATISTICAL TABLES—GENERAL ELECTION, 6TH MAY, 1950.
(WITH COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS ELECTIONS)TABLE 1.—*Electors, Voters, and Informal Votes—General Election, 6th May, 1950.*

Division	Estimated Mean Population, 1950. (a)	Electors on Roll.		Votes Recorded.		Informal Votes.		Valid Votes Recorded.
		Number.	Per 1000 of Population.	Number.	Percentage on Electors.	Number.	Percentage on Votes Recorded.	
Bass.....	59,000	32,921	567·60	31,298	94·9	1211	3·88	80,022
Darwin.....	58,000	30,807	531·16	29,185	94·7	1115	3·82	28,070
Denison.....	57,000	31,816	558·18	29,699	93·3	1887	6·25	27,842
Franklin.....	51,000	32,813	643·39	31,991	96·6	1818	4·21	30,018
Wilmot.....	56,000	33,293	594·52	31,397	94·1	1840	4·28	29,997
Total.....	280,000	161,650	577·32	152,785	94·5	6841	4·48	145,944

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2.—*Comparative Summary—State General Elections Since 1931.*

	6th May, 1950.	21st Aug., 1948.	23rd Nov., 1946.	19th Dec., 1941.	20th Feb., 1937.	9th June, 1931.
Estimated Mean Population for year stated.	280,000 (a)	264,604	252,192	240,389	234,463	229,289
Electors on Roll—						
Male.....	80,228	79,544	78,420	69,058	66,223	63,841
Female.....	81,422	81,644	79,398	70,176	65,778	68,840
Total.....	161,650	161,088	157,756	139,234	132,001	127,681
Males—per cent. of total.....	49·6	49·4	49·7	49·6	50·2	50·0
Electors per 1000 of population.....	577	609	626	579	563	557
Votes Recorded (including informal votes)—						
Male.....	76,517	74,697	71,414	61,480	62,880	60,028
Female.....	76,268	73,891	72,280	66,554	61,580	59,989
Total.....	152,785	148,588	143,674	127,034	124,460	120,029
Males—per cent. of total.....	50·1	50·2	49·7	49·7	50·6	50·3
Voters—Percentage to Electors on Roll—						
Male.....%	95·4	93·9	91·0	89·1	94·8	95·0
Female.....%	98·7	90·6	91·1	99·4	98·6	94·0
Total.....%	94·5	92·2	91·1	91·2	94·3	94·5
Valid votes recorded.....	145,944	142,722	129,190	120,690	121,463	116,767
Informal Votes—						
Number.....	6841	5868	14,484	6844	2997	3855
Percentage to votes recorded.....%	4·48	8·95	10·08	4·99	2·41	3·19
Number of candidates.....	66	83	86	62	67	72
Number of deposits forfeited.....	11	23	17	9	13	14
Number of members elected at first count....	6	9	8	7	7	6
Total number of counts.....	257	627	713	320	349	316
Greatest number of counts for one division....	100	300	208	129	81	125

(a) Subject to revision.

The census of 1947 showed the proportion of adults to be 619 per 1000 of the total population of Tasmania. The franchise was extended to certain classes of persons (minors) who had experienced war service which was mainly responsible for the increase in the number of voters per 1000 of population to 626 in 1946 and 609 in 1948. By 1950, however, the effect of this concession was no longer apparent due to the effluxion of time and movement in population.

The proportion of informal votes (4·48 per cent) was very much below that of the 1946 election, but did not differ materially from earlier elections. The divisions showed percentages ranging from 6·25 per cent in Denison to 3·82 per cent in Darwin.

The number of candidates totalled 66 which was 17 below the number standing at the election of 1948 and 20 below the record number in 1946.

The number of counts (257) was the lowest recorded for many years, while the greatest number of counts in a division (Denison) (100) was the highest recorded on this occasion but was considerably below the highest recorded at the previous election.

Although males comprise a majority of population, male electors were slightly in a minority (49.6 per cent), but, as voters, they were in a majority (50.1 per cent).

TABLE 3.—*Electors on Roll and Voters—Last Five General Elections.*

	Electors on Roll—Male.					Voters—Male.				
	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.
Bass.....	15,729	14,769	14,352	12,486	12,591	15,156	14,011	12,982	11,089	11,824
Darwin.....	15,935	16,893	17,494	15,708	14,465	15,834	16,054	15,674	13,872	13,732
Denison.....	14,694	14,791	14,774	12,786	11,956	13,763	13,459	13,340	11,311	11,277
Franklin.....	16,532	18,425	17,526	14,943	14,090	15,902	17,425	16,224	13,501	13,809
Wilmot.....	17,933	14,726	14,274	13,135	19,121	16,362	13,748	13,194	11,713	12,438
Total.....	80,228	79,544	78,420	69,058	66,228	76,517	74,697	71,414	61,480	62,880

Electors on Roll—Female.

	Electors on Roll—Female.					Voters—Female.				
	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.
Bass.....	17,192	15,995	15,484	13,982	13,521	16,077	13,808	14,152	13,096	12,666
Darwin.....	14,872	15,583	15,482	13,648	12,546	13,851	14,600	14,024	12,688	11,610
Denison.....	17,122	17,416	17,422	15,781	14,900	16,986	15,561	15,838	14,737	13,497
Franklin.....	16,281	18,980	17,367	14,480	13,440	16,429	17,132	16,045	13,619	12,776
Wilmot.....	15,955	14,170	18,581	12,285	11,881	14,975	12,990	12,406	11,480	11,081
Total.....	81,492	81,644	79,936	70,176	65,778	79,268	78,891	72,260	65,554	61,680

Electors on Roll—Both Sexes.

	Electors on Roll—Both Sexes.					Voters—Both Sexes.				
	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.
Bass.....	92,921	80,764	29,886	26,468	26,112	91,289	27,619	27,134	24,119	24,490
Darwin.....	90,807	92,416	32,978	29,356	27,011	29,165	30,654	29,698	26,580	25,342
Denison.....	81,816	82,307	32,196	28,567	26,846	29,699	29,020	28,979	26,048	24,774
Franklin.....	92,813	86,806	34,893	29,428	27,580	81,381	34,557	32,269	27,114	26,385
Wilmot.....	89,293	26,896	27,655	25,420	25,002	81,337	26,738	25,600	23,193	23,469
Total.....	161,650	161,088	157,756	139,294	182,001	152,785	148,588	143,674	127,034	124,460

