



# Electoral History of British Columbia 1871-1986

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*"history*

a chronological record of significant events (as affecting a nation or institution) usually including an explanation of their causes"

-- *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*

## Preface

This document has been prepared to provide a convenient and authoritative historical overview of electoral activities in the Province of British Columbia during the 115 year period from 1871 to 1986.

The data contained in this document was gathered from a variety of sources which among others included *The British Columbia Gazette*, the *Journals of the Legislative Assembly* and the *Statement of Votes* (which appeared first in 1928). The *Statement of Votes* is now continuously published by Elections British Columbia.

The *Electoral History of British Columbia* provides results of all general and by-elections since 1871, based on both official and unofficial sources. Chris P. Fulker with whom the idea was first discussed and who performed much of the earlier research for the document is of the hope that --

"this work will prove most revealing to future researchers and will perhaps spur them on to more detailed work by providing a suitable background and framework."

I suspect that this document has the full potential of helping Mr. Fulker realize his hopes.

The following people contributed in various ways to the preparation of this document and it is to them that the *Electoral History of British Columbia* is dedicated: Frederike Verspoor, Chris Fulker, Margaret Hastings, Judi Bennett, Jaime Gill, Linda Stinson, Ian Parker and Chris Roberts.

**Harry M. Goldberg**

*Chief Electoral Officer and  
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# Electoral History of British Columbia 1871-1986

## Introduction

British Columbia became a province and entered Confederation 20 July 1871. An interim Cabinet was appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor and election writs were issued to choose 25 Members from 12 Electoral Districts for the first provincial Legislature. The general election was held from October through December 1871 and was conducted by means of a show of hands on nomination day and, if required, an open poll book on polling day. There were 46 candidates and no organized political parties. No election deposit was required. There were less than 3000 registered voters who qualified by being male British subjects, 21 years of age, who met certain property and residence requirements. Much has changed since that first election.<sup>1</sup>

Until now, however, although various other aspects of British Columbia's political history have been studied and documented, there has been no comprehensive history of provincial elections.<sup>2</sup> Official records for the election results themselves exist only since 1916 and at first only for general elections and in the most rudimentary form. The first Statement of Votes, less complete than it is now, appeared in 1928. Earlier election results were to be found in a variety of unofficial sources. This volume supplies the results, based on both official and unofficial sources, for all general and by-elections since 1871. It also provides dates, party affiliations, and relevant additional information for clarification and historical interest. But there is more to an election history. There are the laws which governed the elections, the officials who were responsible for their conduct and the electoral inquiries set up to investigate them. There are the anomalies, salient features, and special circumstances. There are the plebiscites and referenda. As well, it is useful to have summaries and some information about the legislative sessions and premiers as a reference. These have all been included in this volume which is intended to serve both as a reference tool and as an insight into an important -- and interesting -- part of our history. It is not, however, an official record even when official sources have been used and should at no time be considered as such. It is also only a start; much remains to be done, such as an history of the Electoral Districts.

Several people have worked on and contributed to the contents. The project was begun by Chris Fulker on behalf of Elections British Columbia, with the assistance and encouragement of the late Ian D. Parker. It was continued by the staff of the Legislative Library, again on behalf of Elections British Columbia. Margaret Hastings, former Deputy Librarian, originally directed the project as well as contributing to some of the sections. Judi Bennett also put in a great deal of work. Vivienne Bruce and Wendy Carmichael provided some material. Linda Coupal<sup>3</sup>, Maureen Lawson, Mary Ann Murphy, and William Peters assisted with verification and proofreading. Jaime Gill (Elections British Columbia) and Linda Stinson (Legislative Library) performed the Herculean task of typing the various drafts and the final

copy. They are to be commended not only for their efforts but also for their patience and good humour throughout. Finally, Harry M. Goldberg, Chief Electoral Officer, is to be thanked for initiating the undertaking, for encouraging its progress and for his patience as the project took longer to complete than anticipated.

Frederike Verspoor  
March 1988

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1. Limited elections were held in the Colony of Vancouver Island and after 1866 in the Colony of British Columbia but they fall outside the scope of this volume. The last colonial election occurred in 1870.
  2. Federal elections in British Columbia are covered to a certain extent in Canada. Library of Parliament. [History of the Federal Electoral Ridings, 1867-1980](#). Vol. I. .
  3. No longer at the Legislative Library.

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## Part One

### General Election Summary<sup>1</sup>

#### 1871 - 1924

	1871	1875	1878	1882	1886	1890	1894	1898
1 Dissolution of Legislature	-	30 Aug	12 Apr	13 Jun	3 Jun	10 May	2 Jun	7 Jun
2 Issue of Writs	2 Oct	30 Aug	12 Apr	13 Jun	3 Jun	10 May	2 Jun	7 Jun
3 Nomination Day	12 Oct-	9 Sep-	8 May	10 Jul	23 Jun	30 May	23 Jun	25 Jun
	23 Oct	15 Oct						
4 Polling Day	16 Oct-	11 Sep-	22 May	24 Jul	7 Jul	13 Jun	7 Jul	9 Jul
	15 Dec	25 Oct						
5 Electoral Districts	12	12	12	13	13	18	25	29
6 Members in Legislature	25	25	25	25	27	33	33	38
7 Candidates Nominated	46	55	46	54	68	65	64	76
8 Registered Voters	NIA	[3,135]	4,394	4,766	7,239	15,560	23,368	34,369
9 Valid Votes Polled	3,804	5,656	6,377	7,358	[10,941]	19,517	31,085	34,996

	1900	1903	1906/7	1909	1912	1916	1920	1924	
1 Dissolution of Legislature	10 Apr	16 Jun	24 Dec	20 Oct	27 Feb	31 May	23 Oct	10 May	1
2 Issue of Writs	24 Apr	5 Sep	24 Dec	20 Oct	27 Feb	5 Jul	23 Oct	10 May	2
3 Nomination Day	26 May	19 Sep	19 Jan	11 Nov	14 Mar	3 Aug	10 Nov	30 May	3
4 Polling Day	9 Jun	3 Oct	2 Feb	25 Nov	28 Mar	14 Sep	1 Dec	20 Jun	4
5 Electoral Districts	29	34	34	34	34	39	39	40	5
6 Members in Legislature	38	42	42	42	42	47	47	48	6



7 Candidates Nominated	93	95	112	104	88	116	155	168	7
8 Registered Voters	44,069	39,296	49,443	73,706	79,596	125,222	201,372	225,675	8
9 Valid Votes Polled	47,184	60,120	[63,205]	101,415	84,529	179,774	354,088	345,608	9

## 1928 - 1986

	1928	1933	1937	1941	1945	1949	1952	1953
1 Dissolution of Legislature	7 Jun	1 Aug	14 Apr	22 Jul	31 Aug	16 Apr	10 Apr	27 Mar
2 Issue of Writs	7 Jun	13 Sep	14 Apr	9 Sep	31 Aug	16 Apr	10 Apr	10 Apr
3 Nomination Day	27 Jun	12 Oct	11 May	30 Sep	4 Oct	25 May	22 May	19 May
4 Polling Day	18 Jul	2 Nov	1 Jun	21 Oct	25 Oct	15 Jun	12 Jun	9 Jun
5 Electoral Districts	40	39	40	41	41	41	41	41
6 Members in Legislature	48	47	48	48	48	48	48	48
7 Candidates Nominated	117	210	186	156	147	138	212	229
8 Registered Voters	245,240	323,540	372,781	417,839	476,222	649,019	793,073	740,006
9 Voters Who Voted	174,934	236,415	265,446	303,901	298,387	477,999	543,456	522,052
10 % of Voters Who Voted	71.33	73.07	71.20	72.73	62.66	73.64	68.53	70.55
11 Valid Votes Polled	361,814	381,223	417,929	453,893	467,747	698,823	768,561	659,563
12 Rejected Ballots	3,259	[3,380]	4,143	4,797	3,899	9,891	45,649	43,766
13 Rej. Ballots - % of Ballots Cast	1.86	[1.43]	1.56	1.58	1.31	2.07	8.40	8.38
14 Ordinary Polls Opened	996	926	1,137	1,837	1,882	1,900	1,959	1,966
15 Cost per Registered Voter (\$)	0.69	0.49	0.50	0.49	0.46	0.43	0.58	0.59

	1956	1960	1963	1966	1969	1972	1975	1979
1 Dissolution of Legislature	13 Aug	3 Aug	21 Aug	5 Aug	21 Jul	24 Jul	3 Nov	3 Apr
2 Issue of Writs	13 Aug	3 Aug	22 Aug	5 Aug	21 Jul	24 Jul	3 Nov	3 Apr
3 Nomination Day	5 Sep	29 Aug	16 Sep	29 Aug	13 Aug	16 Aug	27 Nov	26 Apr
4 Polling Day	19 Sep	12 Sep	30 Sep	12 Sep	27 Aug	30 Aug	11 Dec	10 May
5 Electoral Districts	42	42	42	48	48	48	48	50
6 Members in Legislature	52	52	52	55	55	55	55	57
7 Candidates Nominated	199	230	205	178	177	226	221	178
8 Registered Voters	778,587	874,267	873,140	873,927	1,152,598	1,343,357	1,559,633	1,673,111
9 Voters Who Voted	509,409	628,031	608,672	596,716	794,696	921,496	1,088,001	1,155,505
10 % of Voters Who Voted	65.43	71.84	69.71	68.28	68.95	68.60	69.76	69.06
11 Valid Votes Polled	817,397	996,404	967,675	751,876	978,356	1,132,172	1,290,451	1,405,077

