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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

1951 to 1955.

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

General Election, 19th February 1955

and

By-Elections 1951, 1953 and 1954

C. A. BLAKNEY, State Chief Electoral Officer

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## REPORT ON PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, 1951 to 1955

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report on elections held during the period, 1951-1955.

### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Appendix "A" appended hereto shows the enrolment as at the 31st December, 1954, in the respective Divisions of the Council.

Since this date, enrolment has increased considerably owing to the extension of the franchise in 1954 to provide for the spouse of the Owner or Occupier of property being qualified for enrolment as Legislative Council Electors, and the granting of the franchise to inhabitant occupiers.

For the period from the 31st December, 1954, to the 30th June, 1955, enrolment for the Legislative Council Divisions has increased from 71,430 to 79,521, an overall increase of 8091 in enrolment for the half year. This is due to increased attention being given to the enrolment of spouses and general broadening of the Franchise.

By an amendment of the Public Service Act, the State Electoral Office (formerly part of the Chief Secretary's and Premier's Department) was made a separate Department, and I was appointed as Chief Electoral Officer, with offices in Chancellor's building, Davey Street, Hobart.

The object of this appointment was to give particular attention to Elections generally and following the necessary amendments to the "Electoral Act 1907," to provide for the whole of the Legislative Council Rolls for the several Divisions in the State, being prepared in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer by experienced Electoral Registrars appointed for that purpose.

### "DEADLOCKS" IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

By an amendment of the "Electoral Act 1907," provision was made for the constitution of an Electoral Commission comprising The Chief Electoral Officer, The Government Statistician, and The Vice Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, who were directed to consider and report upon the Polling at the Election and after the completion of the scrutiny at the General Election to certify by notice in the Gazette, the result of the Election.

The Electoral Commission reported the result of the Election as required by the Electoral Act, and a certificate was published in the Gazette of the 23rd March, 1955.

A Certificate and return specifying the total number of votes allocated to each of the political parties was furnished to the Clerk of the Assembly and was published in the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly on the 13th April, 1955.

In consequence of the publication of the certificate of the Electoral Commission and in accordance with an amendment of the "Constitution Act 1934," His Excellency the Governor, by Proclamation published in the Gazette of the 6th April, 1955, declared that the provisions of Section 24A of the "Constitution Act 1934," shall apply to the House of Assembly chosen at the General Election of Members of the House held on the 19th February, 1955.

The provisions of this Section reduce the life of the present Parliament from five years to three years from the day of the return of the Writs unless it is sooner dissolved by the Governor. It also provides that the minority party may cause to be

nominated for Election as Speaker, one of the Members of the Assembly who is a Member of that Party and also provides for the election of Chairman of Committees from members of the minority party.

#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The House of Assembly was dissolved by His Excellency the Governor on the 14th January, 1955, and the following dates were fixed in connection with the Election.

Issue of Writ	17th January, 1955.
Nominations closed	25th January, 1955.
Poll	19th February, 1955.

The Writs were returned on the 4th May, 1955, from which date the life of the Parliament commenced.

Nominations received for the several Divisions totalled 63 (Bass 13; Darwin 12; Denison 13; Franklin 13; Wilmot 12). Table 2 shows the number of Candidates nominated at previous Elections.

On this occasion in the draw for party group position on the Ballot Paper, the Labour Group in each Division drew Group "A", the first position and the names of the Candidates comprising this party group were placed first on the Ballot Paper.

In three Divisions an Independent Candidate was nominated.

The Election was conducted under the provisions of the "Electoral Act 1907," and amendments thereto. From reports received from Returning Officers no difficulty was experienced and the work of all Officers was carried out with efficiency and expedition. I desire to express my appreciation of the manner in which their duties were carried out and for the promptitude with which the final results were obtained.

There were 469 Polling Places throughout the State at which Electors were able to record their votes. Electors who were absent from their subdivisions recorded 12,913 Absent Votes, and 628 persons voted under Section 116A, claiming their names were removed from the roll owing to the error of an Officer. Of these persons, only 180 established a claim and their votes were admitted to the scrutiny.

A summary of Absent, Postal and Section 116A Voters is appended hereto under Table 11.

Some difficulty was experienced by Electors on this occasion owing to the variation in the hours of Polling. At Federal Elections, Polling Booths are open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., whilst on this occasion for the State Election, the hours of Polling were from 8.30 a.m. until 7 p.m.

A considerable number of Electors who failed to vote at this Election submitted the explanation that they were confused over the hours of Polling. Since the last State Election on the 6th May, 1950, there has been three Federal Elections and a Referendum, at all of which the hours of Polling were from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. It appears desirable to endeavour to obtain uniformity in the hours of Polling at State and Commonwealth Elections.

#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DIVISIONS.

By a Commission under the hand of His Excellency the Governor General, Distribution Commissioners were appointed to report upon and where necessary redefine boundaries of the Electoral Divisions for the State.

The Commissioners have furnished their report and due notice of the suggested changes have been promulgated.

A summary of the report showing the proposed re-distribution and a general description of the suggested amendments is included herein (Under Appendix D.).

**OFFICIAL OBSERVERS AT ELECTION.**

During the holding of the General Election, two American visitors were observers of the method of conducting elections under proportional representation, and the counting of the choices at the scrutiny of votes. They were Professor Lionel H. Laing, Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan, U.S.A., and Mr. George Howatt, a Fullbright Scholar from the University of Pennsylvania.

These gentlemen were afforded every facility in undertaking their observations and each expressed appreciation of the co-operation and assistance given them during their stay in Hobart.

It is pleasing to record my appreciation of the services of the State Electoral Staff who carried out their duties with credit to themselves and to the Department, I also desire to thank Divisional Returning Officers and Legislative Council Returning Officers for their assistance and co-operation in conducting Elections during the period under review.

I desire also to express the thanks of the Department to Mr. J. C. Stephen, the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician for the compilation of statistical tables appended to this report.

C. A. BLAKNEY,

Chief Electoral Officer.

## Appendix A.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENROLMENT.

Number of electors (in various categories) enrolled as at 31st December, 1954.

	Enrolled for Division	Owners			Occupiers			R.S. Personnel			All Other Enrolments			Co
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
Buckingham	5,462	1,872	823	2,695	2,093	274	2,367	341	35	378	14	10	24	
Cornwall	4,778	1,373	1,102	2,475	1,123	727	1,850	349	32	381	61	11	72	
Derwent	4,133	1,606	451	2,057	1,228	110	1,338	704	34	738	—	—	—	30
Gordon	1,897	801	264	1,065	465	30	495	293	12	305	25	7	32	
Hobart	4,355	1,117	898	2,015	1,197	546	1,743	428	18	446	128	23	151	
Huon	4,320	2,424	783	3,207	484	143	627	412	13	425	46	15	61	
Launceston	2,299	537	411	948	723	374	1,097	158	3	161	60	33	93	
Macquarie	3,037	1,471	677	2,148	481	80	561	271	13	284	44	—	44	
Meander	2,931	1,653	392	2,045	522	67	589	284	3	287	7	3	10	
Mersey	5,004	2,239	1,192	3,431	912	250	1,162	850	34	884	15	12	27	
Monmouth	1,615	868	263	1,131	272	32	304	140	3	143	23	14	37	
Newdegate	5,215	1,769	1,303	3,072	966	544	1,510	540	36	576	35	22	57	
Pembroke	4,883	2,227	1,034	3,261	932	135	1,067	496	51	547	8	—	8	
Queenborough	4,516	1,452	1,199	2,681	785	458	1,243	520	40	560	20	12	32	
Russell	2,459	1,360	438	1,798	401	22	423	214	5	219	13	6	19	
South Esk	3,018	1,865	654	2,319	401	58	459	104	4	198	18	24	42	
Tamar	2,429	1,335	589	1,924	189	20	209	251	12	263	19	14	33	
West Devon	3,803	1,873	535	2,408	979	93	1,072	255	22	277	26	20	46	
Westmorland	5,276	2,332	1,434	3,766	978	224	1,202	220	10	230	58	20	78	
Totals	71,430	30,004	14,442	44,446	15,131	4,187	19,318	6,420	380	6,800	620	246	866	

## Appendix B.

## PART XI. OF THE ELECTORAL ACT, 1907.

BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF DARWIN.

(Resignation of Mr. J. H. Chamberlain.)

Consents due 2nd April, 1951.

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Loss	Total	Remarks		
	Breheny	Langham	McFie, H.	O'Shanessy	Chamberlain, J. H.						
1	—	—	—	—	4,011	—	—	—	Distribution of Quota received by J. H. Chamberlain		
2	1,622	860	1,441	32	—4,011	53	3	4,011			
3	1,622 13	860 4	1,441 —	32 —32	—	53	3	4,011	O'Shanessy excluded		
4-5	1,635 358	864 —864	1,441 477	—	—	66	5	4,011	Langham excluded		
	1,993	—	1,918	—	—	93	7	4,011	J. G. Breheny elected		

## By-ELECTION—DIVISION OF DENISON.

(Resignation of Mr. W. G. Wedd.)