TABLE 4.—*Percentage of Electors Voting at General Elections Since 1916.*

General Election.	Percentage of Electors Voting.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
State, 25.3.1916.....	76.1	71.0	73.6
Federal, 5.5.1917.....	82.0	70.0	76.0
State, 31.5.1919.....	69.6	62.6	66.1
Federal, 31.12.1919.....	65.1	52.3	58.7
State, 10.6.1922.....	70.0	56.3	63.1
Federal, 16.12.1922.....	69.4	58.0	65.6
State, 3.6.1925.....	72.9	61.8	67.8
Federal, 14.11.1926.....	89.5	88.0	88.7
State, 30.5.1928.....	84.9	78.9	81.8
Federal, 12.10.1929.....	96.3	94.2	95.0
State, 9.5.1931.....	96.0	94.0	95.0
Federal, 19.12.1931.....	96.5	98.2	96.7
State, 9.6.1934.....	95.0	94.0	94.5
Federal, 15.9.1934.....	96.2	95.3	95.8
State, 20.2.1937.....	94.8	99.6	94.3
Federal, 23.10.1937.....	96.1	95.9	96.0
Federal, 21.9.1940.....	94.1	95.4	94.8
State, 13.12.1941.....	89.1	93.4	91.2
Federal, 21.8.1943.....	99.4	94.8	97.0
Referendum, 19.8.1944.....	99.3	94.7	97.0
Federal, 28.9.1943.....	95.0	92.5	93.7
State, 28.11.1946.....	91.0	91.1	91.1
Federal, 28.9.1946.....	95.0	92.5	93.7
Referendum, 29.6.1948.....	98.2	90.9	92.1
State, 21.8.1948.....	93.9	90.6	92.2
Federal, 10.12.1949.....	96.0	95.1	96.0
State, 6.5.1950.....	95.4	98.7	94.5

The preceding table, giving the percentage of electors who exercised the franchise at all general elections, both State and Federal, since 1916, indicates roughly the rise and fall of political interest among the electors up to 1928. Both its rise and fall are much more pronounced in the case of women than of men. The proportions for the subsequent elections are dominated by compulsory voting, first in the Federal sphere and later in the State. The absence of many electors from the State on military service would largely account for the lower percentage of voters at the elections in 1940 and 1941.

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES.

At the election of the 6th May, 1950, 66 candidates were nominated. Of these, 30 were endorsed nominees of the Labour Party, 31 were nominated by the Liberal Party, and 5 described themselves as Independent.

The result was the return of 15 Labour, 14 Liberal, and 1 Independent.

The No. 1 votes were cast directly for the three groups in each of the five electoral divisions of the State as follows:—

TABLE 5.—*Party Strength as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1950.*

	Labour.	Liberal.	Independent.	Total.
Bass	16,271	18,751	...	30,022
Darwin	13,128	14,702	240	28,070
Denison	12,871	12,282	2689	27,342
Franklin	13,362	14,041	2610	30,013
Wilmot	15,344	14,653	...	29,997
Total	70,976	69,429	5539	145,944

The method of election is briefly the "single transferable vote" system, and the law provides that a seat shall be allotted to each complete quota of votes in each division.

The quota in each division is ascertained by the following formula:—

$$\frac{\text{Number of valid ballot-papers}}{\text{Number to be elected}} + 1 = \text{Quota.}$$

Any remainder is ignored.

For the election of a "House" of 30 members, there will therefore be 35 theoretical quotas, which, however, because of "exhaust" votes, will not become complete.

The following table shows for each division, and for the State as a whole, the number of first preference votes, the number of quotas, and the seats won by each party:—

TABLE 6.—*Party Strength in Divisions as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1950.*

Division.	Labour.			Liberal.			Independent.		
	First Preferences.	No. of Quotas.	Seats Won.	First Preferences.	No. of Quotas.	Seats Won.	First Preferences.	No. of Quotas.	Seats Won.
Bass.....	16,271	3·79	3	18,751	3·21	3	...	...	...
Darwin	13,128	3·27	3	14,702	3·67	3	240	0·06	...
Denison	12,871	3·24	3	12,282	3·09	2	2689	0·67	1
Franklin	13,362	3·12	3	14,041	3·27	3	2610	0·61	...
Wilmot....	15,344	3·58	3	14,653	3·42	3	...	...	...
Total ...	70,976	17·00	15	69,429	16·66	14	5539	1·34	1

A standard of representation is furnished by the fact that the number of members for the State as a whole (30) is 14·8 per cent below the number of quotas (35).

The number of quotas allotted to each party and seats won was as follows:—

Party.	Quotas Allotted.	Seats Won.
Labour.....	17·00	15
Liberal.....	16·66	14
Independent	1·34	1

From the above table it will be seen that there were 2·00 quotas of Labour votes made up of unrepresented fractions of 15 members elected. Liberal votes were under-represented by 2·66 quotas for 14 members elected, while Independent candidates polled 0·34 quotas of unrepresented votes.

The following table shows the party strength as indicated by the quotas of No. 1 preferences, and the seats actually won by Labour and non-Labour groups at each general election since 1934. Independent votes have been distributed as described elsewhere in the context, and the total for the State is the aggregate of the results for the five divisions.

TABLE 7.—*Party Strength as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1937-1950.*

Division.	1937		1941		1946		1948		1950				
	Non-Labour.	Labour.	Non-Labour.	Labour.	Nationalists.	Labour.	Independent.	Liberal.	Labour.	Independent.	Liberal.	Labour.	Independent.
Bass—													
Quotas.....	2·47	4·53	2·50	4·50	2·28	4·05	0·72	3·09	3·91	...	8·21	3·79	...
Seats won ...	2	4	2	4	2	4	0	3	9	...	3	8	...
Darwin—													
Quotas	2·96	4·04	2·90	4·10	3·84	3·46	0·20	3·20	3·34	0·46	3·67	3·27	0·06
Seats won ...	3	3	2	4	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Denison—													
Quotas	2·59	4·41	2·20	4·80	1·85	3·17	2·48	1·46	3·12	2·42	3·09	3·24	.67
Seats won ...	2	4	2	4	2	8	1	1	3	2	2	3	1
Franklin—													
Quotas	2·90	4·10	2·38	4·62	2·46	3·61	0·98	2·97	3·35	1·28	3·27	3·12	0·61
Seats won ...	2	4	2	4	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	3	0
Wilmot—													
Quotas	3·01	3·99	3·02	3·98	2·54	3·58	0·88	3·20	3·62	0·18	3·42	3·58	...
Seats won ...	3	3	2	4	4	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	...
Total—													
Quotas	18·98	21·07	13·0	22·0	11·92	17·87	5·21	18·32	17·34	4·84	16·66	17·00	1·34
Seats won ...	12	18	10	20	12	16	2	12	15	8	14	16	1

The number of quotas shown in the immediately preceding tables for the State as a whole is the sum of the quotas for each division, which, of course, are not uniform. The following figures show the representation due to each party, based directly on the total number of first votes polled by each in the whole of the electorates or on the number of uniform quotas and the number of seats won.

Strength of Parties on the Basis of No. 1 Preferences and Seats Won. (The State as a Single Electorate.)

	No. 1 Preferences.	Seats in Proportion.	Seats Won.
Labour	70,976	14·59	15
Liberal	69,429	14·27	14
Independent	5,539	1·14	1

The preferential system of voting therefore resulted in slight over-representation of Labour at the expense of the Liberal and Independent candidates, but gives a substantially corrected representation when the second preferences are allotted.

The results given in Table 7 show that except in 1928, there has been no case where the difference between the actual representation and the theoretically requisite representation has prejudiced the position of either party in Parliament.

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 since 1919 in the following table:—

TABLE 8.—*Representation of Parties for the Whole State, 1922-1950.*

(Seats in Proportion of No. 1 Preferences, and Seats Actually Won.)