12 Rejected Ballots	6,642	9,862	6,132	7,056	9,011	11,537	12,924	21,328
13 Rej. Ballots - % of Ballots Cast	1.30	1.57	1.01	1.18	1.13	1.25	1.19	1.84
14 Ordinary Polls Opened	1,986	2,221	2,206	2,266	2,378	2,827	5,698	6,133
15 Cost per Registered Voter (\$)	0.60	0.61	0.61	0.83	0.77	0.86	1.29	1.78

	1983	1986	
1 Dissolution of Legislature	7 Apr	24 Sep	1
2 Issue of Writs	7 Apr	24 Sep	2
3 Nomination Day	22 Apr	9 Oct	3
4 Polling Day	5 May	22 Oct	4
5 Electoral Districts	50	52	5
6 Members in Legislature	57	69	6
7 Candidates Nominated	224	237	7
8 Registered Voters	1,768,063	1,770,000	8
9 Voters Who Voted	1,373,018	1,366,193	9
10 % of Voters Who Voted	77.66	77.19	10
11 Valid Votes Polled	1,649,533	1,935,453	11
12 Rejected Ballots	17,126	27,582	12
13 Rej. Ballots - % of Ballots Cast	1.25	1.41	13
14 Ordinary Polls Opened	6,377	5,603	14
15 Cost per Registered Voter (\$)	4.98	5.36	15

1 Figures given in [ ] indicate that they are incomplete. Figures in the table for 1928-1986 are taken mostly from the 1983 and 1986 *Statement of Votes*. In multi-Member Districts, voters could vote for more than one candidate which affects the number of valid votes. In 1916, 1941, and 1945 active service voting was extended beyond the polling day given here. In elections until 1900, polling day for certain Districts often varied from that for the rest of the province. This also occurred for two Districts in 1933. The active service vote cost in 1941 was \$2.88 per voter, in 1945, \$1.79 per voter. The percentage of voters who voted in the 1945 election appears to have omitted the active service voters. For 1986 the number of rejected ballots is actually the number of rejected votes, which due to dual candidate Districts is greater than the number of ballots. As well, the percentage is based on the number of votes, not ballots, cast.

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## 1st General Election 1871

Issue of Writs	2 October 1871
Nomination Day	12 October - 23 October 1871 <sup>1</sup>
Polling Day	16 October - 15 December 1871 <sup>1</sup>
Return Day of Writs	20 November 1871 <sup>2</sup>
Opening of New Legislature	15 February 1872 <sup>3</sup>

### Summary

Votes	3,804 <sup>4</sup>
Candidates	46 <sup>4</sup>
Members	25

### Results by Electoral District<sup>5</sup>

		VOTES	%
Cariboo (3)	BOOTH, Cornelius	155	19.74
Tot. 785	Evans, John	107	13.63
	HUNTER, Joseph	162	20.64
	Thompson, John Spencer	132	16.82
	WALKEM, George Anthony Boomer	229	29.17
Comox	ASH, John	16	66.67
Tot. 24	Coleman, Robert Cameron	8	33.33
Cowichan (2)	BOOTH, John Paton	47	23.98
Tot. 196	Dods, Archibald	38	19.39
	Fry, Henry	10	5.10

	Pimbury, Edwin	24	12.24
	Skinner, Thomas J.	19	9.69
	SMITHE, William	58	29.59
Esquimalt <sup>6</sup> (2)	Brown, Charles Berry	5	2.75
Tot. 182	Cameron, David	31	17.03
	Caulier, Henry S.	9	4.95
	COGAN, Henry	34	18.68
	Fisher, William	29	15.93
	ROBERTSON, Alexander Rocke	74	40.66
Kootenay <sup>3</sup> (2)	MARA, John Andrew	17	43.59
Tot. 39	Milby, William Cosgrove	9	23.08
	TODD, Charles	13	33.33
Lillooet (2)	HUMPHREYS, Thomas Basil	45	44.12
Tot. 102	JAMIESON, Andrew Thomas	36	35.29
	Saul, William	21	20.59
Nanaimo	Carey, Joseph Westrop	33	36.67
Tot. 90	ROBSON, John	57	63.33
New Westminster (2)	ARMSTRONG, William James	128	39.63
Tot. 323	HUGHES, Josiah Charles	148	45.82
	McRoberts, Hugh	47	14.55
New Westminster City	HOLBROOK, Henry	Accl.	-----
Victoria (2)	BUNSTER, Arthur	123	32.63
Tot. 377	Dalby, William	103	27.32
	De COSMOS, Amor <sup>8</sup>	151	40.05
Victoria City (4)	BEAVEN, Robert	301	19.87
Tot. 1,515	DUCK, Simeon	301	19.87
	McCREIGHT, John Foster	373	24.62
	McMillan, James Eliphalet	95	6.27
	TRIMBLE, James	321	21.19
	Williams, Robert Taylor	124	8.18

Yale <sup>9</sup> (3)	Coxon, George	29	16.96
Tot. 171	Kay, William H.	8	4.68
	Lumby, Moses	17	9.94
	ROBINSON, James	35	20.47
	SEMLIN, Charles Augustus	29	16.96
	SMITH, Robert	53	30.99

1. Varied as follows:

Electoral District	Nomination Day	Polling Day
Cariboo	23 October 1871	16 November 1871
Comox	19 October 1871	26 October 1871
Cowichan	14 October 1871	28 October 1871
Esquimalt	12 October 1871	26 October 1871
Kootenay	(Not known)	15 December 1871
Lillooet	(Not known)	6 November 1871
Nanaimo	13 October 1871	18 October 1871
New Westminster	18 October 1871	25 October 1871
New Westminster City	23 October 1871	(Not necessary)
Victoria	14 October 1871	21 October 1871
Victoria City	12 October 1871	16 October 1871
Yale	21 October 1871	4 November 1871

Lillooet nominations reported in Victoria Colonist 29 October 1871.

2. Amended to 20 December 1871 for Lillooet and Yale. Set at 26 December 1871 for Cariboo and Kootenay, then amended to 26 January 1872. Further amended to 15 February 1872, then again to 15 March 1872, for Kootenay. For actual receipt date of returns see the B.C. Journals 1872, p. viii.

3. The session opened before the returns from Kootenay had been received and the two members-elect for that District were not sworn in. A petition that they be allowed to take their seats was presented and debated. The Legislature then passed a resolution to this effect. Mara was sworn in 20 February and Todd on 23 February, the day the writ was finally received. There was some question as to whether the Legislature was exceeding the powers conferred by the Constitution and Election Acts in declaring a member elected before the writ was returned. The delayed writ did result in the setting up of a Select Committee "to enquire into the causes that have delayed the Kootenay Elections, and also the causes of the detention of the Return of the Writ." It was the province's first electoral investigation. (B.C. Journals 1872, pp. 4-16.)

4. Includes C.B. Brown (Esquimalt) who received 5 votes before he withdrew but not W.W. Gibbs (Esquimalt). See note 6. One candidate was elected by acclamation.

5. Derived from the 1872 Canadian Parliamentary Companion (CPC). Voting was by means of verbal declaration and an open polling book (see Introduction).

6. Brown withdrew during the polling. William Wilson Gibbs was a candidate (B.C. Gazette 13 January 1872, p. 8 and Victoria Colonist 24 October 1871) but no results are shown for him so it would appear that he withdrew just before polling day.

7. Although John Saul is listed in the CPC, it would appear from other evidence that it was William who contested the

election.

8. De Cosmos had also been elected to the federal House of Commons on 24 November 1871 (Victoria District) and was re-elected 20 July 1872 (Victoria). Dual representation was disallowed by SBC 1873 no. 16.

9. The Returning Officer cast the deciding vote for Semlin.

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## 2nd General Election<sup>1</sup> 1875

Dissolution of legislature	30 August 1875
Issue of writs	30 August 1875
Nomination day	9 September - 15 October 1875 <sup>2</sup>
Polling day	11 September - 25 October 1875 <sup>2</sup>
Return day of writs	1 October and 4 December 1875 <sup>3</sup>
Opening of new legislature	10 January 1876

### Summary

Votes	5,656
Candidates	55
Members	25

### Results By Electoral District<sup>4</sup>

		PARTY <sup>5</sup>	VOTES	%
Cariboo (3)	DAVIE, Alexander Edmund Batson	IND.OPP.	199	23.36
Tot. 852	EVANS, John	IND.OPP.	173	20.31
	Pearson, Edward	GOV.	117	13.73
	Robertson, John Johnston	GOV.	68	7.98
	WALKEM, George Anthony Boomer	GOV.	254	29.81
	Walker, Samuel	GOV.	41	4.81
Comox	ASH, John	GOV.	36	78.26
Tot. 46	Robb, James	GOV.	10	21.74
Cowichan (2)	Booth, John Paton	GOV.	42	17.07