Consents due 24th October, 1953.

Count	Candidates							Exhaust	Loss	Total	Remarks		
	Cazaly	Driscoll	Hey	Hope	McPartlan	Neville	Wedd						
103-149	348	406	694	481	1,880	105	3,978 —3,978	52	12	3,978	Distribution of Quota received by W. G. Wedd		
150-162	348 2	406 1	694 3	481 83	1,880 4	105 —105	—	52 8	12 4	—	Neville excluded		
163-177	350	407	697	564	1,884	—	—	60	16	—	Cazaly excluded		
178	—	584 20	788 18	573 —243	1,933 87	—	—	76 118	24	3,978	Hope excluded		
	—	604	806	330	2,020	—	—	194	24	3,978	Absolute Majority 1,881 L. V. McPartlan elected		

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**BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF BASS.**  
 (Resignation of Mr. J. R. Orchard.)  
 Consents due 5th April, 1954.

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Loss	Total	Remarks
	Atkins	Beattie	Guy	McGowan	Orchard				
20	—	—	—	—	4,289	—	—	—	Distributors of Quota received by J. R. Orchard
30-38	40	2,158	961	1,108	—4,289	20	2	—	
	40	2,158	961	1,108	—	20	2	4,289	Absolute majority 2,134 E. W. Beattie elected

## Appendix C.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1951.**  
**DIVISIONS OF MONMOUTH NEWDEGATE AND RUSSELL.**

Issue of Writs	.....	.....	2nd April, 1951
Nominations	.....	.....	18th April, 1951
Poll	.....	.....	12th May, 1951
Return of Writs	.....	.....	16th May, 1951

**DIVISION OF MONMOUTH.**

Electors enrolled, 1245. Electors who voted, 1010. Informal votes, 7. Percentage of electors who voted 81·1 per cent. Absolute majority, 502. Retiring Member: Hon G. H. Green.

Count	Candidates		Total	Informal	Remarks
	Green	Page			
1	879	*124	1,003	7	Hon. G. H. Green elected

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**DIVISION OF NEWDEGATE.**

Electors enrolled, 4606. Electors who voted, 3137. Informal votes, 27. Percentage of electors who voted, 68·1 per cent. Absolute majority, 1556. Retiring Member, Hon. D. G. Lonergan.

Count	Candidates				Total	Informal	Remarks
	Cullen	Gray	Lonergan	Nolan			
1	316	1,024	941	829	3,110	27	
2	—316	87	47	182	—	—	Cullen excluded
3-4	—	1,111	988	1,011	3,110	—	
	—	780	—988	208	—	—	Lonergan excluded
	—	1,891	—	1,219	3,110	—	Hon. G. H. Gray elected

**DIVISION OF RUSSELL.**

Hon. A. B. Fenton returned unopposed.

**BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF LAUNCESTON.**  
 (Death of Hon. A. E. E. Grounds.)

Issue of Writ	.....	.....	30th August, 1951
Nominations	.....	.....	13th September, 1951
Poll	.....	.....	29th September, 1951
Return of Writ	.....	.....	3rd October, 1951

Electors enrolled, 2029. Electors who voted, 1320. Informal votes, 17. Percentage of electors who voted, 65·46 per cent. Absolute majority, 652.

Count	Candidates			Total	Informal	Remarks
	Grounds	James	Stone			
1	674	322	307	1,303	17	Hon. Lucy M. Grounds elected

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1952

## DIVISIONS OF GORDON, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON.

Issue of Writs .....	2nd April, 1952
Nominations .....	18th April, 1952
Poll .....	10th May, 1952
Return of Writs .....	14th May, 1952

DIVISION OF GORDON.  
Hon. T. G. D'Alton returned unopposed.

## DIVISION OF HOBART.

Electors enrolled, 4301. Electors who voted, 3604. Informal votes, 48. Percentage of Electors who voted, 83.79 per cent. Absolute majority, 1742. Retiring member, Hon. J. Soundy.

Count	Candidates							Total	Informal	Exhaust	Remarks
	Arnold	Atkins *	Benjamin	Hickman	Layton *	Lonergan	Potter				
1	441	219	1,433	339	133	563	428	3,556	48	—	
2	11	15	31	24	—133	29	23	—	—	—	Leyton excluded
3-4	452	234	1,464	363	—	592	451	3,556	—	—	
	80	—234	35	33	—	45	41	—	—	—	Atkins excluded
5-8	632	—	1,499	396	—	637	492	3,556	—	—	
	73	—	71	—396	—	116	133	—	—	3	Hickman excluded
9-15	605	—	1,570	—	—	753	626	3,556	—	—	
	605	—	145	—	—	177	251	—	—	32	Arnold excluded
16	—	—	1,715	—	—	930	876	3,556	—	—	
	—	—	93	—	—	297	—428	—	—	35	Potter excluded
	—	—	1,808	—	—	1,227	—	—	—	73	
	—	—	1,808	—	—	1,227	448	3,556	—	73	Hon. Phyllis J. Benjamin elected

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## DIVISION OF LAUNCESTON.

Electors enrolled, 1987. Electors who voted, 1671. Informal votes, 31. Percentage of electors who voted, 84.0 per cent. Absolute majority, 821. Retiring member Hon. Lucy M. Grounds.

Count	Candidates					Total	Informal	Remarks
	Carter	Grounds	* Reid	Stackhouse	Vertigan			
1	190	719	78	304	349	1,640	31	
2	11	26	—78	31	10	—	—	Reid excluded
	201	745	—	335	359	—	—	
	—190	144	—	22	24	—	—	Carter excluded
	11	889	—	357	383	—	—	Hon. Lucy M. Grounds elected

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1953.

## DIVISIONS OF MEANDER, PEMBROKE, QUEENBOROUGH, AND WEST DEVON.

Issue of Writs .....	25th March, 1953
Nominations .....	10th April, 1953
Poll .....	2nd May, 1953
Return of Writs .....	6th May, 1953

## DIVISION OF MEANDER.

Electors enrolled, 3070. Electors who voted, 2295. Informal votes, 11. Percentage of electors who voted, 74.7 per cent. Absolute majority, 1143. Retiring member Hon. A. E. D. Lillico.

Count	Candidates			Total	Informal	Remarks
	Kelso	Lillico				
1	576	1,708	—	2,284	11	Hon. A. E. D. Lillico elected

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## DIVISION OF PEMBROKE.

Electors enrolled, 4137. Electors who voted, 3657. Informal votes, 34. Percentage of electors who voted, 88·3 per cent. Absolute majority, 1812. Retiring Member, Hon. A. C. Blacklow.

Count	Candidates				Total	Informal	
	Austin	Berry	Blacklow	Dunbabin			
1	630	1,183	572	1,238	3,623	34	
2	137	77	—572	358	—	—	Blacklow excluded
3-4	767	1,260	—	1,596	3,623	—	Austin excluded
	—767	327	—	440	—	—	
	—	1,587	—	2,036	3,623	—	Hon. W. Dunbabin elected

## DIVISION OF QUEENBOROUGH.

Electors enrolled, 4267. Electors who voted, 3399. Informal votes, 50. Percentage of electors who voted, 79·66 per cent. Absolute majority, 1675. Retiring member, Hon. H. S. Baker.

Count	Candidates		Total	Informal	
	Baker	Miller			
1	1,790	1,559	3,349	50	Hon. H. S. Baker elected

## DIVISION OF WEST DEVON.

Electors enrolled, 3645. Electors who voted, 3110. Informal votes, 35. Percentage of electors who voted, 80·9 per cent. Absolute majority, 1535. Retiring member, Hon. A. W. Tattersall.

Count	Candidates					Total	Informal	Exhaust	Remarks
	Best	Bryan	Davis	Leary	* Swann				
1	293	901	1,267	475	139	3,075	35	—	
2	25	20	57	37	—139	—	—	—	Swann excluded
3-4	318	921	1,324	512	—	—	—	—	
	—318	138	95	85	—	—	—	—	Best excluded
5-8	—	1,059	1,419	597	—	—	—	6	
	—	251	340	—597	—	—	—	—	
	—	1,310	1,769	—	—	3,075	—	6	Hon. W. J. T. Davis elected

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1954.

## DIVISIONS OF CORNWALL, HUON, AND MERSEY.

Issue of Writs	26th March, 1954
Nominations	12th April, 1954
Poll	8th May, 1954
Return of Writs	12th May, 1954

## DIVISION OF CORNWALL.

Electors enrolled, 5076. Electors who voted, 4218. Informal votes, 64. Percentage of electors who voted, 83·1 per cent. Absolute majority, 2072. Retiring Member Hon. E. G. Record.