	Non-Labour.	Non-Labour.	Non-Labour.	Non-Labour.
1922..... { Proportionate share	18·07	11·42*	1937..... { Proportionate share	11·94
Actually won	17	12	Actually won	12
1925..... { Proportionate share	14·42	15·58	1941..... { Proportionate share	11·11
Actually won	14	16	Actually won	10
1928..... { Proportionate share	14·85	15·15	1946..... { Proportionate share	+ 15·29
Actually won	16	14	Actually won	16
1931..... { Proportionate share	18·99*	10·98	1948..... { Proportionate share	** 14·82
Actually won	19	10	Actually won	** 15
1934..... { Proportionate share	14·64	14·30	1950..... { Proportionate share	†† 14·59
Actually won	13	15	Actually won	†† 15

* Omitting the votes for an Independent candidate.
 † Liberal Proportionate share 10·27; Actually Won 12.
 ‡ Independent Proportionate share 4·44; Actually Won 2.
 ** Liberal Proportionate share 11·86; Actually Won 12.
 *** Independent Proportionate share 1·88; Actually Won 8.
 †† Liberal Proportionate share 14·27; Actually Won 14.
 Independent Proportionate share 1·14; Actually Won 1.

GENERAL REMARKS.

As mentioned elsewhere in this Report, an important feature of the 1950 election was the changes in the electoral boundaries of the State. Disregarding changes in area, the alteration had little effect in the Divisions of Bass and Denison. In Franklin and Wilmot, however, the transfer of the Subdivision of New Norfolk to Wilmot increased the number of electors in that Division by about 4160 with a corresponding decrease in Franklin. Wilmot also gained about 2500 electors by the transfer of the Kentish Subdivision from Darwin. Details of the number of electors in each Division will be found in Table 1 of Appendix E whilst further particulars as to numbers in Divisions and Subdivisions are given in Table 16 and those following also in Appendix E.

The number of candidates (66) were grouped according to their political party and the position of each group on the ballot-paper was decided by ballot. Liberal groups were included under A in Bass and Wilmot, under B in Darwin and Franklin, and under C in Denison. Labour groups were included under A in Darwin, Denison, and Franklin, and under B in Bass and Wilmot. Independents filled the remaining positions on the ballot papers. Deposits were forfeited by 11 candidates of whom four were Liberal, four Labour, and three Independents.

A brief summary of the results of the 1950 election for each division is appended:—

BASS.

There were 12 candidates in this division, of whom six were Labour and six Liberal. No independent candidates nominated. Valid votes numbered 30,022, of which 16,271 were recorded for Labour and 13,751 for Liberal. Labour candidates secured 3·79 quotas and gained three seats, and Liberals gained three seats for 3·21 quotas. In all, 18 counts were necessary for the complete election. There was little cross-voting.

First preferences failed to secure the election of any candidate. On the 8th, 9th, and 17th count, three Labour candidates were elected, and on the 18th count three Liberal candidates secured election.

DARWIN.

Fourteen candidates—six Labour; seven Liberal; and one ungrouped Independent candidate nominated for Darwin. Labour polled 13,128 votes, 3·27 quotas for three seats; Liberals, 14,702 votes, 3·67 quotas for three seats; and Independents, 240 votes, 0·06 quotas.

First preferences secured the election of one Labour and one Liberal candidate, the second Labour candidate was elected on the second count, whilst the third Labour candidate was elected on the 59th count. On the 60th count, two Liberal candidates were elected but these did not reach the quota owing to the number of exhaust votes.

DENISON.

The Denison Division attracted the largest number of candidates, 15, of whom six were Liberal, six Labour, and three Independent. Of the Independents, two were grouped and one ungrouped. Labour polled 12,871 votes for 3·24 quotas and three seats; Liberals 12,282 votes, 3·09 quotas for two seats; and Independents 2689 votes, 0·67 quotas for one seat. One Labour and one Liberal candidate were elected at the first count, but 100 counts were needed before the last candidate was elected.

Little cross-voting was evident in this division. Five candidates—one Liberal, two Independents, and two Labour— forfeited their deposits.

FRANKLIN.

Thirteen candidates contested the election for Franklin. Six were Liberal; six Labour; and one Independent. Labour candidates polled 13,362 votes, 3·12 quotas for three seats; Liberals 14,041 votes, 3·27 quotas for three seats; Independents 2610 votes for no seat. Little cross-voting took place in this division. One Liberal and one Labour candidate forfeited their deposits.

WILMOT.

For this division there were six Liberal and six Labour candidates. Of the 29,997 valid votes, 15,334, 3·58 quotas went to Labour for three seats and 14,653, 3·42 quotas to Liberal for three seats. Two candidates were elected on the first preferences and only 40 counts were required to complete the election.

ABSENT VOTES, POSTAL VOTES, AND SECTION 116A.

Under the provisions of Section 116A, 761 persons whose names were not on the roll claimed the right to vote, and filled in ballot-papers. Of these 634 were rejected because their claim to be on the roll could not be sustained. The remaining 127 were admitted to the scrutiny and 10 of them rejected for informalities, leaving 117 valid votes under Section 116A.

The number of absent votes was 11,169, but these included a number whose names were not, in fact, on the roll, and 1115 were rejected on this account. A further 478 were rejected for informalities, leaving 9576 valid absent votes.

Taking together the claims under Section 116A and attempts to vote under provisions for electors absent from their usual subdivisions, the number of votes disallowed were:—1950, 1749; 1948, 1650; 1946, 1448; 1941, 2283; 1937, 1897; 1934, 1687; 1931, 2086. These disallowed votes are not counted either as votes recorded or as informal votes.

TABLE 9.—Votes under Section 116A and Absent Votes.

Division.	Votes under Section 116A.					Absent Votes.				
	Papers Received.			Admitted to Scrutiny.	Papers Received.			Admitted to Scrutiny.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.			
Bass.....	79	56	135	25	1077	1065	2142	1912		
Darwin.....	66	67	133	33	1140	1012	2152	2001		
Denison.....	89	77	166	24	969	919	1882	1658		
Franklin.....	64	54	118	21	1215	1016	2231	2013		
Wilmot.....	129	80	209	24	1458	1304	2762	2470		
Total	427	384	761	127	5859	5310	11,169	10,054		

TABLE 10.—Valid Postal Votes in Parties.

Division.	Liberal.	Labour.	Independent.	Total.
Bass	591	596	...	1187
Darwin	400	252	6	658
Denison	616	539	74	1229
Franklin	467	328	60	855
Wilmot.....	401	311	...	712
Total	2475	2026	140	4641

TABLE 11.—Summary of Absent and Postal Voting.

	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1934.	1931.
Valid Absent Votes	9576	8766	8856	9253	8066	5989	5961
Valid Votes under Section 116A	117	176	178	290	353	367	288
Valid Postal Votes	4641	4666	4887	3495	2602	2270	2001

INFORMAL BALLOT-PAPERS.

The proportion of informal ballot-papers to the total number of ballot-papers at the election of 1946 was higher, at 10·08 per cent, than in any year since 1912.