Tot. 246	Lomas, William Henry	IND./GOV.	54	21.95
	PIMBURY, Edwin	REF.	72	29.27
	SMITHE, William	REF.	78	31.71
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Esquimalt (2)	FISHER, William	IND.	58	32.58
Tot. 178	Foster, Ninian Frederick	GOV.	25	14.05
	Weir, Robert	GOV.	43	24.16
	WILLIAMS, Frederick W.	REF.	52	29.21
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Kootenay <sup>6</sup> (2)	Galbraith, Robert Leslie Thomas	REF.	16	25.40
Tot. 63	GALLAGHER, Charles	REF.	16	25.40
	Milby, William Cosgrove	GOV.	15	23.80
	VOWELL, Arthur Wellesley	REF.	16	25.40
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Lillooet (2)	BROWN, William M.	REF.	53	26.37
Tot. 201	Dunne, George	REF.	21	10.45
	Martley, John	REF.	33	16.42
	MORRISON, William	REF.	48	23.88
	Saul, William	GOV.	46	22.88
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Nanaimo	BRYDEN, John	REF.	128	52.03
Tot. 246	Ferguson, Joseph	GOV.	2	0.81
	Gordon, David William	IND.	116	47.16
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New Westminster (2)	ARMSTRONG, William James	GOV.	153	25.98
Tot. 589	BROWN, Ebenezer	IND./GOV.	154	26.15
	Campbell, William M.	[GOV.?)	54	9.17
	McGillivray, Donald	REF.	117	19.86
	Rogers, Jeremiah	REF.	111	18.84
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New Westminster City	DICKINSON, Robert	IND./GOV.	59	60.82
Tot. 97	Holbrook, Henry	OPP.	38	39.18
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		<b>PARTY<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>%</b>
Victoria (2)	Baker, Michael	IND.	12	4.53
Tot. 265	HUMPHREYS, Thomas Basil	REF.	89	33.58
	Reay, William	IND.	51	19.25
	Shakespeare, Noah	IND.	48	18.11



	TOLMIE, William Fraser	REF.	65	24.53
Victoria City (4)	BEAVEN, Robert	GOV.	428	19.10
Tot. 2,241	DOUGLAS, James W.	[IND.?]	382	17.05
	Duck, Simeon	GOV.	319	14.23
	ELLIOTT, Andrew Charles	OPP.	383	17.09
	Gerow, Gideon C.	[IND.?] <sup>7</sup>	67	2.99
	Harris, Thomas	IND.REF.	233	10.40
	TRIMBLE, James	IND./GOV.	405	18.07
	Williams, Robert Taylor	IND.	24	1.07
Yale (3)	Allison, John F.	REF.	100	15.82
Tot. 632	MARA, John Andrew	REF.	130	20.57
	Robinson, James	IND./GOV.	59	9.34
	Ross, James	IND.	7	1.11
	Semlin, Charles Augustus	IND./GOV.	94	14.87
	SMITH, Robert	IND./GOV.	117	18.51
	VERNON, Forbes George	REF.	125	19.78

1. Although secret ballots were used in this general election, the open show of hands on nomination day was retained.

2. Varied as follows:

Electoral District	Nomination Day	Polling Day
Cariboo	11 October 1875	20 October 1875
Comox	[10 September 1875?]	15 September 1875
Cowichan	11 September 1875	18 September 1875
Esquimalt	10 September 1875	14 September 1875
Kootenay	2 October 1875	7 October 1875
Lillooet	15 October 1875	25 October 1875
Nanaimo	10 September 1875	15 September 1875
New Westminster	24 September 1875	29 September 1875
New Westminster City	4 October 1875	7 October 1875
Victoria	15 September 1875	18 September 1875
Victoria City	9 September 1875	11 September 1875
Yale	1 October 1875	15 October 1875

3. 1 October 1875 for Comox, Cowichan, Esquimalt, Nanaimo, Victoria, and Victoria City; 4 December 1875 for Cariboo, Kootenay, Lillooet, New Westminster, New Westminster City, and Yale.

4. Derived from the 1877 Canadian Parliamentary Companion.

5. Government (GOV.) candidates supported the administration of G.A.B. Walkem. Those opposed ran as Reform (REF.), Opposition (OPP.), Independent Reform (IND.REF.), or Independent Opposition (IND.OPP.) candidates. Those who ran as straight Independents (IND.) were sometimes described as Government supporters (IND./GOV.).

6. To break a three-way tie, the Returning Officer cast the deciding votes for Gallagher and Vowell (Victoria Colonist 24 October 1875).

7. When nominated, described as "the workingman's friend" (Victoria Colonist 10 September 1875).

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# Electoral History of British Columbia 1871-1986

## 3rd General Election 1878

Dissolution of legislature	12 April 1878
Issue of writs	12 April 1878
Nomination day	8 May 1878 <sup>1</sup>
Polling day	22 May 1878
Return day of writs	29 June 1878
Opening of new legislature	29 July 1878

### Summary

Votes	6,377
Candidates	46 <sup>2</sup>
Members	25

### Results By Electoral District<sup>3</sup>

		PARTY <sup>4</sup>	VOTES	%
Cariboo (3)	COWAN, George	OPP.	238	30.20
Tot. 788	EVANS, John	OPP.	230	29.19
	Nutt, Jonathan	GOV.	68	8.63
	WALKEM, George Anthony Boomer	OPP.	252	31.98
Comox	ASH, John	OPP.	31	59.62
Tot. 52	Carwithen, Reginald Terry	GOV.	21	40.38
Cowichan (2)	Beaumont, William	OPP.	45	15.41
Tot. 292	Booth, John Paton	OPP.	66	22.60
	PIMBURY, Edwin	GOV.	84	28.77
	SMITHE, William	GOV.	97	33.22

Esquimalt (2)	Fisher, William	GOV.	39	20.86
Tot. 187	HELGESEN, Hans Lars	OPP.	70	37.43
	WILLIAMS, Frederick W.	OPP.	78	41.71
Kootenay (2)	GALBRAITH, Robert Leslie Thomas	[OPP.?]	Accl.	-----
	GALLAGHER, Charles	[OPP.?]	Accl.	-----
Lillooet (2)	BROWN, William M.	OPP.	78	32.37
Tot. 241	Martley, John	GOV.	39	16.18
	Morrison, William	GOV.	47	19.50
	SAUL, William	OPP.	77	31.95
Nanaimo	ABRAMS, James Atkinson	OPP.	184	52.42
Tot. 351	Gordon, David William	GOV.	167	47.58
New Westminster (2)	HARRIS, Wellington John	GOV.	171	24.43
Tot. 700	Kennedy, James	IND.	44	6.28
	McGILLIVRAY, Donald	GOV.	202	28.86
	Mathers, Henry	OPP.	130	18.57
	Orr, James	OPP.	153	21.86
New Westminster City	Armstrong, William James	OPP.	64	43.84
Tot. 146	BROWN, Ebenezer	GOV.	82	56.16
Victoria (2)	HUMPHREYS, Thomas Basil	OPP.	99	32.04
Tot. 309	Lee, Thomas	IND.	46	14.89
	McILMOYL, James Thomas	OPP.	102	33.01
	Tolmie, William Fraser	GOV.	62	20.06
Victoria City (4)	BEAVEN, Robert	OPP.	417	16.53
Tot. 2,523	Carey, Joseph Westrop	OPP.	22	.87
	DRUMMOND, James Smith	OPP.	380	15.06
	Elliott, Andrew Charles	GOV.	338	13.40
	Finlayson, Roderick	IND.	318	12.60
	Trimble, James	GOV.	301	11.93
	WILLIAMS, John William	OPP.	351	13.91
	WILSON, William	OPP.	396	15.70

Yale (3)	BENNETT, Preston	GOV.	158	20.05
Tot. 788	Lauder, Dixon Joseph	OPP.	87	11.04
	McCormack, William	OPP.	93	11.80
	MARA, John Andrew	GOV.	172	21.83
	Semlin, Charles Augustus	OPP.	120	15.23
	VERNON, Forbes George	GOV.	158	20.05

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1. Amended for Kootenay but exact date unknown.
  2. Two candidates were elected by acclamation.
  3. Derived from the 1879 Canadian Parliamentary Companion.
  4. Government (GOV.) candidates supported the administration of A.C. Elliott; others ran as Opposition (OPP.) candidates or as Independents (IND.).

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## 4th General Election 1882

Dissolution of legislature	13 June 1882
Issue of writs	13 June 1882
Nomination day	10 July 1882 <sup>1</sup>
Polling day	24 July 1882 <sup>2</sup>
Return day of writs	29 August 1882
Opening of new legislature	25 January 1883

### Summary

Votes	7,358 <sup>3</sup>
Candidates	54 <sup>3</sup>
Members	25

### Results By Electoral District<sup>4</sup>

		PARTY <sup>5</sup>	VOTES	%
Cariboo (3)	COWAN, George	IND.	217	24.46
Tot. 887	Ferguson, George	OPP.	117	13.19
	McKay, Daniel	OPP.	82	9.25
	McLEESE, Robert	GOV. <sup>6</sup>	169	19.05
	Walker, Samuel	GOV.	107	12.06
	WILSON, Charles	OPP.	195	21.98
Cassiar	Brown, William V.	[GOV.?]	18	31.58
Tot. 57	GRANT, John	OPP.	39	68.42
Comox	Crawford, Andrew Byron	OPP.	14	16.87