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Total	Informal	Remarks
	Flach	Holmes	Orehard	* Reid	* Yeates				
1	1,549	477	1,788	149	191	—	4,154	64	
2	49	43	36	—149	21	—	—	—	Reid excluded
3-4	1,598	520	1,824	—	212	—	4,154	—	
	72	69	71	—	—212	—	—	—	Yeates excluded
5	1,670	589	1,895	* —	—	—	4,154	—	
	158	477	307	—	—	—	12	—	Holmes excluded
	1,828	112	2,202	—	—	—	12	4,154	Hon. J. R. Orehard elected

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## DIVISION OF HUON.

Electors enrolled, 4327. Electors who voted, 3519. Informal votes, 29. Percentage of electors who voted, 81·3 per cent. Absolute majority, 1746. Retiring Member, Hon. R. H. Brown.

Count	Candidates				Total	Informal	Remarks
	Brown	Dillon	* Pitt	Worsley			
1	1,494	607	245	1,144	3,490	29	
2	107	60	—245	78	—	—	Pitt excluded
3-4	1,601	667	—	1,222	3,490	—	Dillon excluded
	338	—667	—	329	—	—	Hon. R. H. Brown elected
	1,939	—	—	1,551	3,490	—	

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## DIVISION OF MERSEY.

Electors enrolled, 4876. Electors who voted, 4069. Informal Votes, 39. Percentage of electors who voted, 83·4 per cent. Absolute majority, 1963. Retiring member, Hon. A. Lilllico.

Count	Candidates						Total	Informal	Exhaust	Remarks
	Henry	Horton *	Kilday	Lakin	McFie	Viney *				
1	1,322	168	640	1,120	754	26	4,030	39	—	
2	5	—	—	12	9	—26	—	—	—	Viney excluded
3	1,327	168	640	1,132	763	—	4,030	—	—	Horton excluded
4-5	21	—168	53	59	35	—	—	—	—	Kilday excluded
	1,348	693	1,191	798	—	304	4,030	—	—	
	104	—	—693	281	—	—	—	—	—	
6-8	1,452	—	—	1,472	1,102	—	4,030	—	4	McFie excluded
	198	—	—	802	—1,102	—	—	—	102	
	1,650	—	—	2,274	—	—	—	—	106	Hon. G. M. Lakin elected

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## BY-ELECTIONS—DIVISION OF MERSEY.

(Death of Hon. G. M. Lakin.)

Issue of Writ ..... 23rd July, 1954.

Nominations ..... 9th August, 1954

Poll ..... 4th September, 1954

Return of Writ ..... 8th September, 1954

Electors enrolled, 5076. Electors who voted, 4599. Informal votes, 34. Percentage of electors who voted, 90·7 per cent. Absolute majority, 2220.

Count	Candidates								Exhaust	Total	Informal	Remarks
	Edwards *	Henry	Holman	McFie	Moore	Rookliff *	Williams P.	Williams W. M. *				
1	299	1,580	499	772	765	128	402	120	—	4,565	34	
2	9	16	18	24	15	7	31	—120	—	—	—	W. Williams excluded
3-4	308	1,596	517	796	780	135	433	—	—	4,565	—	
	20	12	10	21	55	—135	17	—	—	—	—	Rockliff excluded
5-7	328	1,608	527	817	835	—	450	—	—	4,565	—	
	—328	54	46	72	108	—	48	—	—	—	—	Edwards excluded
8-11	—	1,662	573	889	943	—	498	—	—	4,565	—	
	—	63	130	147	150	—	—498	—	8	—	—	Williams excluded
12-16	—	1,725	703	1,036	1,093	—	—	—	—	8	4,565	—
	—	121	—703	369	192	—	—	—	—	21	—	Holman excluded
17-22	—	1,846	—	1,405	1,285	—	—	—	—	29	4,565	—
	—	226	—	905	1,285	—	—	—	—	64	—	Moore excluded
	—	2,072	—	2,400	—	—	—	—	—	93	—	Hon. H. McFie elected

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1955.

## DIVISIONS OF DERWENT, TAMAR AND WESTMORLAND.

Issue of Writ	6th April, 1955
Nominations	18th April, 1955
Poll	14th May, 1955.
Return of Writs	19th May, 1955

## DIVISION OF DERWENT.

Electors enrolled, 6485. Electors who voted, 5302. Informal votes, 65. Percentage of electors who voted, 81.76 per cent. Absolute majority, 2565. Retiring Member, Hon. Sir Rupert Shoobridge.

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Total	Informal	Remarks
	Bisdee	Cullen	Dixon	Marriott	Shoobridge				
1	808	875	1,498	905	1,151	—	5,237	65	
2	—808	165	287	48	308	—	—	—	Bisdee excluded
3-4	—	1,040	1,785	953	1,459	—	5,237	—	Marriott excluded
5-8	—	1,650	1,993	—	1,594	—	5,237	—	Shoobridge excluded
	—	397	1,089	—	—1,594	108	—	—	Hon. J. H. Dixon elected
	—	2,047	3,082	—	—	108	5,237	—	

## DIVISION OF TAMAR.

Electors enrolled, 3222. Electors who voted, 2490. Informal votes, 28. Percentage of electors who voted, 77.31 per cent. Absolute majority, 1232. Retiring member, Hon. A. T. Cutts.

Count	Candidates				Total	Informal	Remarks
	Bessell	Campbell	Kelso	Wivell			
1	611	1,091	359	401	2,462	28	
2	178	81	—359	100	—	—	Kelso excluded
3-4	789	1,172	—	501	2,462	—	
	195	306	—	—501	—	—	Wirell excluded
	984	1,478	—	—	—	—	Hon. Neil Campbell elected

## DIVISION OF WESTMORLAND.

Electors enrolled, 7712. Electors who voted, 6674. Informal votes, 67. Percentage of electors who voted, 86.5 per cent. Absolute majority, 3304. Retiring member, Hon. G. L. Flowers.

Count	Candidates			Total	Informal	Remarks
	Flowers	Fry	Lamp			
1	2,536	2,547	1,524	6,607	67	
2	928	596	—1,524	—	—	Lamp excluded
	3,464	3,143	—	6,607	—	Hon. G. L. Flowers elected

## Appendix D.

## PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF STATE INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

Number of Divisions into which State is to be divided .....	5
Number of Electors in State .....	173,056
Quota .....	34,611
Permissible maximum number of Electors in a Division .....	41,533
Permissible minimum number of Electors in a Division .....	27,689

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

Proposed Division—	No.	Name.	Number of Electors.	Total.
Metropolitan .....	3	Denison .....	38,749	38,749
	1	Bass .....	35,177	
Extra-Metropolitan .....	2	Darwin .....	34,054	
	4	Franklin .....	30,570	
	5	Wilmot .....	34,506	
				184,307
				<u>173,056</u>

## Summary of Proposed Divisions.

	Number of Electors.	Average Enrolment.
Metropolitan Division (1) .....	38,749	38,749
Extra-Metropolitan Divisions (4) .....	184,307	33,577

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

## Proposed Division 3 (Denison).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Denison .....	28,919
From existing Division of Franklin—	
Part of Subdivision of Nelson .....	3,583
Part of Subdivision of Moonah .....	6,247
	<u>9,830</u>
	<u>38,749</u>

## Proposed Division 1 (Bass).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Bass .....	33,927
From existing Division of Wilmot—	
Small part of Subdivision of Evandale .....	1,250
	<u>35,177</u>

## Proposed Division 2 (Darwin).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Darwin .....	34,054

## Proposed Division 4 (Franklin).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Franklin .....	40,400
Minus—	
Part of Subdivision of Nelson .....	3,583
Part of Subdivision of Moonah .....	6,247
	<u>9,830</u>
	<u>30,570</u>

## Appendix D.

## PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF STATE INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

Number of Divisions into which State is to be divided .....	5
Number of Electors in State .....	173,056
Quota .....	34,611
Permissible maximum number of Electors in a Division .....	41,533
Permissible minimum number of Electors in a Division .....	27,689

STATEMENT SHOWING PROPOSED DIVISIONS, AND, AS NEARLY AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED,  
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	1	Bass .....	35,177	
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	4	Franklin .....	30,570	
	5	Wilmot .....	34,506	
				134,307
				<u>173,056</u>

## Summary of Proposed Divisions.

	Number of Electors.	Average Enrolment.
Metropolitan Division (1) .....	38,749	38,749
Extra-Metropolitan Divisions (4) .....	134,307	33,577

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

## Proposed Division 3 (Denison).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Denison .....	28,919
From existing Division of Franklin—	
Part of Subdivision of Nelson .....	3,583
Part of Subdivision of Moonah .....	6,247
	<u>9,830</u>
	<u>38,749</u>

## Proposed Division 1 (Bass).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Bass .....	38,927
From existing Division of Wilmot—	
Small part of Subdivision of Evandale .....	1,250
	<u>35,177</u>

## Proposed Division 2 (Darwin).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Darwin .....	34,054

## Proposed Division 4 (Franklin).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Franklin .....	40,400
Minus—	
Part of Subdivision of Nelson .....	3,583
Part of Subdivision of Moonah .....	6,247
	<u>9,830</u>
	<u>30,570</u>

*Proposed Division 5 (Wilmot).***How Constituted—**

	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Wilmot .....	35,756
Minus—Small part of Subdivision of Evandale .....	1,250
	<u>34,506</u>

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

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**Appendix E.**

(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, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1955.**

(WITH COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS ELECTIONS).