A summary of the proportion of informal ballot-papers in each division at each general election since 1912 is as follows:—

TABLE 12.—Percentage of Informal Ballot-Papers, 1912-1950.

	Bass.	Darwin.	Denison.	Franklin.	Gillman.	Wilmot.	All Divisions
1912	2·63	2·97	2·67	2·78	9·26	2·85	
1913	2·49	3·07	3·35	3·17	2·39	2·91	
1916	3·68	5·49	5·63	6·52	5·68	5·66*	
1919	3·39	4·86	3·02	3·34	6·06	3·08*	
1922	2·05	2·56	2·58	2·86	8·20	2·63	
1925	1·82	2·51	2·12	2·25	2·40	2·22	
1928	3·88	3·28	2·64	2·88	4·12	3·24	
1931	3·10	3·27	3·45	3·05	2·87	3·44	
1934	3·44	2·95	3·10	2·76	3·85	3·19	
1937	2·38	2·60	2·00	2·26	2·88	2·41	
1941	6·16	4·70	4·97	5·43	3·82	4·99	
1946	10·95	7·96	11·01	10·48	10·07	10·08	
1948	3·21	4·51	4·49	4·09	3·28	3·95	
1950	3·88	3·82	6·25	4·21	4·28	4·48	

* The proportions in these years were exaggerated by the inclusion of votes by persons who were not on the roll.

TABLE 13.—*Elections held in Tasmania, 1912-1950—Informal Ballot-Papers.*

General Elections.		Electorates Contested:	Date of Election.	Total Number of Ballot- papers.	Number of Informal Papers.	Percent- age of Informal Papers.	Method of Marking Paper.
Federal.	State.						
... ...	Assembly	5	30. 4. 1912	76,052	2166	2·85	Preference 1, 2, 3
... ...	Assembly	5	23. 1. 1913	70,812	2036	2·87	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1	31. 5. 1913	80,398	4027	6·13	× opposite three names
Representatives.....	...	5	...	82,253	2470	3·07	...
Senate (Dissolution) .....	...	1	5. 9. 1914	...	3871	4·71	...
Representatives.....	...	4	...	65,103	1549	2·38	×
Senate.....	Assembly	5	25. 3. 1916	78,984	4488	5·51	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1	5. 5. 1917	82,608	3075	3·72	× opposite three names
Representatives.....	...	4	...	65,873	2021	3·07	×
Senate.....	Assembly	5	31. 5. 1919	71,064	2757	3·88	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1	13. 12. 1919	65,718	6364	9·68	Preference 1 to 7
Representatives.....	...	5	10. 6. 1922	69,752	3904	5·03	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	Assembly	5	16. 12. 1922	51,220	1760	9·27	Preference 1, 2, 3
Representatives.....	...	5	3. 6. 1925	77,281	3904	6·45	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1	14. 11. 1925	102,742	11,578	11·27	Preference 1 to 9
Representatives.....	...	5	30. 5. 1928	91,679	5027	4·89	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	Assembly	5	17. 11. 1928	106,168	2978	3·24	Preference 1, 2, 3
Representatives.....	...	5	...	...	16,694	15·73	Preference 1 to 6
Representatives.....	...	5	12. 10. 1932	110,927	6842	6·45	Preference 1, 2, 3
... ...	Assembly	5	9. 5. 1931	112,779	2064	1·86	Preference 1, 2, 3
... ...	Assembly	5	9. 6. 1934	120,622	3885	3·45	Preference 1, 2, 3
... ...	Assembly	5	20. 2. 1937	124,460	9866	8·19	Preference 1, 2, 3
Representatives.....	...	5	19. 12. 1931	(a)	(a)	(a)	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1	15. 9. 1934	123,801	4840	3·91	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Representatives.....	...	5	21. 9. 1940	130,786	20,189	16·30	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1	18. 12. 1941	127,034	4102	3·13	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Representatives.....	...	5	21. 8. 1943	138,679	17,067	13·05	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1	21. 8. 1943	139,116	6344	4·99	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1	19. 8. 1944	139,411	4975	3·58	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Referendum .....	...	1	28. 9. 1946	145,185	18,831	13·54	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Representatives.....	...	5	29. 5. 1948	148,688	2256	1·62	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1	21. 8. 1948	144,879	3706	2·56	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
... ...	Assembly	5	28. 11. 1946	143,674	17,113	11·81	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Referendum .....	...	1	10. 12. 1949	145,185	14,884	10·08	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
... ...	Assembly	5	29. 5. 1948	145,185	2953	1·97	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Representatives.....	...	5	21. 8. 1948	148,688	5866	3·95	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1	10. 12. 1949	155,061	4065	2·62	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
... ...	Assembly	5	6. 5. 1950	152,785	16,856	10·55	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
					6841	4·48	Preference 1, 2, 3

(a) Details are not available.

EXHAUSTED BALLOT-PAPERS.

TABLE 14.—Votes Lost by Exhaustion.

	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1934.	1931.	1928.	1925.	1922.
Bass.....	29	163	817	1097	974	1364	114	278	485	1188
Darwin	758	1830	1490	420	194	687	428	331	914	191
Denison	718	1329	1176	575	1025	1344	412	321	224	400
Franklin	633	2523	2068	915	328	859	463	466	918	592
Wilmot	521	1006	1875	186	311	1096	1043	1152	518	291
Total.....	2654	6851	7415	8198	2827	5350	2460	2548	3059	2607
Percentage of Total Votes	1·74	4·61	5·16	2·6	2·3	4·6	2·3	2·9	4·0	3·8

The figures in the above table represent the number of votes which were discarded during the actual count because there was no further choice marked on them which could be made effective. These votes do not, in all cases, indicate unrepresented electors, because many of them had contributed to the election of successful candidates before they became exhausted.

TABLE 15.—Brief Sketch of the Development of the Elective Franchise for House of Assembly in Tasmania Since the Year 1870.