Tot. 83	DINGWALL, William Munro	GOV.	67	80.72
	Robson, Thomas <sup>7</sup>	[?]	2	2.41
Cowichan				
	Foord, Frederick	GOV.	41	28.67
Tot. 143	SMITHE, William	OPP.	102	71.33
Esquimalt <sup>8</sup> (2)				
	Child, Francis Thomas	OPP.	61	21.71
Tot. 281	HELGESEN, Hans Lars	GOV.	77	27.40
	Hett, John Roland	GOV.	71	25.27
	POOLEY, Charles Edward	OPP.	72	25.62
Kootenay				
	GALBRAITH, Robert Leslie Thomas	GOV.	Accl.	----
Lillooet (2)				
	ALLEN, Edward	OPP.	55	23.21
Tot. 237	Brown, William M.	GOV.	28	11.81
	DAVIE, Alexander Edmund Batson	OPP.	69	29.11
	McLellan, Charles Nelson	GOV.	40	16.88
	Morrison, William	OPP.	45	18.99
Nanaimo (2)				
	Barnston, John George	GOV.	37	4.81
Tot. 770	DUNSMUIR, Robert	OPP.	229	29.74
	Hinksman, William	GOV.	152	19.74
	Quennell, Edward	OPP.	167	21.69
	RAYBOULD, William	OPP.	185	24.02
New Westminster (2)				
	Dawson, Henry	OPP.	60	8.47
Tot. 708	Isaac, William	GOV.	15	2.12
	Kirkland, Herbert John	OPP.	127	17.94
	Ladner, William Henry	GOV.	76	10.73
	ORR, James	OPP.	168	23.73
	ROBSON, John	OPP.	262	37.01
New Westminster City				
	ARMSTRONG, William James	OPP.	Accl.	----
Victoria (2)				
	Humphreys, Thomas Basil	GOV.	100	25.71
Tot. 389	JOHN, Robert Franklin	OPP.	110	28.28
	McIlmoyl, James Thomas	GOV.	66	16.97
	McTAVISH, George Archibald	OPP.	113	29.05

Victoria City (4)	BEAVEN, Robert	GOV.	459	16.33
Tot. 2,811	DAVIE, Theodore	OPP.	399	14.19
	Drummond, James Smith	GOV.	105	3.74
	DUCK, Simeon	IND.	368	13.09
	Trimble, James	OPP.	280	9.96
	TYRWHITT-DRAKE, Montague William	OPP.	361	12.84
	Williams, John William	GOV.	237	8.43
	Wilson, Alexander	GOV.	321	11.42
	Wilson, William	OPP.	281	10.00
Yale (3)	BENNETT, Preston	OPP.	194	19.56
Tot. 992	Green-Armytage, Henry Dodson	IND.	98	9.88
	McGirr, William	GOV.	60	6.05
	MARA, John Andrew	OPP.	240	24.19
	Pearson, Edward	GOV.	78	7.86
	SEMLIN, Charles Augustus	IND.	254	25.60
	Sproat, Gilbert Malcolm	OPP.	68	6.86

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1. Amended for Cassiar and Kootenay but exact date(s) unknown.
  2. Amended to 7 August 1882 for Cassiar.
  3. Includes T. Robson (Comox) who withdrew before polling day but still received two votes. Two candidates were elected by acclamation.
  4. Derived from The Dominion Annual Register and Review 1882, pp. 420-421 and the 1883 Canadian Parliamentary Companion.
  5. Government (GOV.) candidates ran under the leadership of Robert Beaven who had succeeded G.A. Walkem; others ran as Opposition (OPP.) candidates or as Independents (IND.).
  6. Also claimed to be an Independent.
  7. Withdrew before polling day.
  8. The official returns gave Hett 74 votes and Pooley 73 but a B.C. Supreme Court decision altered the results and declared Pooley elected. (See "Controverted and Voided Elections").





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## 5th General Election 1886

Dissolution of legislature	3 June 1886
Issue of writs	3 June 1886
Nomination day	23 June 1886 <sup>1</sup>
Polling day	7 July 1886 <sup>2</sup>
Return day of writs	1 September 1886
Opening of new legislature	24 January 1887

### Summary

Votes	10,941 <sup>3</sup>
Candidates	68 <sup>4</sup>
Members	27

### Results By Electoral District<sup>5</sup>

		PARTY <sup>6</sup>	VOTES	%
Cariboo (3)	Campbell, Neil R.	OPP.	39	5.17
Tot. 755	COWAN, George	GOV.	111	14.70
	Ferguson, George	OPP.	90	11.92
	McLEESE, Robert	OPP.	113	14.97
	MASON, Joseph	GOV.	125	16.56
	Murphy, Denis	OPP.	88	11.65
	Shaw, Robert Lauderdale	OPP.	38	5.03
	Walker, Samuel	IND.	61	8.08
	Wilson, Charles	GOV.	90	11.92



	Kennedy, James	IND.	7	.31
	Kirkland, Herbert John	GOV.	348	15.47
	LADNER, William Henry	OPP.	365	16.23
	McGillivray, Donald	OPP.	331	14.72
	ORR, James	OPP.	358	15.92
	ROBSON, John	GOV.	420	18.67
	Wells, Allen Casey	GOV.	250	11.12
New Westminster City	BOLE, William Norman	OPP.	212	85.14
Tot. 249	Ferris, William Douglas	GOV.	37	14.86
Victoria (2)	ANDERSON, George William	GOV.	134	27.07
Tot. 495	Humphreys, Thomas Basil	OPP.	113	22.83
	JOHN, Robert Franklin	GOV.	166	33.53
	Sluggett, John Watts	OPP.	82	16.57
Victoria City (4)	BEAVEN, Robert	OPP.	540	13.65
Tot. 3,955	Carey, Joseph Westrop	[IND?]	53	1.34
	DAVIE, Theodore	GOV.	463	11.71
	Duck, Simeon	GOV.	456	11.53
	Duval, John Mayfield	LBR. <sup>9</sup>	127	3.21
	Lipsett, Robert	OPP.	362	9.15
	PRIOR, Edward Gawler	GOV.	540	13.65
	Smith, Andrew Johnston	LBR. <sup>9</sup>	208	5.26
	TURNER, John Herbert	GOV.	472	11.93
	Williams, Robert Taylor	OPP.	413	10.44
	Wriglesworth, Joseph	OPP.	321	8.12
Yale (3)	Irwin, Archibald	GOV.	196	14.91
Tot. 1,314	MARTIN, George Bohun	GOV.	283	21.54
	Nicholson, Henry	[OPP?]	93	7.08
	Roadley, Thomas	[OPP?]	88	6.70
	SEMLIN, Charles Augustus	OPP.	364	27.70
	VERNON, Forbes George	GOV.	290	22.07

1. Amended for Cassiar and Kootenay but exact date(s) unknown.

2. Amended for Cassiar and Kootenay but exact date(s) unknown. The official results for Kootenay were dated 21 July 1886

and voting in Cassiar appears to have been completed by mid August.

3. Does not include votes cast in Cassiar. See note 7.

4. Two candidates were elected by acclamation.

5. Derived from The Dominion Annual Register and Review 1886 (DAR), pp. 363-364.

6. Government (GOV.) candidates supported the administration of William Smithe; others ran as Opposition (OPP.) candidates, Independents (IND.), or as Labour (LBR.) candidates. This was the first election in which Labour candidates ran independently as such.

7. "No strictly accurate return available - the Returning Officer merely stating: 'John Grant elected by a majority of 3'." (DAR, p. 363).

8. "Workingmen's candidates" (Nanaimo Free Press, 2 June 1886).

9. "Workingmen's candidates", running on a "workingmen's platform" and apparently on behalf of a Workingman's, or Workingmen's Party (Industrial News, 29 May-3 July 1886).

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## 6th General Election 1890

Dissolution of legislature	10 May 1890
Issue of writs	10 May 1890
Nomination day	30 May 1890 <sup>1</sup>
Polling day	13 June 1890 <sup>2</sup>
Return day of writs	1 October 1890
Opening of new legislature	15 January 1891

### Summary

Votes	19,517
Candidates	65 <sup>3</sup>
Members	33 <sup>3</sup>

### Results By Electoral District<sup>4</sup>

		PARTY <sup>5</sup>	VOTES	%
Alberni	FLETCHER, Thomas	GOV.	29	70.73
Tot. 41	Mollet, John C.	GOV.	12	29.27
Cariboo (3)	MASON, Joseph	GOV.	187	29.13
Tot. 642	ROBSON, John	GOV.	158	24.61
	ROGERS, Samuel Augustus	GOV.	163	25.39
	Pinchbeck, William	GOV.	134	20.87
Cassiar	Cunningham, Robert	OPP.	46	42.59
Tot. 108	HALL, Robert Hanley	GOV.	62	57.41
Comox	HUNTER, Joseph	GOV.	115	61.17



Tot. 462	Carey, Joseph Westrop	OPP.	115	24.89
	EBERTS, David McEwen	GOV.	176	38.10
Victoria City (4)	BEAVEN, Robert	OPP.	997	13.89
Tot. 7,179	Dalby, William	GOV.	528	7.35
	Duck, Simeon	GOV.	658	9.17
	GRANT, John	OPP.	1,226	17.08
	Irving, John	GOV.	747	10.41
	MILNE, George Lawson	OPP.	901	12.55
	Richards, Francis Gilbert (Jr.)	OPP.	701	9.76
	TURNER, John Herbert	GOV.	851	11.85
	Wilson, Charles	IND.	570	7.94
West Kootenay	Brown, William M.	OPP.	45	28.85
Tot. 156	Farwell, Arthur Stanhope	GOV.	40	25.64
	Haskins, John Wesley	GOV.	25	16.03
	KELLIE, James M.	IND.	46	29.49
Westminster <sup>8</sup> (3)	Henderson, John Calvin	GOV.	349	12.18
Tot. 2,866	Herring, Arthur May	IND.	81	2.83
	Kirkland, John A.	GOV.	420	14.65
	KITCHEN, Thomas Edwin	OPP.	503	17.55
	PUNCH, James	IND.	484	16.89
	ROBSON, John	GOV.	506	17.66
	Sinclair, Marshall	OPP.	62	2.16
	Sword, Colin Buchanan	IND.	461	16.08
Yale (3)	Irwin, Archibald <sup>9</sup>	OPP.	256	13.17
Tot. 1,944	MARTIN, George Bohun	GOV.	445	22.89
	SEMLIN, Charles Augustus	OPP.	396	20.37
	VERNON, Forbes George	GOV.	496	25.51
	Wardle, James	GOV.	351	18.06

1. Amended to 1 August 1890 for Cassiar.

2. Amended to 1 September 1890 for Cassiar although the Returning Officer was empowered to alter this date for either or both the Skeena and Stikeen polling divisions (B.C. Gazette 1890, p. 663).