TABLE 1.—*Electors, Voters, and Informal Votes—General Election, 19th February, 1955.*

Estimated Mean Population, 1954.	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.....	50,652	33,970	671	93.89	1295	4.06	30,593
Darwin.....	62,917	34,036	541	93.70	1028	3.22	30,882
Denison.....	43,298	28,592	660	26,432	85.06	1008	3.81
Franklin.....	77,907	40,855	524	38,494	94.23	1472	3.82
Wilmot.....	76,385	35,692	467	33,908	95.00	1855	4.00
Total.....	311,159	173,165	557	162,637	98.92	6158	3.79
							156,479

TABLE 2.—*Comparative Summary—State General Elections Since 1934.*

	19th Feb., 1955.	6th May, 1950.	21st Aug., 1948.	23rd Nov., 1946.	13th Dec., 1941.	20th Feb., 1937.
Estimated Mean Population for year stated.	311,159(b)	278,796(a)	263,447(a)	252,192	240,389	284,468
Electors on Roll—						
Male.....	85,491	80,228	79,544	78,420	69,058	66,928
Female.....	87,674	81,422	81,544	79,388	70,176	68,778
Total.....	173,165	161,650	161,088	157,756	139,234	132,701
Males—per cent. of total.....%	49.4	49.6	49.4	49.7	49.6	50.2
Electors per 1000 of population.....	557	580(a)	611(a)	626	579	563
Votes Recorded (including informal votes)—						
Male.....	81,179	76,517	74,697	71,414	61,480	62,880
Female.....	81,458	76,268	73,891	72,260	65,554	61,580
Total.....	162,637	152,785	148,588	143,674	127,034	124,460
Males—per cent. of total.....%	49.0	50.1	50.2	49.7	48.4	50.5
Voters—Percentage to Electors on Roll—						
Male.....%	95.0	95.4	98.9	91.0	89.1	94.8
Female.....%	92.9	98.7	90.6	91.1	93.4	93.6
Total.....%	93.0	94.5	92.2	91.1	91.2	94.3
Valid votes recorded.....	156,479	145,944	142,722	129,190	120,690	121,468
Informal Votes—						
Number .....	6158	6841	5966	14,484	6344	2997
Percentage to votes recorded.....%	3.79	4.48	3.95	10.08	4.99	2.41
Number of candidates .....	68	66	83	86	62	67
Number of deposits forfeited .....	7	11	23	17	9	13
Number of members elected at first count.....	6	6	9	8	7	7
Total number of counts .....	235	257	627	718	320	349
Greatest number of counts for one division...	81	100	300	208	123	81

(a) Revised.

(b) Estimated mean 1954.

The census of 1954 showed the proportion of adults to be 600 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 (3.79 per cent) was very much below that of the 1950 election, but did not differ materially from earlier elections. The divisions showed percentages ranging from 4.06 per cent in Bass to 3.22 per cent in Darwin.

The number of candidates totalled 63 which was 3 below the number standing at the election of 1950 and 23 below the record number in 1946.

The number of counts (235) was the lowest recorded for many years, while the greatest number of counts in a division (Denison) (81) 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 (49.4 per cent), also, as voters, they were in a minority (49.9 per cent).

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

	Electors on Roll—Male.					Voters—Male.				
	1955	1950	1948	1946	1941	1955	1950	1948	1946	1941
Bass.....	16,300	15,729	14,769	14,352	12,486	15,417	15,156	14,011	12,982	11,083
Darwin.....	17,545	15,935	16,833	17,494	15,708	16,113	15,834	16,054	15,674	13,872
Denison.....	18,255	14,694	14,791	14,774	12,786	12,318	13,763	13,459	13,340	11,311
Franklin.....	19,704	16,532	18,425	17,526	14,943	19,315	15,902	17,425	16,324	13,501
Wilmot.....	18,697	17,388	14,726	14,274	13,135	17,716	16,362	13,718	13,194	11,713
Total.....	85,491	80,228	79,544	78,420	69,058	81,179	76,517	74,697	71,414	61,480

	Electors on Roll—Female.					Voters—Female.				
	1955	1950	1948	1946	1941	1955	1950	1948	1946	1941
Bass.....	17,070	17,192	15,995	15,484	13,982	16,476	16,077	13,608	14,152	13,036
Darwin.....	16,511	14,872	15,583	15,482	13,648	15,497	13,851	14,600	14,024	12,688
Denison.....	15,337	17,122	17,416	17,422	15,781	14,114	15,936	15,561	15,638	14,737
Franklin.....	21,151	16,281	18,380	17,367	14,480	19,179	15,429	17,132	16,045	13,613
Wilmot.....	17,005	15,955	14,170	13,581	12,285	16,192	14,975	12,990	12,406	11,480
Total.....	87,674	81,422	81,544	79,336	70,176	81,458	76,268	73,891	72,260	65,554

	Electors on Roll—Both Sexes.					Voters—Both Sexes.				
	1955	1950	1948	1946	1941	1955	1950	1948	1946	1941
Bass.....	38,970	32,921	30,764	29,836	26,468	31,893	31,233	27,619	27,134	24,119
Darwin.....	34,056	30,807	32,416	32,976	29,356	31,910	29,185	30,654	29,698	26,560
Denison.....	29,592	31,816	32,307	32,196	28,567	26,432	29,699	29,020	28,973	26,048
Franklin.....	40,855	32,813	36,805	34,893	29,428	38,494	31,381	34,557	32,269	27,114
Wilmot.....	35,692	33,293	28,896	27,855	25,420	33,908	31,337	26,733	25,600	23,193
Total.....	179,165	161,650	161,088	157,756	139,294	162,637	152,785	148,588	143,674	127,984

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.....	58.4	38.0	45.6
State, 3.6.1925.....	72.9	61.8	67.8
Federal, 14.11.1925.....	89.5	88.0	88.7
State, 30.5.1928.....	84.9	78.9	81.0
Federal, 12.10.1929.....	96.3	94.2	95.2
State, 9.5.1931.....	96.0	94.0	95.0
Federal, 19.12.1931.....	96.5	96.2	96.4
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	98.6	94.8
Federal, 29.10.1937.....	96.1	95.9	96.0
Federal, 21.9.1940.....	94.1	95.4	94.8
State, 13.12.1941.....	89.1	98.4	91.2
Federal, 21.8.1943.....	99.4	94.8	97.0
Referendum 19.8.1944.....	99.3	94.7	97.0
Federal, 28.9.1948.....	95.0	92.5	93.7
State, 23.11.1946.....	91.0	91.1	91.1
Federal, 28.9.1946.....	95.0	92.5	93.7
Referendum, 29.5.1948.....	93.2	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	93.7	94.5
Federal, 28.4.1951.....	97.2	96.1	96.6
Referendum, 22.9.1951.....	96.8	95.5	96.2
Federal, 9.5.1953.....	96.5	95.8	96.1
Federal, 29.5.1954.....	96.6	96.0	96.3
State, 19.2.1955.....	95.0	92.9	93.9

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 19th February, 1955, 63 candidates were nominated. Of these, 30 were endorsed nominees of the Labour Party, 30 were nominated by the Liberal Party, and 3 described themselves as Independent.

The result was the return of 15 Labour, 15 Liberal.

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, 1955.

	Labour.	Liberal.	Independent.	Total.
Bass .....	16,964	14,074	160	30,598
Darwin .....	16,470	14,412	...	30,882
Denison .....	12,914	10,811	1699	25,424
Franklin .....	18,491	17,232	1299	37,022
Wilmot .....	18,123	14,430	...	32,553
Total .....	82,362	70,959	8158	156,479

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:—

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

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, 1955.*

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.....	16,964	3·74	3	14,074	3·22	3	160	0·04	...
Darwin ....	16,470	3·73	3	14,412	3·27	3	...	...	...
Denison ...	12,914	3·55	3	10,811	2·98	3	1699	0·47	...
Franklin ...	18,491	3·50	3	17,292	3·26	3	1299	0·24	...
Wilmot....	18,123	3·90	3	14,430	3·10	3	...	...	...
Total ...	82,362	18·42	15	70,959	15·83	15	3158	0·75	...