Year.	Adult Persons (Estimated).	Estimated Mean Population.	Elected Parliamentary Representatives.	Electoral Divisions	Constituencies.			Electors Enrolled:			Lower Range of Electors' Qualification to Franchise in Possession of—
					One-Member.	Two-Member.	Six-Member.	No.	Per Cent. to Total Pop.	Adult Pop.	
1870...	48,210	100,088	30	30	30	30	30	11,171*	11·17	28·17	A.—Adult Males. Property value of £7
1871...	48,820	101,393	32	32	32	32	32	13,801*	18·61	28·27	Ditto
1872...	49,380	102,467	32	32	32	32	32	14,001*	18·67	28·35	Salary £80 annually
1881...	55,750	116,280	32	32	32	32	32	15,659*	18·47	28·09	Ditto
1891...	78,260	147,969	36	28	20	8	36	25,932*	17·53	35·40	Salary or wage £60
1901...	86,490	172,526	38	29	20	9	38	39,002*	22·61	45·09	Ditto
1902...	87,810	175,178	35	35	35	35	35	39,495*	22·54	44·98	Manhood Suffrage
1908...	92,370	184,272	35	35	35	35	35	89,029	48·31	96·98	B.—Adult Suffrage Ditto
1908...	93,980	187,485	35	35	35	35	35	86,361	46·07	91·89	Property value of £7
1909...	100,970	190,327	30	5	5	5	5	98,280	51·64	98·18	Ditto
1911...	99,960	190,120	30	5	5	5	5	102,326	58·82	102·40	Salary £80 annually
1912...	100,750	190,769	30	5	5	5	5	103,513	54·26	102·74	Ditto
1913...	108,050	194,361	30	5	5	5	5	105,292	55·24	102·17	Salary or wage £60
1916...	104,180	194,265	30	5	5	5	5	107,321	54·17	103·01	Ditto
1919...	111,190	204,959	30	5	5	5	5	107,541	52·47	96·72	Ditto
1922...	118,820	215,379	30	5	5	5	5	110,549	51·33	93·43	Ditto
1925...	120,360	215,652	30	5	5	5	5	114,901	53·30	95·46	Ditto
1928...	123,250	215,471	30	5	5	5	5	111,956	51·96	91·58	Ditto
1931...	129,600	224,811	30	5	5	5	5	118,730	52·81	91·61	Ditto
1934...	132,982	229,289	30	5	5	5	5	127,681	55·69	96·01	Ditto
1937...	135,321	234,463	30	5	5	5	5	132,901	50·30	97·65	Ditto
1941...	138,932	240,388	30	5	5	5	5	139,234	57·92	100·22	Ditto
1946...	145,800	252,192	30	5	5	5	5	157,756	62·55	108·20	Ditto
1948...	156,000	264,604	30	5	5	5	5	161,088	60·85	103·26	Ditto
1950...	†	280,000	30	5	5	5	5	161,650	57·73	†	Ditto

* Male only.

† Not available.

VOTING IN SUBDIVISIONS.

The following tables, 16 to 20, give for each division the number of first ordinary vote 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 informal papers, are also given for the same subdivisions. The candidates are grouped in parties, and the total votes are given for the groups. Although the Independent candidates are grouped together, they need not necessarily be considered as a political party group.

TABLE 16.—PRIMARY VOTES (BY SUBDIVISIONS) DIVISION OF BASS.

Subdivision	Electors Enrolled		Electors who Voted		Group A.—Liberal		Group B.—Labour		PRIMARY VOTES		SECONDARY VOTES		Total									
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females		Total									
	Total	Males	Total	Males	Total	Males	Total	Males	Total	Males	Total	Total	Votes									
Flinders	261	218	479	224	180	404	109	8	213	7	67	27	20	13	404							
George Town	206	284	580	247	235	482	113	13	60	21	65	6	63	22	458							
Launceston Central	1839	1629	3966	1186	1374	2660	109	71	273	1016	297	11	343	1416	2650							
Launceston East	2822	3640	6462	2220	2359	6479	181	125	180	772	526	821	215	657	2639	5470						
Launceston North	5517	2616	6133	2999	2881	4380	108	143	73	289	349	194	382	471	3665	5994						
Launceston South	1536	1748	3289	1343	1448	2791	166	106	100	383	394	496	147	109	225	103	3071	4313				
Launceston West	2469	2859	6828	2154	2668	4622	161	97	127	429	692	619	182	182	356	2412	4387	4522				
Lilydale	633	753	1556	688	624	1312	928	9	91	150	696	136	78	84	24	134	669	1265	47			
Portland	430	401	831	357	327	684	146	11	7	53	45	315	29	92	30	64	40	108	953			
Ringarooma	1021	887	1802	871	768	1629	334	13	8	32	182	88	147	165	101	89	262	804	1629			
St. Leonards	1406	1886	2792	1216	1158	2273	134	89	64	177	264	266	984	133	164	180	310	376	1938	287		
Scottsdale	807	776	1583	683	638	1314	684	9	...	22	78	44	737	265	31	143	17	62	533	1270	48	
Absent Votes	...	...	...	...	...	964	948	1912	218	64	30	182	176	215	865	129	189	80	204	940	1825	87
Votes under Sec. 116A	...	...	...	...	...	894	818	1212	92	72	32	181	149	116	651	7	4	3	5	16	23	2
Postal Votes	...	...	...	...	...	16,077	16,156	31,283	2774	652	796	2759	3189	3458	13,721	1817	2847	1752	41,087	38,855	16,271	31,288
Total	157,29	15,729	32,921	16,156	16,077	31,283	2774	652	796	2759	3189	3458	13,721	1817	2847	1752	41,087	38,855	16,271	31,288	1211	31,288

* Elected.

(a) Forfeited deposit.

TABLE 17.—PRIMARY VOTES (BY SUBDIVISIONS) DIVISION OF DARWIN.

Subdivision	Electors			Group A—Labour.			Group B—Liberal.			PRIMARY VOTES.			Votes		
	Electors Enrolled.			Electors who Voted.			Ungrouped Independent			Total Votes			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Chester Head.....	1943	1822	3765	1824	1501	3325	207	736	208	16	187	11	1284	1089	213
Devonport.....	2556	2262	4818	1480	1316	2796	56	214	56	190	179	17	1262	1096	2358
Emu Bay.....	3160	6512	9672	2681	6650	938	99	396	99	176	176	176	2591	178	3379
Gormanston.....	178	125	303	104	132	236	6	10	6	117	117	3	206	8	214
King Island.....	551	484	935	346	375	720	74	6	16	7	285	1	338	52	390
Leven.....	2120	2168	4388	1848	1932	3775	396	41	149	88	580	70	1974	1538	2512
Penguin.....	857	726	1583	741	670	1411	154	9	71	108	108	108	861	80	944
Queenscliff.....	1390	1124	2454	1136	948	2078	185	11	94	33	1918	36	1676	51	2105
Slatan.....	151	138	279	128	104	232	80	2	11	6	81	3	183	12	216
Strahan.....	1938	1785	3618	1683	1618	322	38	656	45	141	141	33	184	454	238
Table Cape.....	198	181	379	196	125	321	1	24	15	30	30	3	150	3	153
Warratich.....	165	165	330	136	652	196	1116	514	26	41	492	16	947	90	1036
Zetland.....	749	666	1415	1136	1136	2272	160	49	182	61	825	36	883	169	1058
Absent Votes.....	...	...	...	1058	943	2001	291	49	182	61	825	36	883	169	1036
Sec. 116A Votes.....	...	...	...	17	16	33	8	1	3	1	16	3	16	3	18
Postal Votes.....	...	...	...	294	370	664	61	17	47	19	110	8	232	48	240
Total.....	15,986	14,822	30,802	16,334	13,863	30,185	3672	1100	2017	204	6076	554	18,198	2,611	24,000

* Elected. (a) Forfeited deposit.