3. One candidate was elected by acclamation. One candidate, J. Robson, ran and was elected in both Cariboo and Westminster; he is counted twice.

4. Derived from B.C. Sessional Papers 1891, pp. 474-479, and the 1891 Canadian Parliamentary Companion (CPC). The

former is incomplete.

5. Government (GOV.) candidates supported the administration of John Robson, others ran as Opposition (OPP.) candidates, Independents (IND.) and Farmer (FAR.) or Labour (LBR.) candidates.

6. The first labour candidates elected to the Legislature. Forster and Keith were both nominated by the Miners' and Mine Labourers' Protective Association (MMLPA) and campaigned on the "Workingmen's Platform" of the Workingmen's Campaign Committee (Nanaimo Free Press, 19, 28, and 31 May 1890).

7. A "farmers' candidate" who was endorsed by the MMLPA and who endorsed the "Workingmen's Platform" (Nanaimo Free Press 19 May 1890 and 11 June 1890).

8. The CPC lists the results as 340, 89, 458, 503, 484, 506, 62, and 461.

9. Spelled Irvine in the B.C. Sessional Papers 1891, p. 479 but the 1890 Voters List confirms Irwin.

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## 7th General Election 1894

Dissolution of legislature	2 June 1894
Issue of writs	2 June 1894
Nomination day	23 June 1894 <sup>1</sup>
Polling day	7 July 1894 <sup>2</sup>
Return day of writs	31 August 1894 <sup>3</sup>
Opening of new legislature	12 November 1894

### Summary

Votes	31,085
Candidates	64 <sup>4</sup>
Members	33

### Results By Electoral District<sup>5</sup>

		PARTY <sup>6</sup>	VOTES	%
Cariboo (2)	ADAMS, William	GOV.	147	21.33
Tot. 689	Kinchant, John Charlton	OPP.	95	13.79
	McLeese, Robert	OPP.	142	20.61
	ROGERS, Samuel Augustus	GOV.	167	24.24
	Watt, Hugh	GOV.	138	20.03
Cassiar	Dalby, William	IND. <sup>7</sup>	45	30.61
Tot. 147	IRVING, John	GOV.	102	69.39
Comox	HUNTER, Joseph	GOV.	239	64.95
Tot. 368	Scharschmidt, Percy Fremlin	GOV. <sup>8</sup>	129	35.05

Cowichan-Alberni (2)	DAVIE, Theodore	GOV.	Accl.	-----
	MUTTER, James Mitchell	GOV.	Accl.	-----
East Kootenay	BAKER, James	GOV.	250	60.10
Tot. 416	Schou, Nicolai Christian	OPP.	166	39.90
Esquimalt (2)	HIGGINS, David Williams	GOV.	Accl.	-----
	POOLEY, Charles Edward	GOV.	Accl.	-----
Lillooet-East Riding <sup>9</sup>	PRENTICE, James Douglas	OPP.	83	50.30
Tot. 165	Stoddart, David Alexander	GOV.	82	49.70
Lillooet-West Riding	Keatley, William H. <sup>10</sup>	OPP.	36	37.11
Tot. 97	SMITH, Alfred Wellington	GOV.	61	62.89
Nanaimo City	Keith, Thomas	LBR. <sup>11</sup>	411	48.81
Tot. 842	McGREGOR, James	GOV.	431	51.19
New Westminster City	Curtis, David Samuel	GOV. <sup>12</sup>	574	49.14
Tot. 1,168	KENNEDY, James Buckham	OPP. <sup>12</sup>	594	50.86
North Nanaimo	BRYDEN, John	GOV.	411	74.73
Tot. 550	Smith, Ralph	LBR. <sup>11</sup>	139	25.27
North Victoria	BOOTH, John Paton	GOV.	136	56.90
Tot. 239	Robertson, Horatio John	OPP.	103	43.10
South Nanaimo	Boyce, Tully	LBR. <sup>11</sup>	120	45.11
Tot. 266	WALKEM, William Wymond	GOV.	146	54.89
South Victoria	Carey, Joseph Westrop	GOV.	100	26.74
Tot. 374	EBERTS, David McEwen	GOV.	274	73.26
		<b>PARTY</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>%</b>
Vancouver City (3)	Anderson, Robert Alexander	GOV.	920	11.32
Tot. 8,127	CARTER-COTTON, Francis Lovett	OPP. <sup>13</sup>	1,736	21.36
	Greer, Samuel	IND. <sup>14</sup>	208	2.56
	MacPHERSON, Robert	OPP. <sup>15</sup>	1,766	21.73

	Odlum, Edward	GOV.	607	7.47
	Tatlow, Robert Garnett	GOV.	979	12.05
	WILLIAMS, Adolphus	OPP. <sup>13</sup>	1,911	23.51
Victoria City (4)	Beaven, Robert	OPP.	793	6.47
Tot. 12,257	BRADEN, John	GOV.	2,160	17.62
	Cameron, William George	OPP.	664	5.42
	Dutton, Arthur Howard	OPP.	661	5.39
	HELMCKEN, Henry Dallas	GOV.	2,286	18.65
	Milne, George Lawson	OPP.	828	6.76
	RITHET, Robert Paterson <sup>16</sup>	GOV.	2,504	20.43
	TURNER, John Herbert	GOV.	2,361	19.26
West Kootenay-North Riding	Brown, William M.	OPP.	125	36.55
Tot. 342	KELLIE, James M.	GOV.	217	63.45
West Kootenay-South Riding	Buchanan, George	GOV.	258	39.15
Tot. 659	HUME, John Frederick	OPP.	401	60.85
Westminster-Chilliwack Riding	Cawley, Samuel Arthur	GOV.	303	48.25
Tot. 628	KITCHEN, Thomas Edwin	OPP.	325	51.75
Westminster-Delta Riding	FORSTER, Thomas William	OPP.	545	63.23
Tot. 862	Punch, James	GOV.	317	36.77
Westminster-Dewdney Riding	Lefevre, John Matthew	GOV.	224	40.65
Tot. 551	SWORD, Colin Buchanan	OPP.	327	59.35
Westminster-Richmond Riding	Douglas, Charles Stanford	GOV.	290	44.07
Tot. 658	KIDD, Thomas	OPP.	368	55.93
Yale-East Riding	GRAHAM, Donald	OPP.	417	50.79
Tot. 821	Vernon, Forbes George	GOV.	404	49.21
Yale-North Riding	McCutcheon, Hugh	OPP.	227	42.12
Tot. 539	MARTIN, George Bohun	GOV.	312	57.88
Yale-West Riding	SEMLIN, Charles Augustus	OPP.	198	61.88
Tot. 320	Wardle, James	GOV.	122	38.13

1. Amended to 25 June 1894 for East Kootenay and the East Riding of Lillooet, to 27 June 1894 for the West Riding of Lillooet and the North and West Ridings of Yale, to 2 July 1894 for the North and South Ridings of West Kootenay, to 4 July 1894 for the East Riding of Yale, and to 21 July 1894 for Cassiar.
2. Amended to 9 July 1894 for East Kootenay and the East Riding of Lillooet, to 11 July 1894 for the West Riding of Lillooet and the North and West Ridings of Yale, to 17 July 1894 for the North and South Ridings of West Kootenay and to 18 July 1894 for the East Riding of Yale. Polling in Cassiar took place between 8 August 1894 and 10 September 1894.
3. Return day for Cassiar not available.
4. Four candidates were elected by acclamation.
5. Derived from R.E. Gosnell, The Year Book of British Columbia, 1897.
6. Government (GOV.) candidates were supporters of the T. Davie administration, Opposition (OPP.) candidates opposed it. Although Gosnell and 1897 Canadian Parliamentary Companion (CPC) label all the candidates as one or the other, the newspapers identified two Independents and three candidates running on a Labour platform, as well there was one "labour" nominee running as an Opposition candidate. These have all been noted.
7. Vancouver News Advertiser 24 June 1894. Gosnell places him on the Government side.
8. Gosnell places Scharschmidt (incorrectly spelled as Stahlschmidt) on the Opposition side but the CPC and various newspapers have him as a Government candidate.
9. The election was voided due to voting irregularities but Prentice sat for the first session. (See "Controverted and Voided Elections".)
10. Also spelled Keatly and Keithley.
11. Nominated by the Nanaimo Reform Club, which had been set up by the Opposition but was dominated by the Miners' and Mine-Labourers' Protective Association (MMLPA). The slate was described as "a labor ticket on a labor platform, but with outside support." (T.R. Loosmore, "The British Columbia Labor Movement and Political Action, 1878-1906", 1954, p.67 (2).)
12. Gosnell states the reverse for electoral affiliation but contemporary newspaper accounts contradict this.
13. Supported by the Nationalist Party. See note 15.
14. Gosnell and CPC place him as an Opposition candidate.
15. Nominated by the Opposition and the Nationalist Party, "the first real 'labor party' in British Columbia" (Loosmore, p.69 (1)). The Vancouver News Advertiser, 10 May 1894, describes him as the nominee of the "Labor and Nationalist Party", endorsed as a candidate by the Opposition nominating convention. According to Loosmore (pp. 74-75), however, Macpherson did not campaign on the Nationalist Party platform, the Nationalists supported the entire Vancouver Opposition ticket, and the Vancouver Trades and Labour Council did not endorse him.
16. Also spelled Patterson.