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

Party.	Quotas Allotted.	Seats Won.
Labour .....	18·42	15
Liberal .....	15·83	15
Independent .....	0·75	—

From the above table it will be seen that there were 3·42 quotas of Labour votes made up of unrepresented fractions of 15 members elected, Liberal votes were under-represented by .83 quotas for 15 members elected, while Independent candidates polled 0·175 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 1941. 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, 1941-1955.*

Division.	1941		1946			1948			1950			1955		
	Non-Labour.	Labour.	Nationals.	Labour.	Independent.	Liberal.	Labour.	Independent.	Liberal.	Labour.	Independent.	Labour.	Liberal.	Independent.
Bass—														
Quotas.....	2·50	4·50	2·23	4·05	0·72	3·09	3·91	...	3·21	3·79	...	3·74	3·22	0·04
Seats won ...	2	4	2	4	0	3	3	...	3	3	...	3	3	...
Darwin —														
Quotas .....	2·90	4·10	3·34	3·46	0·20	3·20	3·34	0·46	3·67	3·27	0·06	3·73	3·27	...
Seats won ...	2	4	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	...
Denison—														
Quotas .....	2·20	4·80	1·35	3·17	2·48	1·46	3·12	2·42	3·09	3·24	1·67	3·55	2·98	0·47
Seats won ...	2	4	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	3	1	3	3	...
Franklin—														
Quotas .....	2·88	4·62	2·46	3·61	0·93	2·37	3·35	1·23	3·27	3·12	0·61	3·10	3·26	0·24
Seats won ...	2	4	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	3	0	3	3	...
Wilmot—														
Quotas .....	3·02	3·98	2·54	3·58	0·88	3·20	3·62	0·18	3·42	3·58	...	3·90	3·10	...
Seats won ...	2	4	4	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	...	3	3	...
Total—	18·0	22·0	11·92	17·87	5·21	13·32	17·34	4·94	16·66	17·00	1·34	18·42	15·83	0·75
Quotas .....	10	20	12	16	2	12	15	3	14	15	1	15	15	...

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	82,362	15·79	15
Liberal	70,959	13·60	15
Independent	3,158	0·61	...

The preferential system of voting therefore resulted in slight over-representation of Liberal at the expense of the Labour and Independent candidates.

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 1925 in the following table:—

TABLE 8.—*Representation of Parties for the Whole State, 1922-1955.*  
(Seats in Proportion of No. 1 Preferences, and seats actually won.)

	Non-Labour.	Labour.		Non-Labour.	Labour.
1925..... { Proportionate share .....	14·42	15·58	1941..... { Proportionate share .....	11·11	18·89
Actually won .....	14	16	Actually won .....	10	20
1928..... { Proportionate share .....	14·85	15·15	1946..... { Proportionate share .....	†	15·29
Actually won .....	16	14	Actually won .....	...	16
1931..... { Proportionate share .....	18·39*	10·98	1948..... { Proportionate share .....	**	14·82
Actually won .....	19	10	Actually won .....	**	15
1934..... { Proportionate share .....	14·64	14·39	1950..... { Proportionate share .....	††	14·59
Actually won .....	13	15	Actually won .....	††	15
1937..... { Proportionate share .....	11·94	18·06	1955..... { Proportionate share .....	13·60*	15·79
Actually won .....	12	18	Actually won .....	15	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 11·85; Actually Won 12.

Independent Proportionate share 3·83; Actually Won 3.

†† Liberal Proportionate share 14·27; Actually Won 14.

Independent Proportionate share 1·14; Actually Won 1.

A brief summary of the results of the 1955 election for each division is appended:—

#### BASS.

There were 12 candidates in this division, of whom six were Labour, six Liberal, and one Independent. Valid votes numbered 30,598, of which 16,364 were recorded for Labour, 14,074 for Liberal, and 160 for the Independent Candidate. Labour Candidates secured 3·74 quotas and gained three seats, and Liberals gained three seats for 3·22 quotas. In all, 33 counts were necessary for the complete election. There was little cross-voting.

First preferences failed to secure the election of any candidate. On the 5th, 12th, and 33rd count, three Labour candidates were elected, and on the 20th, 22nd and 25th counts three Liberal candidates secured election. Three candidates forfeited their deposit, one Labour, one Liberal, and one Independent.

#### DARWIN.

Twelve candidates—six Labour; and six Liberal candidates nominated for Darwin. Labour polled 16,470 votes, 3·73 quotas for three seats; Liberals, 14,412 votes, 3·27 quotas for three seats.

First preferences secured the election of one Labour candidate, the second Labour candidate was elected on the 25th count, whilst the third Labour candidate was elected on the 35th count. On the 8th count, one Liberal candidate was elected and on the 13th count, two other Liberal candidates were elected.

#### DENISON.

The Denison Division attracted thirteen candidates, of whom six were Liberal, six Labour, and one Independent. Labour polled 12,914 votes for 3·55 quotas and three seats; Liberal 10,811 votes, 2·98 quotas for three seats; and Independents, 1699 votes, 0·47 quotas for no seat. One Labour and one Liberal candidate were elected at the first count, but 81 counts were needed before the last candidate was elected.

Little cross-voting was evident in this division. Two candidates—one Liberal and one Labour—forfeited their deposits.

## FRANKLIN.

Thirteen candidates contested the election for Franklin. Six were Liberal; six Labour; and one Independent. Labour candidates polled 18,491 votes, 3·50 quotas for three seats; Liberals 17,232 votes, 3·26 quotas for three seats; Independents 1299 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 32,553 valid votes, 18,123, 3·90 quotas went to Labour for three seats and 14,430, 3·10 quotas to Liberal for three seats. One candidate was elected on the first preferences and only 31 counts were required to complete the election.

## ABSENT VOTES, POSTAL VOTES, AND SECTION 116A.

Under the provisions of Section 116A, 628 persons whose names were not on the roll claimed the right to vote, and filled in ballot-papers. Of these 448 were rejected because their claim to be on the roll could not be sustained. The remaining 180 were admitted to the scrutiny and 9 of them rejected for informalities, leaving 171 valid votes under Section 116A.

The number of absent votes was 12,913, but these included a number whose names were not, in fact, on the roll, and 1255 were rejected on this account. A further 517 were rejected for informalities, leaving 11,141 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:-1955, 1255; 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.....	50	47	97	84	1296	1141	2377	2160
Darwin.....	47	50	97	29	1343	1101	2444	2285
Denison.....	74	70	144	63	1073	1018	2091	1774
Franklin.....	97	60	157	29	1636	1428	3064	2752
Wilmot.....	89	44	133	25	1657	1280	2937	2687
Total .....	357	271	628	180	6945	5968	12,913	11,141

TABLE 10.—Valid Postal Votes in Parties.

Division.	Labour.	Liberal.	Independent.	Total.
Bass.....	561	445	3	1009
Darwin.....	247	916	...	563
Denison.....	558	485	83	1076
Franklin.....	809	545	31	885
Wilmot.....	354	365	...	719
Total .....	2029	2156	67	4252

TABLE 11.—*Summary of Absent and Postal Voting.*

	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1934.
Valid Absent Votes .....	11,141	9576	8766	8856	9253	8086	5989
Valid Votes under Section 116A	171	117	176	173	290	353	367
Valid Postal Votes.....	4252	4611	4666	4837	3433	2602	2270

## 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, 1912-1955.*

	Bass.	Darwin.	Denison.	Franklin.	Wilmot.	All Divisions.
1912 .....	2·63	2·97	2·67	2·78	3·26	2·85
1913 .....	2·49	3·07	3·35	3·17	2·89	2·91
1916 .....	3·88	5·49	5·63	6·52	5·53	5·66*
1919 .....	3·33	4·36	3·02	3·34	0·06	3·96*
1922 .....	2·05	2·56	2·58	2·86	3·20	2·63
1925 .....	1·82	2·51	2·12	2·25	2·40	2·22
1928 .....	3·38	3·23	2·64	2·83	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 .....	2·33	2·60	2·00	2·26	2·88	2·41
1941 .....	6·16	4·70	4·97	5·43	3·62	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	3·05
1950 .....	3·88	3·82	6·25	4·21	4·28	4·48
1955 .....	4·08	3·22	3·81	3·82	4·00	3·79

\* 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, 1912-1955—Informal Ballot-Papers.*