TABLE 18.—PRIMARY VOTES (BY SUB-DIVISIONS) DIVISION OF DENISON

Sub-division.	Electors Enrolled.	Electors who Voted.		PRIMARY VOTES.										SECONDARY VOTES.		Total.	
		Males	Females	Group A—Labour.	Group B—Independent.	Group C—Liberal.	Group D—Conservative.	Group E—Progressive.	Group F—Socialist.	Group G—Moralists.	Group H—Women.	Group I—Others.	Group J—Total.	Group K—Total.	Total.		
Robert Central	1,660	1,730	3419	1,429	1,489	2,889	728	559	47	88	346	1,616	19	295	2,936	2,936	
Robert East	940	1,143	2,083	783	878	2,041	416	173	25	13	19	204	830	115	215	215	
Robert North	2,637	3,183	5,650	2,680	2,728	5,118	1,222	466	107	51	64	497	2417	30	452	4,610	4,610
Robert South	2,794	3,455	6,249	2,624	2,623	6,147	958	455	63	53	58	460	2,982	97	1,18	4,211	4,211
Robert West	2,912	2,985	4,710	1,627	2,104	4,031	1,084	563	35	39	39	316	1,916	23	1,16	4,402	4,402
New Town	3,140	3,672	6,612	3,655	3,623	6,682	959	1,98	165	91	318	1,939	81	532	5,639	5,639	
Queenborough	1,161	1,441	4,002	1,012	1,234	4,246	869	180	28	13	16	136	737	16	210	2,236	2,236
Absent Votes...	...	...	...	...	...	801	857	1,658	877	113	33	19	17	105	68	6	2,236
Sec. 116A Votes...	...	...	...	...	...	13	11	24	10	5	...	...	16	100	106	30	30
Postal Votes...	...	...	...	...	...	424	389	1,963	249	74	26	9	12	170	339	8	1,229
Total ...	14,894	17,122	31,816	15,768	15,836	29,989	6,682	10,936	6,658	339	3,077	2864	12,821	166	2,487	36,038	36,038
													258	235	507	3,224	3,224
													380	10,130	1,130	380	380
													380	380	380	380	380

* Elected. (a) Forfeited deposit.

** Total votes polled by the electors.

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TABLE 19.—PRIMARY VOTES (BY SUBDIVISION) DIVISION OF FRANKLIN.

Subdivision	Electors Enrolled.		Electors who Voted.		Group A—Labour.		Group B—Liberal.		Group C—Conservative.		Group D—Socialist.		Group E—Liberal-Libertarian.		Group F—Independent.		Total.			
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Clarence	1807	1988	3895	1620	1704	3324	70	218	228	242	216	198	260	353	298	360	1618	345	945	
Tarpenance	940	864	1804	801	716	1517	39	266	25	61	284	68	16	459	39	68	24	674	98	154
Glenorchy	1180	1065	2234	986	906	1917	78	208	61	377	104	197	31	263	140	181	116	790	158	3179
Huon	1447	1346	2793	1173	1240	2413	59	292	95	69	172	51	862	185	29	615	157	253	104	
Kingborough	1854	1766	3616	1614	1494	3108	78	630	14	109	303	136	1168	96	50	304	216	692	184	
Moonah	4829	4614	9103	4131	4067	8196	989	951	28	938	125	1051	4767	416	116	657	478	309	425	
Nelson	1974	2366	4320	1689	1930	3619	69	195	7	79	120	224	694	82	62	636	490	309	808	
Port Cygnet	832	738	1560	750	629	1365	25	448	16	45	99	26	658	124	30	272	48	102	39	
Richmond	524	436	960	480	470	950	40	49	40	49	49	40	40	57	105	32	41	41	822	
Sorel	701	573	1274	621	486	1109	23	148	2	66	97	20	363	60	64	110	141	86	110	
Spring Bay	316	266	582	250	204	454	12	148	2	28	23	23	330	30	19	57	44	28	66	
Tasman	909	276	585	270	238	498	17	82	..	19	51	23	191	27	36	62	19	197	6	
Absent Votes .....	.....	.....	.....	1067	926	2013	78	288	29	162	198	129	977	144	34	297	164	166	865
Sec. 116A Votes .....	.....	.....	.....	13	8	21	3	3	..	3	..	1	10	2	2	1	..	6	2
Postal Votes .....	.....	.....	.....	806	584	1390	20	88	8	46	100	66	328	69	38	191	76	50	113
Total	16,652	16,361	32,813	15,902	15,429	31,331	930	9845	391	2464	3510	2909	13,362	1771	807	8807	2827	2907	3118	
																	2610	2610	3118	

* Elected. (a) Forfeited deposit.

TABLE 20.—PRIMARY VOTES (BY SUBDIVISIONS) DIVISION OF WILMOT.

Subdivision	Electors		Electors who Voted		Group A.—Liberal		Group B.—Labour		Primary Votes		Votes	
	Electors Enrolled		Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	W. Hilliams	R. Hobson	C. M'Pell	Total
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Beaconsfield.....	1489	1465	2954	1301	1283	2584	127	50	926	218	44	1462
Bodwell	429	410	839	359	274	638	31	62	74	10	6	18
Brighton	977	872	1849	806	716	1532	119	493	301	11	18	44
Carroll Town	932	818	1750	725	678	1458	70	131	182	13	37	15
Deloraine	1607	1449	3056	1386	1235	2621	475	92	364	31	298	174
Dundale	1058	1038	2081	907	878	1226	90	281	364	10	134	134
Fingal	756	764	1620	691	602	1265	126	95	42	61	172	86
Glenorgan	304	298	602	247	225	473	98	40	88	7	2	2
Hamilton	1344	847	2231	1012	700	1712	96	261	95	30	14	12
Kentish	1343	1160	2563	1181	1024	2206	216	89	180	99	74	68
Latrobe	1543	1600	3143	1383	1338	2691	272	106	411	91	86	347
Longford	1205	1312	2517	1049	1065	2114	191	195	384	33	138	133
New Norfolk	2264	1886	4160	1809	1689	3506	464	384	360	124	47	81
Oethada	981	820	1751	768	685	1403	109	110	312	30	26	48
Westbury	1136	1301	2687	1034	1007	2041	203	85	610	66	287	50
Absent Votes.....	...	...	...	1275	1195	2470	247	203	411	59	89	78
Votes under Sec. 116A.....	...	...	...	15	9	94	1	4	2	..	2	10
Postal Votes.....	...	...	...	263	467	730	67	64	192	16	40	40
Total	17,338	15,556	32,898	16,362	14,975	31,837	3872	20,544	580	14,022	10,869	14,653
												39,065
												16,844
												29,987
												1340
												31,387

* Elected

TABLE 21.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF BASS.
Electors on Roll 32,921, Valid Votes, 30,022; Quota, 4289; Informal Papers, 1211.