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## 8th General Election 1898

Dissolution of legislature	7 June 1898
Issue of writs	7 June 1898
Nomination day	25 June 1898 <sup>1</sup>
Polling day	9 July 1898 <sup>2</sup>
Return day of writs	31 August 1898
Opening of new legislature	5 January 1899

### Summary

Votes	34,996 <sup>3</sup>
Candidates	76 <sup>4</sup>
Members	38

### Results By Electoral District<sup>5</sup>

		PARTY <sup>6</sup>	VOTES	%
Alberni <sup>7</sup>	Huff, George Albert	GOV.	70	39.33
Tot. 178	NEILL, Allan Webster	OPP.	108	60.67
Cariboo (2)	HELGESEN, Hans Lars	OPP.	218	28.76
Tot. 758	Hunter, Joseph	GOV.	173	22.82
	KINCHANT, John Charlton	OPP.	195	25.73
	Rogers, Samuel Augustus	GOV.	172	22.69
Cassiar (2)	CLIFFORD, Charles William Digby	GOV.	148	46.54
Tot. 318	IRVING, John	GOV.	125	39.31
	McTavish, George Simpson	IND.	45	14.15

Comox	DUNSMUIR, James	GOV.	297	64.71
Tot. 459	McAllan, [William James] <sup>8</sup>	OPP.	162	35.29
Cowichan <sup>9</sup>	Herd, William	OPP.	[112]	[38.49]
Tot. [291]	ROBERTSON, William Russell	GOV.	[179]	[61.51]
East Kootenay-North Riding	NEILSON, William George	GOV.	169	53.31
Tot. 317	Wells, Wilmer Cleveland	OPP.	148	46.69
East Kootenay-South Riding	Baillie, William	OPP.	144	47.52
Tot. 303	BAKER, James	GOV.	159	52.48
Esquimalt <sup>10</sup> (2)	Bullen, William Fitzherbert T.	GOV.	208	23.94
Tot. 869	Harris, Dennis Reginald	OPP. <sup>11</sup>	53	6.10
	Hayward, William Henry	OPP.	189	21.75
	HIGGINS, David Williams	OPP.	206	23.70
	POOLEY, Charles Edward	GOV.	213	24.51
Lillooet-East Riding	PRENTICE, James Douglas	OPP.	125	54.11
Tot. 231	Stoddart, David Alexander	GOV.	106	45.89
Lillooet-West Riding <sup>12</sup>	Peters, Eusebius S.	OPP.	72	36.06
Tot. 205	SMITH, Alfred Wellington	GOV.	133	63.94
Nanaimo City	McGregor, Archibald	GOV.	170	20.05
Tot. 848	McKECHNIE, Robert Edward	OPP.	678	79.95
New Westminster City	Brown, John Cunningham	OPP.	534	49.04
Tot. 1,089	HENDERSON, Alexander	GOV.	555	50.96

		PARTY	VOTES	%
North Nanaimo	BRYDEN, John	GOV.	249	61.94
Tot. 402	Hellier, Walter James G.	OPP.	153	38.06
North Victoria	BOOTH, John Paton	GOV.	144	52.75
Tot. 273	Paterson, Thomas Wilson	OPP.	129	47.25
South Nanaimo	SMITH, Ralph	LBR. <sup>13</sup>	193	78.46

Tot. 246	Walkem, William Wymond	GOV.	53	21.54
South Victoria	EBERTS, David McEwen	GOV.	236	52.91
Tot. 446	Yates, James Stuart	OPP. <sup>14</sup>	210	47.09
Vancouver City (4)	Bowser, William John	GOV. <sup>15</sup>	879	8.26
Tot. 10,636	Carroll, John T.	GOV. <sup>15</sup>	954	8.97
	CARTER-COTTON, Francis Lovett	OPP. <sup>16</sup>	1,667	15.67
	Garden, James Ford	GOV. <sup>15</sup>	1,157	10.88
	McDonald, William Seaman	GOV. <sup>15</sup>	735	6.91
	MacPHERSON, Robert	OPP. <sup>16</sup>	1,795	16.88
	MARTIN, Joseph	OPP.	1,651	15.52
	TISDALL, Charles Edward	OPP.	1,798	16.91
Victoria City (4)	Beaven, Robert	IND.	906	9.63
Tot. 9,408	Belyea, Arthur Louis	OPP.	949	10.09
	Gregory, Francis Brooke	OPP.	1,149	12.21
	HALL, Richard	GOV.	1,274	13.54
	HELMCKEN, Henry Dallas	GOV.	1,484	15.77
	McPHILLIPS, Albert Edward	GOV.	1,229	13.06
	Stewart, Alexander	OPP.	1,065	11.32
	TURNER, John Herbert	GOV.	1,352	14.37
West Kootenay-Nelson Riding	Farwell, Arthur Stanhope	IND.	310	48.82
Tot. 635	HUME, John Frederick	OPP.	325	51.18
West Kootenay-Revelstoke Riding	KELLIE, James M.	OPP.	371	55.71
Tot. 666	White, William	GOV.	295	44.29
West Kootenay-Rossland Riding	McKane, John	GOV.	389	40.61
Tot. 958	MARTIN, James Morris	OPP.	569	59.39
West Kootenay-Slocan Riding <sup>17</sup>	GREEN, Robert Francis	OPP.	525	55.26
Tot. 950	Retallack, John Ley	GOV.	425	44.74
Westminster-Chilliwack Riding <sup>17</sup>	MUNRO, Charles William	OPP.	301	55.03
Tot. 547	Turner, John Herbert	GOV.	246	44.97

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Westminster-Delta Riding	Benson, Henry Dean	GOV.	221	40.04
Tot. 552	FORSTER, Thomas William	OPP.	331	59.96
Westminster-Dewdney Riding	McBRIDE, Richard	GOV.	239	52.53
Tot. 455	Whetham, Charles	OPP.	216	47.47
Westminster-Richmond Riding	KIDD, Thomas	OPP.	357	67.36
Tot. 530	McQueen, James	GOV.	173	32.64
Yale-East Riding <sup>7</sup>	ELLISON, Price	GOV.	481	54.17
Tot. 888	Graham, Donald	OPP.	407	45.83
Yale-North Riding	DEANE, Francis John	OPP.	427	50.24
Tot. 850	Martin, George Bohun	GOV.	423	49.76
Yale-West Riding	Mackay, John James	GOV.	88	30.24
Tot. 291	SEMLIN, Charles Augustus	OPP.	203	69.76

1. 15 July 1898 for Cassiar. The date was set by the Returning Officer (SBC 1897 c.67 s.46).
2. 6 August 1898 for Cassiar with the exception of Rivers Inlet polling division where polling took place 30 July 1898. The date was set by the Returning Officer (SBC 1897 c.67 s.53).
3. Based on incomplete results for Cowichan. See note 9.
4. J.H. Turner ran in both Victoria City and the Chilliwack Riding of Westminster, although he was elected only in the former. He is counted as two candidates.
5. Derived, for the most part, from R.E. Gosnell, The Year Book of British Columbia, 1903. Other sources are noted.
6. Government (GOV.) candidates supported the administration of J.H. Turner, Opposition (OPP.) candidates opposed it. Others ran as Independents (IND.) or as Labour (LBR.) candidates.
7. Results taken from Vancouver News Advertiser 17 July 1898.
8. The given names of this candidate do not appear in Gosnell or other cited sources but he is the only McAllan to appear on the 1898 Voters List for Comox.
9. Results taken from the Victoria Colonist 12 July 1898; one poll was not included. The Nanaimo Free Press for the same date give the incomplete results as 113 and 174.
10. Results taken from the Victoria Colonist 12 July 1898. Although Bullen received more votes than Higgins, the B.C. Supreme Court controverted his election and declared Higgins elected instead. See "Controverted and Voided Elections".
11. Also referred to as an independent government supporter by the newspapers.
12. Results taken from the Victoria Colonist 12 July 1898.
13. Ran as a "Labour-Oppositionist, i.e. as a Labour candidate but with Opposition support (T.R. Loosmore, "The British Columbia Labour Movement and Political Action in British Columbia, 1879-1906", 1954, p. 92).
14. Also referred to as an independent opposition candidate in the newspapers.
15. Ran on a "Citizens' ticket, friendly to the government" (Victoria Colonist 12 July 1898, p. 3).
16. Received labour support. Macpherson was referred to as a Labour candidate by some of the newspapers.
17. Results taken from the 1898-99 Canadian Parliamentary Guide.