General Elections.		Electorates Contested.	Date of Election.	Total Number of Ballot-papers.	Number of Informal Papers.	Percentage of Informal Papers.	Method of Marking Paper.	Bass. Daru Denis Fran Wiln
Federal.	State.							
...	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	31. 5. 1913	80,998	4927	6·18	× opposite three names	
Representatives.....	...	5					× opposite one name	
Senate (Dissolution) .....	...	1	5. 9. 1914	82,253	3871	4·71	× opposite six names	
Representatives.....	...	4		65,103	1549	2·38	× opposite name	
Senate.....	Assembly	5	25. 3. 1916	78,984	4348	5·51	Preference 1, 2, 3	
...	...	1	5. 5. 1917	82,608	3075	3·72	× opposite three names	
Representatives....	...	4		65,878	2021	3·07	× opposite name	
...	Assembly	5	31. 5. 1919	71,664	2757	3·88	Preference 1, 2, 3	
Senate.....	...	1	13. 12. 1919	65,716	6364	9·68	Preference 1 to 7	
Representatives.....	...	5					Preference 1, 2, 3	
...	Assembly	5	10. 6. 1922	69,752	1894	2·63	Preference 1, 2, 3	
Senate.....	...	1			4750	9·27	Preference 1 to 7	
Representatives.....	...	5	16. 12. 1922	51,220			Preference 1, 2, 3	
...	Assembly	5	3. 6. 1925	77,281	3804	6·45	Preference 1, 2, 3	
Senate.....	...	1	14. 11. 1925	102,742	1714	2·22	Preference 1, 2, 3	
Representatives.....	...	5			11,578	11·27	Preference 1 to 9	
...	Assembly	5	30. 5. 1928	91,679	5027	4·89	Preference 1, 2, 3	TAB
Senate.....	...	1			2973	3·24	Preference 1, 2, 3	
...			17. 11. 1928	106,158	16,894	15·73	Preference 1 to 6	
Representatives.....	...	5			6242	6·45	Preference 1, 2, 3	
Representatives.....	...	5	12. 10. 1929	110,927	2064	1·86	Preference 1, 2, 3	
...	Assembly	5	9. 5. 1931	112,779	3885	3·45	Preference 1, 2, 3	
...	Assembly	5	9. 6. 1934	120,622	3855	3·19	Preference 1, 2, 3	
...	Assembly	5	20. 2. 1937	124,460	2997	2·41	Preference 1, 2, 3	Year
Representatives.....	...	5	19. 12. 1931	(a)	(a)	(a)	Preference 1, 2, 3	
Senate.....	...	1			4840	8·91	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	
Representatives.....	...	5	15. 9. 1934	123,801	20,183	16·30	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	
Senate.....	...	1					Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	
Representatives.....	...	5	23. 10. 1937	128,679	3613	2·81	Preference 1, 2, 3	1870..
Senate.....	...	1			16,258	12·63	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1871..
Representatives.....	...	5	21. 9. 1940	130,786	4102	3·13	Preference 1, 2, 3	1872..
Senate.....	...	1			17,067	13·05	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1881..
...	Assembly	5	13. 12. 1941	127,034	6344	4·99	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1891..
Representatives.....	...	5	21. 8. 1943	139,116	4975	3·58	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1901..
Senate.....	...	1			18,881	13·54	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1902..
Referendum ....	...	...	19. 8. 1944	139,411	2256	1·62	Preference 1, 2	1903..
Representatives.....	...	5	28. 9. 1946	144,879	3706	2·56	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1911..
Senate.....	...	1			17,113	11·81	Preference 1, 2, 3	1912..
...	Assembly	5	23. 11. 1946	143,674	14,484	10·08	Preference 1, 2, 3	1913..
Referendum .....	...	...	29. 5. 1948	145,135	2853	1·97	Preference 1, 2	1916..
...	Assembly	5	21. 8. 1948	148,588	5886	3·95	Preference 1, 2, 3	1919..
Representatives.....	...	5	10. 12. 1949	155,061	4065	2·62	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1922..
Senate.....	...	1			16,336	10·55	Preference 1, 2, 3	1925..
...	Assembly	5	6. 5. 1950	152,785	6841	4·48	Preference 1, 2, 3	1928..
Representatives.....	...	5	28. 4. 1951	158,568	4966	3·13	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1931..
Senate.....	...	1			18,360	11·67	Preference 1, 2	1934..
Referendum .....	...	1	22. 9. 1951	158,596	3098	1·95	Preference 1, 2, 3	1941..
Senate.....	...	1	9. 5. 1953	162,061	8256	5·09	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates	1946..
Representatives.....	...	5	29. 5. 1954	166,179	1597	·96	Preference 1, 2, 3	1948..
...	Assembly	5	19. 2. 1955	162,637	6158	3·79	Preference 1, 2, 3	1950..
								1954..

(a) Details are not available.

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## EXHAUSTED BALLOT-PAPERS.

TABLE 14.—Votes Lost by Exhaustion.

	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1934.	1931.	1928.	1925.
Bass.....	602	29	163	817	1097	974	1364	114	278	485
Darwin.....	790	753	1830	1490	420	194	687	498	381	914
Denison.....	503	718	1329	1175	575	1025	1844	412	321	294
Franklin.....	1798	633	2523	2058	915	323	859	463	466	918
Wilmot.....	826	521	1006	1875	186	311	1096	1043	1152	518
Total.....	4019	2654	6851	7415	3193	2827	5350	2460	2548	3059
Percentage of Total Votes .....	2.57	1.74	4.61	5.16	2.6	2.3	4.6	2.3	2.9	4.0

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.	Total Pop.	Adult Pop.	
1870...	48,210	100,038	30	30	30	32	...	11,171*	11.17	29.17	A.—Adult Males. Property value of £7
1871...	48,890	101,398	32	32	32	32	...	13,801*	13.61	28.27	Ditto
1872...	49,380	102,467	32	32	32	32	...	14,001*	13.67	28.34	Salary £80 annually
1881...	55,750	116,280	32	32	32	32	...	15,659*	13.47	28.09	Ditto
1891...	78,260	147,969	36	28	20	8	...	25,932*	17.58	35.40	Salary or wage £60
1901...	86,490	172,525	38	29	20	9	...	39,002*	22.61	45.09	Ditto
1909...	87,810	175,173	35	35	35	35	...	39,495*	22.54	44.98	Manhood Suffrage
1909...	92,370	184,272	35	35	35	35	...	89,029	48.81	96.38	B.—Adult Suffrage
1908...	98,980	187,485	35	35	35	35	...	86,361	46.07	91.89	Ditto
1909...	100,070	190,227	30	5	5	5	...	5,98,230	51.64	98.18	Ditto
1911...	99,980	190,120	30	5	5	5	...	5,102,326	53.82	102.40	Ditto
1912...	100,750	190,769	30	5	5	5	...	5,103,518	54.26	102.74	Ditto
1918...	103,050	194,361	30	5	5	5	...	5,105,292	55.24	102.17	Ditto
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...	118,320	215,379	30	5	5	5	...	5,110,549	51.88	93.43	Ditto
1925...	120,360	215,552	30	5	5	5	...	5,114,901	53.30	95.46	Ditto
1928...	122,250	215,471	30	5	5	5	...	5,111,956	51.98	91.58	Ditto
1931...	129,600	224,811	30	5	5	5	...	5,118,730	52.81	91.61	Ditto
1934...	132,980	229,289	30	5	5	5	...	5,127,681	55.69	96.01	Ditto
1937...	135,321	234,463	30	5	5	5	...	5,132,001	56.80	97.55	Ditto
1941...	138,983	240,389	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
1954...	186,800	311,159	30	5	5	5	...	5,173,165	55.65	92.70	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.

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

Subdivision	Elections					Group A.—Labour					Group B.—Liberal					Votes					Votes					Total Informal Votes										
	Electors Enrolled		Electors Who Voted			Atkins		Bernard			Fraser (a)		Medge		Madden		Turnbull		Beattie *		Fry		Law (a)		McGowen		Marriott		Shear		Total Liberal		Unrouped		Total Informal Votes	
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total																														
Flinders	222	176	398	16	75	92	11	47	50	40	36	182	6	115	16	116	16	115	16	116	16	116	16	116	16	116	16	116	16	338						
George Town	270	220	490	112	41	153	16	67	93	245	16	106	118	16	89	113	16	214	16	88	16	113	16	113	16	113	16	113	16	883						
Georgina Central	468	444	912	16	41	52	16	41	52	16	41	106	16	404	16	154	16	214	16	88	16	106	16	106	16	106	16	106	16	883						
Lamerton East	1,087	1,074	2,161	925	410	1,335	16	104	114	514	16	240	238	16	204	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214							
Lamerton North	1,084	1,074	2,158	924	410	1,334	16	104	114	513	16	240	238	16	204	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214							
Lamerton South	2,084	2,058	4,142	1,569	684	2,253	16	146	146	846	16	206	206	16	182	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214	16	214							
Lamerton West	2,440	2,818	5,258	1,709	4,451	2,167	16	161	489	227	16	690	16	406	16	182	16	182	16	182	16	182	16	182	16	182	16	182	16	182						
Layfield	1,109	1,086	2,205	1,008	694	1,987	204	211	44	250	16	157	16	969	16	329	16	141	16	329	16	141	16	329	16	141	16	329	16	141						
Portlaird	439	392	831	821	387	1,208	16	48	53	16	16	116	16	83	16	329	16	329	16	329	16	329	16	329	16	329	16	329	16	329						
Ringwooda	883	870	1,753	806	403	1,209	16	91	92	181	16	362	16	334	16	164	16	157	16	268	16	184	16	249	16	184	16	249	16	184						
St. Leonards	1,886	1,877	3,763	1,918	1,924	3,745	16	915	566	32	14	41	16	658	16	25	16	26	16	21	16	33	16	810	16	5	16	475	16	1,520						
Scholesdale	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,122	1,088	2,160	191	323	39	230	16	144	16	224	16	140	16	57	16	237	16	140	16	237	16	140							
Abeana Votes Under Sec. 116A	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	34	6	191	16	17	16	33	16	17	16	17	16	17	16	17	16	17	16	17	16	17	16	17						
Postal Votes	—	—	—	—	—	—	876	663	1,539	44	237	16	161	16	661	16	98	16	47	16	41	16	191	16	131	16	445	16	3							
Total	16,300	17,870	34,370	15,417	16,716	31,808	2,690	3,861	8,421	1,026	3,635	2,690	3,861	2,690	3,287	16,394	3,287	16,394	3,287	16,394	3,287	16,394	3,287	16,394	3,287	16,394	3,287	16,394	3,287	16,394						