No. of Count.	CANDIDATES.												Total Valid Votes.	Loss in Pro- portion.	Exhausted Ballots.	Results.
	Group "A" Liberal.						Group "B" Labour.									
	Bellie	Guy	M.C. Cowden	McFarland	Albertine	Barneard	Hawryld	Chiver	Turbull	Total	Labour					
1 2774	812	216	2732	2159	3458	13,751	1817	2847	1782	4103	1897	3855	16,271	...	30,022	
2 98	108	728	908	137	161	707	1	3	9	5	1	6	19	...	...
3—4 2867	960	...	2869	8326	3619	13,732	1818	2650	1756	4108	1888	3881	16,280	...	30,022	
5—7 3164	...	...	3246	3541	3798	13,734	2036	3038	...	4693	103	1	4	...	30,022
8 3164	...	...	3246	3541	3798	13,734	2036	3038	...	4693	103	1	4	...	30,022
9 3164	...	...	3246	3543	3792	13,734	2039	3036	...	4693	103	1	4	...	30,022
10—16 3164	...	...	3246	3543	3793	13,734	2036	3036	...	4693	103	1	4	...	30,022
17 3187	1	...	3256	3552	3795	13,789	2057	3057	...	4289	2236	4289	16,285	1	4	30,022
18 3188	3256	3552	3796	13,791	2059	3059	...	4289	2087	4289	16,289	6	5	30,022
19 414	4554	4812	4485	13,705	...	4289	3354	4289	16,221	29	7	7	7	30,022

Madden elected.
 Madden's surplus distributed, T.V. 404/558

Turnbull elected.
 Turnbull's surplus distributed, T.V. 96/214

Atkins excluded

Barnard elected.
 Barnard's surplus distributed, T.V. 286/1164

Brattie excluded

Marriott, Steer and Orchard elected

TABLE 24.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF FRANKLIN.
Electors on Roll, 32,813; Valid Votes, 30,018; Quota, 4288; Informal Papers, 1318.

No. of Count.	CANDIDATES.																Exhaust.	Loss by Fractions.	Total Valid Votes.	Remarks.				
	Group "A" Labour.							Group "B" Liberal.							Ungrouped Independent									
	Cullen	Dwyer	Fletcher	Hand	Nelson	Robbie	Total Labour	Barwick	Griffiths	Jackson	Park	Pearson	Solomon	Total Liberal	Gray	Total Indend.								
1	950	3845	991	2464	3510	2202	18,862	1771	807	3990	2527	2499	2507	14,041	2610	2610	...	...	30,018			
2	28	156	—391	55	96	38	968	8	...	9	4	2	...	18	5	5	...	...	...	Fletcher excluded	
... 3	973	4001	8	...	2519	4	3606	2	2240	13,839	1774	807	3939	2591	2501	2507	14,059	2615	2615	30,018	Griffiths excluded			
... 4—5	973	4009	710	...	2523	95	3608	101	2242	18,956	1910	...	4160	2696	2687	2620	14,023	2686	2686	30,018	Cullen excluded			
... 6	—431	4719	...	...	2618	367	3709	30	2286	19,392	1919	...	4162	2699	2688	2623	14,041	2689	2689	30,018	Dwyer elected Dwyer's surplus distributed, T.V. 431/710	
7—12	...	4288	...	...	2985	19	3780	12	2901	18,813	1921	...	4163	2700	2689	2623	14,046	2640	2640	30,018	Barwick excluded	
...	...	4288	...	...	3004	5	3751	2	2911	18,854	...	5111	3122	2910	2772	13,915	2721	2721	18	30,018	Jackson elected Jackson's surplus distributed T.V. 823/948	
13	...	...	...	...	5	2	1	8	...	—823	645	108	43	794	7	7	9	5	...		
14—23	...	4288	...	...	3009	908	3753	1289	2912	18,862	2186	...	4288	3767	3016	2815	13,886	2728	2728	30,018	Robbie excluded	
... 24	...	4288	...	...	3912	728	5036	—748	...	18,236	728	...	4288	3789	3042	2836	13,956	2772	2772	30,018	Neilson elected Neilson's surplus distributed, T.V. 748/1288	
... 25	...	4288	...	...	4640	—352	4288	...	18,216	...	...	4288	3798	3046	2836	13,963	2777	2777	41	30,018	Hand elected Hand's surplus distributed, T.V. 852/1250
...	...	4288	...	...	4288	4288	4288	...	12,864	...	...	4288	3837	3057	2851	14,033	2804	2804	293	30,018	
26—38	...	4288	...	...	4288	4288	4288	...	...	1098	941	445	445	2485	—2504	—2804	815	4	...	Gray excluded	
... 39	...	4288	4288	4288	4288	...	12,864	4288	4288	4488	3427	16,518	608	29	30,018	Park elected Park's surplus distributed, T.V. 648/109		
...	4288	...	4288	4288	4288	4288	4288	...	12,864	4288	4288	4488	3427	16,491	638	25	30,018	Pearsall elected		

TABLE 25.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF WILMOT.
Electors on Roll, 38,293; Valid Votes, 29,997; Quota, 4286; Informal Papers, 1340.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES.												Remarks				
	Group "A" Liberal.						Group "B" Labour.										
	Best	Bethune	Campbell	Hodson	Robertson	Williams	Cashion	Fagan	Fisher	Phair	Spurr	Von Bertouch	Total Labour.				
1	2974	2012	5446	830	1402	1989	14,653	2905	6456	1621	996	2211	1155	15,844	29,997	Fagan and Campbell elected	
2	6	6	...	4	5	5	26	888	—2170	352	163	541	202	2141	3	Fagan's surplus distrib'ted T.V. 2170/6456	
... 3	2980 251	2018 408	5446 1160	834 137	1407 259	1994 95	14,679 1145	3788 1	4286 ..	1978 9	1159 1	2752 8	1357 2	15,815 10	3	29,997	
... 4—6	3231 182	2421 390	4286 ...	971 —971	1666 262	2089 126	14,664 960	3789 1	4286 ...	1976 1	1160 ...	2755 2	1959 1	15,825 5	8	29,997	
... 7—9	3418 4	2811 3	4286 ...	...	1928 4	2215 4	14,653 15	3790 988	4286 ...	1977 300	1160 —1160	2757 298	1360 154	15,830 1140	2	29,997
... 10—15	3417 12	2814 8	4286 ...	...	1932 10	2219 6	14,668 36	4178 282	4286 ...	2277 290	...	3055 896	1514 —1514	15,810 1467	2	29,997
... 16	1	1	...	...	...	1	9	—174	...	122	...	41	...	163	3	29,997
... 17—25	3480 715	2828 721	4286 ...	...	1942 —1942	2226 462	14,707 1898	4286 ...	4286 ...	2689 7	...	3991 13	...	15,252 20	11	29,997
... 26—40	4145	3544	4286	...	...	2688	14,669	4286	4286	2696	...	4004	...	15,272	27	29,997
... 524	1104	817	...	...	—2688	1921	...	171	...	97	...	268	494	5	Williams excluded	
...	4361	4286	...	...	...	19,896	4286	4286	2867	...	4101	..	15,540	521	40	29,997
...	524	4361	4286	19,896	4286	4286	2867	...	4101	..	15,540	521	40	29,997

TABLE 22.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF DARWIN.
Electors on Roll, 30,807; Valid Votes, 28,070; Quota, 4011; Informal Papers, 1115.