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## 9th General Election 1900

Dissolution of legislature	10 April 1900
Issue of writs	24 April 1900
Nomination day	26 May 1900
Polling day	9 June 1900
Return day of writs	30 June 1900
Opening of new legislature	19 July 1900

### Summary

Votes	47,184
Candidates	93 <sup>1</sup>
Members	38

### Results By Electoral District<sup>2</sup>

		PARTY <sup>3</sup>	VOTES	%
Alberni	NEILL, Alan Webster	PRO.	108	54.55
Tot. 198	Redford, James	GOV.	57	28.79
	Thomson, James Bain	CONS./ OPP.	33	16.67
Cariboo (2)	HUNTER, Joseph	CONS.	302	31.17
Tot. 969	Jones, Harry	PRO.	201	20.74
	Kinchant, John Charlton	PRO.	177	18.27
	ROGERS, Samuel Augustus	CONS.	289	29.82
Cassiar (2)	CLIFFORD, Charles William Digby	CONS./ OPP.	318	30.67

Tot. 1,037	Godfrey, Alexander	---	4	198	19.09
	Irving, John	IND./OPP.		244	23.53
	STABLES, James	---	4	277	26.71
Comox	McPhee, Joseph	GOV./ PRO. <sup>5</sup>		279	45.22
Tot. 617	MOUNCE, Lewis Alfred	OPP. <sup>5</sup>		338	54.78
Cowichan	DICKIE, Charles Herbert	IND./ CONS.		224	67.67
Tot. 331	Ford, Walter	GOV.		107	32.33
East Kootenay-North Riding	Armstrong, Francis Patrick	CONS.		111	25.52
Tot. 435	Burnett, Frank	GOV.		78	17.93
	WELLS, Wilmer Cleveland	IND./PRO.		246	56.55
East Kootenay-South Riding	Costigan, John Ryan	CONS.		171	17.41
Tot. 982	Fernie, William	IND.		383	39.00
	SMITH, Edwin Clarke	GOV.		428	43.58
Esquimalt (2)	Bizantson, George	GOV.		50	6.77
Tot. 738	Fraser, Donald	GOV.		75	10.16
	HAYWARD, William Henry	IND./OPP.		272	36.86
	Higgins, David Williams	IND./OPP.		111	15.04
	POOLEY, Charles Edward	OPP.		230	31.17
Lillooet-East Riding	Graham, Robert Thomas	GOV.		43	20.77
Tot. 207	PRENTICE, James Douglas	OPP./ PRO.		164	79.23
Lillooet-West Riding	Lachore, Alexander	GOV.		7	3.17
Tot. 221	Skinner, Robert B.	IND.		80	36.20
	SMITH, Alfred Wellington	IND./OPP.		134	60.63
Nanaimo City	SMITH, Ralph	LBR. <sup>6</sup>		763	89.87
Tot. 849	Yates, James Stuart	GOV.		86	10.13
New Westminster City	BROWN, John Cunningham	GOV.		628	53.77
Tot. 1,168	Reid, Robie Lewis	CONS.		540	46.23

		PARTY	VOTES	%
North Nanaimo	Bryden, John	OPP.	195	38.54
Tot. 506	Dixon, John D.	IND./ LBR. <sup>7</sup>	73	14.43
	McINNES, William Wallace Burns	IND.	238	47.04
North Victoria	BOOTH, John Paton	IND.LIB.	123	43.77
Tot. 281	Robertson, Horatio John	IND./OPP.	41	14.59
	White, James Johnstone	GOV./IND.	117	41.64
South Nanaimo	DUNSMUIR, James	OPP.	249	52.53
Tot. 474	Radcliffe, John	LBR. <sup>8</sup>	225	47.47
South Victoria	EBERTS, David McEwen	OPP.	259	55.46
Tot. 467	Sangster, George	GOV. (IND.)	208	44.54
Vancouver City (4)	Carter-Cotton, Francis Lovett	PRO.	802	5.24
Tot. 15,315	Dixon, Joseph	LBR. <sup>9</sup>	853	5.57
	GARDEN, James Ford	CONS.	1,787	11.67
	GILMOUR, Hugh Bowie	GOV.	1,465	9.57
	MacClain, William	SOC. <sup>10</sup>	683	4.46
	Macpherson, Robert	GOV. (IND.) <sup>11</sup>	1,435	9.37
	MARTIN, Joseph	GOV.	1,737	11.34
	McQueen, James	GOV.	1,391	9.08
	TATLOW, Robert Garnett	CONS.	1,645	10.74
	Williams, Francis	LBR. <sup>9</sup>	716	4.67
	Wilson, Charles	CONS.	1,457	9.51
	Wood, William Henry	CONS.	1,344	8.78
Victoria City (4)	Beckwith, John Leander	GOV.	1,154	10.25
Tot. 11,264	Brown, John Graham	GOV.	1,259	11.18
	HALL, Richard	OPP.	1,597	14.18
	HELMCKEN, Henry Dallas	OPP.	1,668	14.80
	Martin, Joseph	GOV.	1,352	12.00
	McPHILLIPS, Albert Edward	OPP.	1,449	12.86
	TURNER, John Herbert	OPP.	1,552	13.78
	Yates, James Stuart	GOV.	1,233	10.95

West Kootenay-Nelson Riding	Fletcher, Frank	CONS.	508	32.82
Tot. 1,548	Hall, George Arthur Benjamin	IND.LIB. <sup>12</sup>	293	18.93
	HOUSTON, John	PRO.	747	48.26
West Kootenay-Revelstoke Riding	McRae, Alexander	GOV./ IND. <sup>13</sup>	368	41.77
Tot. 881	TAYLOR, Thomas	CONS. <sup>14</sup>	513	58.23
West Kootenay-Rossland Riding	CURTIS, Smith	GOV.	1,323	50.69
Tot. 2,610	Mackintosh, Charles H.	CONS.	1,287	49.31
West Kootenay-Slocan Riding	GREEN, Robert Francis	PRO. <sup>15</sup>	639	54.06
Tot. 1,182	Kane, George Thomas	GOV.	170	14.38
	Keen, John	CONS.	373	31.56
		<b>PARTY</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>%</b>
Westminster-Chilliwack Riding	Ashwell, George Randall	CONS.	251	48.46
Tot. 518	MUNRO, Charles William	PRO.	267	51.54
Westminster-Delta Riding	Berry, John Walter	CONS.	215	30.20
Tot. 712	Forster, Thomas William	PRO.	173	24.30
	OLIVER, John	GOV.	324	45.51
Westminster-Dewdney Riding	McBRIDE, Richard	CONS.	338	54.25
Tot. 623	Whetham, Charles	GOV.	285	45.75
Westminster-Richmond Riding	KIDD, Thomas	PRO.	222	39.71
Tot. 559	Rowan, Duncan	GOV.	204	36.49
	Wilkinson, Michael B.	CONS.	133	23.79
Yale-East Riding	ELLISON, Price	OPP.	619	60.99
Tot. 1,015	Raymer, Henry William	PRO.	45	4.43
	Snodgrass, William Jessup	GOV.	351	34.58
Yale-North Riding	Deane, Francis John	PRO.	388	39.75
Tot. 976	FULTON, Frederick John	IND./OPP.	504	51.64
	Palmer, Algernon Judson	GOV.	84	8.61
Yale-West Riding	Beebe, George Washington	GOV.	149	29.74

Tot. 501	MURPHY, Denis	OPP./ PRO.	352	70.26
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1. J. Martin ran in both Vancouver City and Victoria City but was elected only in the former. J.S. Yates ran twice as well, in Nanaimo City and Victoria City but failed to be elected in either. Each candidate is counted twice.
  2. What appears to be an official count supplied by the Provincial Secretary appears in the 1901 Canadian Parliamentary Guide.
  3. This election foreshadowed the division along formal party lines which occurred in the 1903 general election. Although the traditional division of "Government" and "Opposition" was still present, the latter was composed of various groups, or factions, some calling themselves parties and some using federal party labels. The Government (GOV.) group was led by the premier, Joseph Martin, a Liberal. Some supported his platform but opposed him as leader (GOV.(IND.)). The Opposition consisted of those who ran as straight Opposition candidates (OPP.), some under the leadership of John Herbert Turner, a Conservative; those who ran in support of the Liberal Conservative Party (CONS.) led by Charles Wilson, a Conservative; those who ran under the aegis of the Provincial Party (PRO.), led by Francis Lovett Carter-Cotton, a Conservative; those who ran as Independents (IND.), Independent Conservatives (IND.CONS.), and Independent Liberals (IND.LIB.); Labour (LBR.) candidates; and one Socialist (SOC.) candidate. In some instances different newspapers gave different affiliations for candidates; these are shown separated by a / , e.g. IND./CONS.
  4. Not mentioned in the newspapers. Stables may have been an Independent Government supporter.
  5. McPhee was nominated as a Liberal candidate in opposition to Mounce who campaigned as a Conservative Party supporter. According to the Nanaimo Herald both were anti-Martin but the Vancouver Province and Victoria Times listed McPhee as a Government candidate. The Herald listed him as a Provincial Party supporter.
  6. Nanaimo (Independent) Labour Party candidate supported by R.E. McKechnie, former Member and supporter of the Provincial Party. Also endorsed by Nanaimo Trades and Labour Council. The N(I)LP appears to have been only loosely organized although a detailed platform was drawn up. (Nanaimo Herald 1 May 1900).
  7. N(I)LP candidate supported by Provincial Party. (See note 6.)
  8. N(I)LP candidate supported by Provincial Party. (See note 6.) His name was also spelled Ratcliff and Ratcliffe by the press.
  9. Nominees of the Vancouver Trades and Labour Council. Also called "Independent Labour Party" candidates although the Vancouver (Independent) Labour Party was not formally organized until after the election.
  10. Nominee of the United Socialist Labour Party and Canadian Socialist League. Supported by the Vancouver Trades and Labour Council. First socialist to contest a British Columbia election.
  11. Nominated at a meeting of "unorganized laboring men" (Nanaimo Herald 1 May 1900). Not supported by the Vancouver Trades and Labour Council.
  12. Also listed as a Government supporter.
  13. Also described as an Opposition Liberal.
  14. Endorsed by the Revelstoke Trades and Labour Council.
  15. Endorsed by the Miners' Union.