\* Elected

(a) Forfeited deposit

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

Subdivision	Elections					Group A.—Labour					Group B.—Liberal					Votes					Votes					Total Liberal		Total Valid Votes		Total Informal Votes						
	Electors Enrolled		Electors Who Voted			Aylett		Branch			Dunkin		Reece		Richardson		Ward		Bryant		Fidler		Frampton		Gaby		Lane		Lyons		Total Liberal		Total Valid Votes		Total Informal Votes	
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Circular Head	2,172	1,769	3,941	1,864	1,516	3,380	117	184	281	51	284	12	47	163	918	1,435	918	1,435	918	1,435	918	1,435	918	1,435	918	1,435	918	1,435	918	1,435	918	1,435	918			
Devonport	—	—	—	3,221	3,245	6,466	871	881	1,752	254	1,077	411	120	280	3,470	565	1,562	622	1,562	622	1,562	622	1,562	622	1,562	622	1,562	622	1,562	622	1,562	622	1,562	622		
East Arm	—	—	—	3,173	3,173	6,346	110	254	154	89	213	3	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168	168					
Gilmerton	—	—	—	144	144	288	550	552	1,012	98	262	24	41	183	15	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125			
King Island	—	—	—	2,310	2,369	4,679	2,034	2,035	4,074	2,022	1,956	2,125	24	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161	161				
Jervois	—	—	—	1,972	1,961	3,933	1,709	1,709	3,410	1,709	1,709	1,709	16	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105				
Penguin	—	—	—	1,452	1,458	2,910	1,157	1,157	2,304	1,157	1,157	1,157	16	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127				
Quobaltona	—	—	—	1,058	1,058	2,116	1,058	1,058	2,116	1,058	1,058	1,058	16	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127				
Strathmerton	—	—	—	2,079	1,929	4,008	1,798	1,798	3,449	405	314	42	208	5	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127			
Tahune	—	—	—	128	109	237	116	91	207	34	2	6	123	4	5	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16			
Vernon	—	—	—	753	533	1,346	638	638	1,042	47	40	67	608	51	10	607	46	101	284	249	7	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35					
Zeeburn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Absent Votes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Postal Votes	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,545	16,511	34,056	16,418	31,910	3,072	2,372	1,808	6,484	766	1,379	16,470	4,024	3,467	1,340	1,4112	912	3,257	14,4112	3,0882	1,028	31,910								
Total M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,545	16,418	34,056	16,418	31,910	3,072	2,372	1,808	6,484	766	1,379	16,470	4,024	3,467	1,340	1,4112	912	3,257	14,4112	3,0882	1,028	31,910								

\* Elected

TABLE 18.—PRIMARY VOTES (BY SUBDIVISIONS) DIVISION OF DENISON.

Elected	(a) Forfeited deposit
33	125
5	5
23	192
3	558
	2,287
	3
	858
	12,914
	1,021

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

Selected	(a) Forfeited deposit
850	2,928
	18,491
	2,049

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

Subdivision	Primary Votes										Group B.—Liberal									
	Group A.—Labour					Group B.—Conservative					Bethune			Boucher			Hendry			
	Electors	Electors Who Voted	M.	F.	Total	Cashion	Fegan	Fisher	Heas	McNeil	Spurr	Total	Labour	Best, A.M.	Best, C.R.	Bethune	Boucher	Hendry	Thompson	
Wilmot	1,664	1,605	3,805	1,698	1,502	3,285	638	87	122	207	1,498	377	70	280	405	115	214	214	3,285	
Bethune	745	707	283	590	218	46	76	1	76	12	703	97	41	22	135	10	38	120	590	
Brudenell	838	779	648	1,427	229	239	134	13	69	74	1,416	66	62	26	110	18	47	1,444	644	
Campbell Town	899	842	705	1,618	1,622	296	132	13	69	489	423	1,232	182	870	60	61	56	46	1,618	
Dalrachne	1,023	1,015	1,085	1,397	1,240	2,627	138	72	117	202	1,317	98	279	162	74	90	1,240	1,240	1,397	
Eryndale	1,396	1,374	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	217	413	48	428	70	101	988	80	54	53	54	111	1,374	
Glenmorgan	1,324	1,324	1,716	1,935	1,935	1,935	90	271	48	200	23	18	63	53	53	53	54	55	1,935	
Kentish	1,180	996	2,026	2,026	2,026	2,026	107	384	101	183	68	106	106	106	106	306	50	41	1,760	
Kentish Central	1,127	1,121	1,180	995	2,025	2,025	107	384	101	183	68	106	106	106	106	306	50	41	2,025	
Letrobe	1,664	1,655	1,457	1,457	2,083	2,083	106	306	101	183	68	106	106	106	106	306	50	41	2,083	
Longford	1,386	1,382	1,083	1,083	1,753	2,021	104	311	104	183	68	106	106	106	106	306	50	41	2,021	
New Norfolk	2,016	2,015	1,815	1,815	1,753	1,753	89	94	87	672	7	104	104	104	104	306	50	41	1,753	
Ontario	1,815	1,815	1,440	1,440	1,440	1,440	677	138	240	98	16	79	213	781	129	114	114	1,440	1,440	
Westbury	1,310	1,293	1,444	1,444	1,064	2,129	138	240	98	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	1,444	
Absent Votes Under Sec. 116A	—	—	—	—	1,500	1,187	397	619	190	155	143	200	1,194	223	248	251	94	113	1,187	
Postal Votes	—	—	—	—	18	87	3	3	14	23	57	354	57	115	115	1	1	1	34	87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,687</b>	<b>17,005</b>	<b>95,982</b>	<b>117,716</b>	<b>16,92</b>	<b>88,908</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>18,123</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>4,087</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>32,553</b>	<b>1,940</b>

\* Elected

TABLE 21.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF BASS.  
*Electors on Roll, 33,950. Valid Votes, 30,598; Quota, 4,372; Informal Papers, 1,295.*

TABLE 22.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF DARWIN.  
Electors on Roll, 34,008. Valid Votes, 30,882; Quota, 4,412; Informal Papers 1,028.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES										Exhaust Fractions	Loss by Fractions	Total Valid Votes	Remarks				
	Group A—Labour					Group B—Liberal												
	Aylett	Branitch	Dunkin	Richardson	Ward	Total Group A	Bryant	Fidler	Frampton	Gaby	Lane	Lyons	Total Group B					
1	3,072	2,672	1,898	6,494	715	1,970	16,720	8,024	3,497	1,440	1,432	912	8,287	14,412				
2	3,740	410	322	—	158	2,016	915	322	8,13	4	4	2	10	—				
3-4	3,812	2,687	2,130	4,412	913	2,159	16,418	4,089	8,480	1,944	1,486	914	8,247	14,400				
5	328	204	152	—	913	215	890	2	7	—	1	1	1	—				
6-7	4,140	8-11	8	2,282	4,412	—	2,374	16,999	4,041	3,487	1,345	1,489	915	3,248	14,472			
8	—	1	1	—	11	11	305	107	3,107	3,37	177	315	206	892	—			
9-11	4,141	8,198	10	2,283	4,412	—	2,385	16,520	4,406	8,594	1,382	1,613	104	3,454	14,449			
12	—	7	1	—	3	21	326	895	—	1,388	204	874	1,359	—	—			
13-19	4,148	8,209	2,284	4,412	—	2,388	16,441	4,732	8,959	—	1,977	—	102	3,496	14,496			
20	—	10	1	—	—	—	320	170	—	174	—	816	1	—	—			
21	4,148	8,209	2,284	4,412	—	2,388	16,441	4,412	4,159	—	1,021	—	8,380	14,422	1			
22-34	4,148	8,209	2,284	4,412	19	—	2,388	16,441	4,412	4,159	—	1,921	—	280	18	—		
35	4,249	3,283	2,303	4,412	—	2,468	16,073	4,412	4,929	—	—	4,668	13,904	92	90,882	Fuller and Lyons elected.		
36	20	76	48	16	—	26	16,163	4,412	4,917	—	—	555	974	—	—	Fuller's surplus distributed.		
37	4,325	8,296	2,318	4,412	8	—	2,481	16,892	4,412	4,412	—	—	4,668	13,837	638	27	80,882	
38	21	20	9	—	15	15	2,321	16,879	4,412	4,412	—	—	161	—	101	3	Lyons' surplus distributed.	
39	4,345	8,305	2,321	4,412	—	2,496	16,879	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,286	797	39	80,882	
40	661	1,120	—	2,321	—	620	2,281	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	Durbin excluded.	
41	4,356	4,426	—	4,412	—	—	3,016	16,840	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,286	795	32	80,882
42	—	4,426	—	4,412	—	685	3,555	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	1	Aylett and Branitch elected.	
43	4,412	—	—	4,412	—	—	8,574	16,523	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,286	790	33	Aylett's surplus distributed.
44	—	—	—	4,412	—	13	8,13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Branitch surplus distributed.	
45	4,412	—	—	4,412	—	—	3,687	16,593	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,286	790	33	80,882