No. of Count.	CANDIDATES.																		Remarks.	
	Group "A" Labour.							Group "B" Liberal.							Ungrouped Independent	Loss by Fractions.	Total Valid Votes.			
	Aylett	Beachcroft	Bramich	O'Shanessey	Reece	Streets	Total Labour	Breheny	Chamberlain	Fidler	Langham	Lyon	McFie	Powys	Total Liberal	Cornelius	Total Indend.			
1	3677	1100	2017	704	5076	554	18,128	2461	4139	2580	512	2526	1132	1352	14,702	240	240	28,070	Reece and Chamberlain elected	
2	464	48	886	98	—1065	96	1042	1	...	5	...	5	1	2	14	4	4	5	...	Reece's surplus distributed, T.V. 1065/5076
... 3	4141	1148	2853	802	4011	650	13,105	2463	4139	2585	512	2531	1133	1354	14,716	244	244	28,070	Aylett elected Chamberlain's surplus distributed T.V. 128/4139	
... 4	4141	1148	2853	802	4011	650	18,108	2484	4011	2685	618	2559	1144	1361	14,712	244	244	28,070	Aylett's surplus distributed, T.V. 180/2216	
... 5—6	4011	1189	2424	815	4011	658	18,102	2484	4011	2685	518	2559	1144	1361	14,712	244	244	28,070	Cornelius excluded	
... 7—8	4011	1289	2486	885	4011	686	18,267	2512	4011	2655	526	2570	1150	1364	14,788	...	...	28,070	Langham excluded	
... 9	4011	1240	2489	896	4011	685	18,272	2598	4011	2839	...	2720	1207	1404	14,779	...	...	28,070		
10—18	...	168	219	273	...	—685	680	1	...	12	...	5	1	...	19	...	2	4	...	Streets excluded
14—22	4011	1406	2708	1109	4011	...	13,247	2599	4011	2861	...	2725	1208	1404	14,798	...	...	22	28,070	O'Shanessey excluded
23—29	4011	1749	3444	8	4011	...	18,215	2604	4011	2854	...	2783	1211	1407	14,820	...	...	27	28,070	McFie excluded
30—40	4011	1757	3450	3	4011	...	18,229	2734	4011	3155	...	3809	...	1587	14,796	...	16	29	28,070	Powys excluded
...	4011	1760	3459	...	4011	...	18,241	3008	4011	3911	...	3846	...	...	14,776	...	20	33	28,070	
41—59	...	—1760	1050	...	...	...	1050	192	...	58	...	42	...	...	287	...	414	9	...	Beachcroft excluded
60	4011	...	4509	...	4011	...	12,631	8200	4011	3964	...	3888	...	...	15,063	...	434	42	28,070	Bramich elected Bramich's surplus distributed, T.V. 498/1050
	4011	...	4011	...	4011	...	12,083	3853	4011	3976	...	3900	...	...	15,240	...	769	44	28,070	Breheny excluded Fidler and Lyons elected

TABLE 23.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF DENISON.
Electors on Roll, 31,816; Valid Votes, 27,842; Quota, 3978; Informal Papers, 1857.

No. of Count.	CANDIDATES.																		Remarks.				
	Group "A" Labour.						Group "B" Independ't			Group "C" Liberal.						Ungrouped Independent	Exhaust.	Loss by Fractions.	Total Valid Votes.				
	Cosgrove	Gaha	Hope	Morgan	Neville	White	Total Labour	McPartlan	Wedd	Total Group B Independent	Cazaly	Driscoll	Duncan	Hay	Strutt	Townley	Total Liberal						
1	6982	2595	558	893	857	2646	12,871	166	2487	2,603	256	485	557	524	880	10,130	12,282	86	...	...	27,842	Townley and Cosgrove elected Townley's surplus distributed, T.V. 6152/10,130
2	...	48	10	9	6	53	121	19	550	569	419	629	1171	858	2976	6152	5458	4	...	5	...	Cosgrove's surplus distributed T.V. 2404/6382	
3	6382	2578	568	402	363	2699	12,992	185	2987	3,172	675	1064	1728	1882	2756	3978	11,589	90	90	...	5	27,842	
4	2404	1666	126	53	37	485	2367	1	25	26	1	1	1	...	...	...	9	...	8	...	...	Gaha elected Gaha's surplus distributed, T.V. 266/4425
5	3978	4244	694	455	400	9184	12,955	186	3012	3,198	676	1065	1729	1882	2756	3978	11,586	90	90	...	13	27,842	
6	...	266	156	16	7	80	258	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	Bound excluded
7	3978	3978	849	471	407	3264	12,947	186	3014	3,200	676	1065	1729	1882	2756	3978	11,586	90	90	...	19	27,842	
8	...	26	6	15	26	78	73	4	7	11	1	1	1	...	...	...	4	-90	-90	2	...	Bound excluded
9	3978	3978	875	477	422	3290	13,020	190	3021	3,211	677	1065	1730	1882	2758	3978	11,590	...	...	...	21	27,842
10	...	5	2	...	3	8	10	-190	163	168	3	2	3	2	4	...	14	..	..	8	...	McPartlan excluded
11	3978	3978	880	479	422	3299	18,080	...	3184	3184	680	1067	1783	1884	2762	3978	11,604	...	...	...	24	27,842
12	11—15	...	141	65	422	191	997	...	7	7	2	1	3	1	4	...	11	1	6	...	Neville excluded
13	16—26	3978	9978	1021	544	...	3484	18,005	190	3191	3191	682	1068	1786	1885	2766	3978	11,615	1	30	27,842
14	...	232	-544	...	258	490	...	26	26	26	2	8	6	2	7	..	20	2	6	...	Morgan excluded
15	27—34	3978	3978	1253	...	8742	12,951	...	3217	3217	684	1071	1742	1887	2773	3978	11,635	...	...	3	36	27,842
16	...	3	8	11	35	...	35	35	684	302	128	65	135	...	680	2	6	...	Cazaly excluded
17	35—57	3978	3978	1256	...	3750	12,962	...	3252	3252	684	1373	1870	1452	2908	3978	11,581	...	...	5	42	27,842
18	...	-1256	516	516	516	...	182	182	30	16	14	6	14	...	66	478	14	...	Hope excluded
19	58	3978	3978	...	...	4266	12,222	...	3434	3434	684	1408	1886	1458	2922	3978	11,647	...	...	483	56	27,842
20	288	288	288	...	67	67	...	11	3	2	5	...	21	197	3	...	White elected White's surplus distributed, T.V. 288/516
21	59—77	3978	3978	...	...	3978	11,934	...	3501	3501	684	1414	1889	1460	2927	3978	11,668	...	...	680	59	27,842
22	58	58	58	...	-1414	718	256	985	...	1889	18	9	..	Driscoll excluded
23	78—99	3978	3978	...	...	3978	11,934	...	3554	3554	684	2807	1716	3292	3978	11,598	...	...	693	68	27,842	
24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	85	85	...	893	-1716	710	...	1603	...	...	25	3	...	Hay excluded
25	100	3978	3978	...	...	3978	11,934	...	3639	3639	...	3500	...	4002	3978	11,480	...	...	718	71	27,842	
26	...	...	...	...	3978	3978	...	3639	3639	...	22	...	-24	...	22	...	...	...	2	...	...	Strutt elected Strutt's surplus distributed T.V. 24/718
27	3978	3978	...	...	3978	11,934	...	3639	3639	...	3522	...	3978	3978	11,478	...	...	718	73	27,842	Wedd elected	