TABLE 28.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF DENISON.  
Electors on Roll, 28,592. Valid Votes, 25,424; Quota, 3,633; Informal Papers, 1,008.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES										Unrepresented Independent					Loss by Fractions			Total Valid Votes		Remarks	
	Group A—Labour					Group B—Liberal					Total Group B		Total Unrepresented		Exhausted							
	Bower	Cogrove	Gaha	Hannan	Maher	White	Total Group A	Hodgman	Tapscott	Stanton	Stratton	Townley	Weed	Total Group B	Weed	Total Unrepresented						
1	1,930	6,194	1,146	508	848	8	2,987	12,914	1,021	514*	181	447	7,961	10,611	1,699	—	—	—	—	—	25,424	
2	—	—	59	8	30	—	802	471	787	270	1,723	4,838	4,015	211	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
3	1,931	6,194	1,185	617	866	2,317	13,010	1,823	985	1,424	460	2,175	3,638	10,985	1,910	—	—	—	—	—	25,424	
4	2,827	3,633	2,323	606	908	2	3,037	12,922	1,885	991	1,481	2,178	3,638	10,929	1,962	—	—	—	—	—	25,424	
5	—	—	3	2	1	6	92	96	95	79	461	1,163	—	432	19	—	—	—	—	—	2	
6	2,827	8,633	2,323	606	908	2	3,037	12,922	1,885	991	1,481	2,178	3,638	10,929	1,962	—	—	—	—	—	25,424	
7-11	119	—	157	609	908	2	3,037	12,922	1,885	991	1,481	2,178	3,638	10,929	1,962	—	—	—	—	—	25,424	
12-18	2,446	3,633	2,450	—	1,138	5	1,090	12,887	1,934	1,512	2,344	3,638	10,517	1,998	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		
19-32	2,448	3,633	2,408	—	1,405	5	1,090	12,887	1,934	1,512	2,344	3,638	10,517	1,998	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		
33	2,734	3,633	2,833	—	1,052	12,882	1,934	1,090	1,512	2,344	3,638	10,517	1,998	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		
34-54	2,740	3,633	2,835	—	1,118	5	1,090	12,887	1,934	1,512	2,344	3,638	10,517	1,998	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		
55-79	2,744	3,633	2,837	—	1,052	12,882	1,934	1,090	1,512	2,344	3,638	10,517	1,998	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		
80	3,113	3,633	3,436	—	91	—	3,633	13,805	3,634	—	—	3,633	11,289	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		
81	3,165	3,633	3,517	6	—	—	3,633	13,948	3,634	—	—	3,633	10,980	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		
82	3,171	3,633	3,523	—	—	—	3,633	13,960	3,633	—	—	3,633	10,980	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,424		

Gaha elected

Hamer excluded

Hannan excluded

Hodgman elected

Hough excluded

TABLE 24.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF FRANKLIN  
Electors on Roll, 40,855. Valid Votes, 37,022; Quota, 5,289; Informal Papers, 1,472.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES										Remarks				
	Group A.—Labour					Group B.—Liberal									
	Crawford	Dwyer	Hand	Jackson	Malone	Nelson	Total Group A	Clark	Hayes	Jackson	Muller	Pearson	Bayley	Total Group B	
1	2,137	6,483	3,405	1,678	630	4,958	18,191	2,049	659	619	3,648	1,859	17,232	1,289	—
2	—	—	5	1	—	3	10	87	24	93	—	42	308	6	6
3	2,138	5,483	3,410	1,670	630	4,961	18,192	2,086	668	611	3,648	1,859	17,232	1,289	—
4	31	—	—	11	48	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,022
5	—	—	5,483	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	2,169	5,289	3,407	1,690	643	5,004	18,082	2,086	988	3,112	5,289	3,761	1,981	17,210	1,286
7	113	—	—	287	70	848	315	794	16	6	—	—	—	—	—
8	2,282	5,389	3,754	1,769	—	6,319	18,443	2,101	988	3,122	5,289	3,768	1,986	17,212	1,286
9	4	—	—	11	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	2,296	5,389	3,705	1,750	—	6,289	18,395	2,101	988	3,122	5,289	3,768	1,985	17,263	1,312
12	6	—	—	16	4	—	—	28	226	216	988	3,277	1,985	17,263	1,312
13	2,292	5,289	3,811	1,784	—	6,259	18,446	2,097	988	3,189	5,289	3,768	1,986	17,213	1,312
14	137	—	248	66	—	—	—	216	—	—	275	—	2,098	17,213	1,320
15	2,429	5,289	4,059	1,870	—	6,259	18,045	2,049	649	3,189	5,289	4,277	2,944	18,044	1,320
16	22	494	1,371	1,870	—	—	—	15	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	88	—	—	9	—
18	2,023	5,289	5,830	—	—	6,259	18,031	2,057	—	3,006	6,289	4,311	2,204	18,127	28
19	81	—	—	41	—	—	—	31	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
20	2,054	5,289	6,230	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
21	92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	54	3,017	5,289	6,230	—	—	—	6,259	18,384	8,144	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,147	—	1,147	—	—	—	—
36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	161	—	—	—	—	—
37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
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49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
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53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
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56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
63	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
72	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
73	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
76	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
77	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
82	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
83	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
84	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
87	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
88	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
89	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
93	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
94	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—
97	—	—	—	—	—</td										

TABLE 25.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF WILMOT.  
Electors on Roll, 35,692; Valid Votes, 32,553; Quota, 4,651; Informal Papers, 1,555.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES										Remarks	
	Group A.—Labour					Group B.—Liberal						
	Cashton	Fagan	Fisher	McNeil	Spurr	Total Group A	Best, C.R.	Bettune	Brounher	Hornfrey	Thompson	Total Group B
1	4,224 539	5,983 539	2,722 104	873 70	1,004 333	2,632 1,312	18,123 4	2,727 2	4,087 2	2,760 1,739	1,386 1,381	14,480 15
2	4,823 172	4,051 —	2,916 110	948 11	1,770 38	2,935 1,102	18,102 183	2,731 —	4,041 —	2,762 1,739	1,386 1,384	14,445 —
3	4,651 —	4,651 —	3,026 466	959 —	1,790 247	3,021 988	18,088 3	2,751 1	4,041 1,388	2,762 1,739	1,384 1,384	14,445 —
4-6	4,651 —	4,651 —	3,491 8	— —	2,016 8	3,288 11	18,077 22	2,736 158	4,044 204	2,763 1,388	1,383 1,383	14,462 108
7-9	4,651 —	4,651 —	3,490 15	— —	2,019 2	3,279 12	18,069 29	2,924 651	4,308 3223	2,905 —	1,387 1,387	14,462 108
10-12	4,651 —	4,651 —	3,490 15	— —	2,019 2	3,279 12	18,069 29	2,924 651	4,308 3223	2,905 —	1,387 1,387	14,462 108
13	4,651 —	4,651 —	3,514 —	— —	2,021 —	3,291 —	18,128 —	3,251 —	4,651 —	2,924 —	1,387 —	14,462 —
14-21	4,651 —	4,651 —	3,614 841	— —	2,021 2,021	3,291 1,143	18,128 1,084	3,290 6	4,651 —	2,924 11	1,387 —	14,462 10
22-29	4,651 —	4,651 —	4,385 14	— —	4,494 8	13,011 8	5,986 1,068	4,651 —	3,906 1,087	2,905 —	2,905 —	14,418 102
30	4,651 —	4,651 —	4,389 1	— —	4,442 1	18,118 2	4,499 552	4,651 —	5,108 552	2,924 —	1,388 —	14,458 1
31	4,651 —	4,651 82	4,370 —	— —	4,443 61	18,115 133	5,631 880	4,651 —	4,651 —	2,924 —	14,388 —	14,388 246
	4,651 —	4,651 —	4,452 —	— —	4,494 —	18,249 —	4,651 —	4,651 —	4,651 —	2,924 —	13,988 —	326 —

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