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## 10th General Election 1903<sup>1</sup>

Dissolution of legislature	16 June 1903
Issue of writs	5 September 1903 <sup>2</sup>
Nomination day	19 September 1903 <sup>3</sup>
Polling day	3 October 1903
Return day of writs	2 November 1903 <sup>4</sup>
Opening of new legislature	26 November 1903 <sup>5</sup>

## Summary<sup>6</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Conservative Party	27,913	46.43	22	41 <sup>8</sup>
Labour (Party) <sup>7</sup>	4,421	7.36	1	5
Liberal Party	22,715	37.78	17	39 <sup>8</sup>
Socialist Labour Party	284	.47	-	1
Socialist Party of British Columbia	4,787	7.96	2	10
TOTALS	60,120	100.00	42	95 <sup>8</sup>

## Results By Electoral District<sup>6</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Hickey, Robert Hume F.	CONS.	102	24.17
Tot. 422	McINNES, William Wallace Burns	LIB.	320	75.83
Atlin	Kirkland, John	LIB. <sup>9</sup>	202	46.12
Tot. 438	YOUNG, Henry Esson	CONS.	236	53.88
Cariboo (2)	Adams, William	CONS.	411	23.76

Tot. 1,730	JONES, Harry	LIB.	439	25.37
	MURPHY, James	LIB.	501	28.96
	Rogers, Samuel Augustus	CONS.	379	21.91
Chilliwack	Atkinson, John Luther	CONS.	267	44.72
Tot. 597	MUNRO, Charles William	LIB.	330	55.28
Columbia	WELLS, Wilmer Cleveland	LIB.	Accl.	----
Comox	GRANT, Robert	CONS.	361	53.24
Tot. 678	Young, Frederick McBain	LIB.	317	46.76
Cowichan	EVANS, John Newell	LIB.	225	51.14
Tot. 440	Skinner, Ernest Meeson	CONS.	215	48.84
Cranbrook	Caven, Thomas Donald	CONS.	435	46.52
Tot. 935	KING, James Horace	LIB.	500	53.48
Delta	Ladner, William Henry	CONS.	309	40.87
Tot. 756	OLIVER, John	LIB.	447	59.13
Dewdney	McBRIDE, Richard	CONS.	427	66.10
Tot. 646	Forrester, William Waugh	LIB.	219	33.90
Esquimalt	Jardine, John	LIB.	212	47.01
Tot. 451	POOLEY, Charles Edward	CONS.	239	52.99
Fernie	McPherson, John Ross	SPBC	221	26.12
Tot. 846	ROSS, William Roderick	CONS.	316	37.35
	Smith, Edwin Clarke	LIB.	309	36.52
Grand Forks	Clement, William Henry Pope	LIB.	173	23.04
Tot. 751	FRASER, George Arthur	CONS.	346	46.07
	Riordan, John	SPBC	232	30.89
Greenwood <sup>10</sup>	BROWN, John Robert	LIB.	238	36.73
Tot. 648	Mills, Ernest	SPBC	229	35.34
	Spankie, James Ernest	CONS.	181	27.93

PARTY

VOTES

%



The Islands	Bullock, Henry Wright	CONS.	154	41.07
Tot. 375	PATERSON, Thomas Wilson	LIB.	221	58.93
Kamloops	Deane, Francis John	LIB.	494	48.86
Tot. 1,011	FULTON, Frederick John	CONS.	517	51.14
Kaslo <sup>11</sup>	GREEN, Robert Francis	CONS.	268	40.42
Tot. 663	Retallack, John Ley	LIB.	231	34.84
	Shannon, Samuel	SPBC	164	24.74
Lillooet	McDONALD, Archibald	CONS.	Accl.	-----
Nanaimo City	HAWTHORNTHWAITE, James Hurst	SPBC	486	43.98
Tot. 1,105	Quennell, Edward	CONS.	325	29.41
	Shepherd, Henry (Harry)	N(I)LP <sup>12</sup>	294	26.61
Nelson City <sup>13</sup>	HOUSTON, John	CONS.	424	54.29
Tot. 781	Taylor, Sidney Stockton	LIB.	357	45.71
Newcastle	Bryden, Alexander	CONS.	217	30.18
Tot. 719	Murray, David W.	LIB.	214	29.76
	WILLIAMS, Parker	SPBC	288	40.06
New Westminster City <sup>14</sup>	GIFFORD, Thomas	CONS.	772	57.31
Tot. 1,347	Keary, William H.	LIB.	575	42.69
Okanagan	ELLISON, Price	CONS.	725	56.77
Tot. 1,277	Stirling, Thomas Willing	LIB.	552	43.23
Revelstoke	Bennett, John William	SPBC	186	22.04
Tot. 844	Kellie, James M.	LIB.	316	37.44
	TAYLOR, Thomas	CONS.	342	40.52
Richmond	CARTER-COTTON, Francis Lovett	CONS.	460	58.97
Tot. 780	Brown, John Cunningham	LIB.	320	41.03
Rossland City	Goodeve, Arthur Samuel	CONS.	343	44.03
Tot. 779	MacDONALD, James Alexander	LIB.	436	55.97
Saanich	Eberts, David McEwen	CONS.	216	45.38

Tot. 476	TANNER, Henry Ernest	LIB.	260	54.62
Similkameen	McLean, William Alexander	LIB.	214	41.72
Tot. 513	SHATFORD, Lytton Wilmot	CONS.	299	58.28
Skeena	CLIFFORD, Charles William Digby	CONS.	197	55.97
Tot. 352	Herman, Peter	LIB.	155	44.03
Slocan	DAVIDSON, William	LBR. <sup>15</sup>	358	55.33
Tot. 647	Hunter, William	CONS.	289	44.67

1. This was the first provincial election in British Columbia fought along organized federal party lines, i.e. Conservative and Liberal.
2. Originally issued 16 July 1903. Reissued to amend the nomination and return days.
3. Amended from 15 October 1903.
4. Amended from 18 November 1903.
5. Amended from 21 January 1904.
6. Results are based on R.E. Gosnell, The Year Book of British Columbia, 1911. Detailed results also appear in the 1903 edition but in three instances they vary from those in the 1911 edition. The Vancouver Province 5 October 1903 in some cases reports higher figures than those given by either edition of Gosnell. All these variations have been noted. Party affiliations are based on Gosnell 1903, Gosnell 1911, and press reports.
7. There was no provincial "Labour Party" as such. Each of the three Electoral Districts with a Labour candidate (Nanaimo, Slocan, and Vancouver City) had a local, autonomous Labour Party. As well, some Liberal candidates appear to have run on a "Liberal-Labour" platform (Atlin, Victoria and Ymir).
8. The Conservative Party and the Liberal Party each elected one candidate by acclamation.
9. Referred to as a "Labour candidate" in the Vancouver Trades and Labour Council Minutes, September 1903 (T.R. Loosmore, "The British Columbia Labour Movement and Political Action, 1879-1906", 1954, p. 194).
10. The Vancouver Province gives 380,332, and 265 respectively.
11. Gosnell 1903 gives 292,252, and 164 respectively; the Vancouver Province gives 325, 286, and 179.
12. Nominated by the Nanaimo (Independent) Labour Party which had the support and participation of local Liberals (Loosmore, pp. 195-6). During the 1907 election he was referred to as having been a "Liberal-Labour candidate" in the 1903 election.
13. The Vancouver Province gives 442 and 375.
14. The Vancouver Province gives 854 and 657.
15. Nominated by the Slocan Labour Party, which was based on the Provincial Progressive Party of 1902, and supported by the Socialists (Loosmore, pp. 200-1).



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## 11th General Election 1907

Dissolution of legislature	24 December 1906
Issue of writs	24 December 1906
Nomination day	19 January 1907
Polling day	2 February 1907 <sup>1</sup>
Return day of writs	2 February 1907 <sup>2</sup>
Opening of new legislature	7 March 1907

### Summary<sup>3</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Canadian Labour Party of British Columbia <sup>4</sup>	2,495	3.95	-	6
Conservative Party	30,781 <sup>6</sup>	48.70	26 <sup>7</sup>	42 <sup>7</sup>
Independent	147	.23	-	1
Independent Labour <sup>5</sup>	487	.77	-	2
Independent Socialist	211	.33	-	1
Liberal Party	23,481 <sup>6</sup>	37.15	13	40
Socialist Party of Canada	5,603	8.87	3	20
TOTALS	63,205 <sup>6</sup>	100.00	42 <sup>7</sup>	112 <sup>7</sup>

### Results By Electoral District<sup>3</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	BREWSTER, Harlan Carey	LIB.	236	48.86
Tot. 483	Cartwright, James	SPC	43	8.90
	Manson, William	CONS.	204	42.24

Atlin <sup>8</sup>	Irving, John	LIB.	[46]	[37.10]
Tot. 124	YOUNG, Henry Esson	CONS.	[78]	[62.90]
Cariboo (2)	Champion, Leon Frederick James	CONS.	135	20.64
Tot. 654	JONES, Harry	LIB.	184	28.14
	Wilson, Charles	CONS.	152	23.24
	YORSTON, John Mackay	LIB.	183	27.98
Chilliwack	Cawley, Samuel Arthur	CONS.	310	48.36
Tot. 641	MUNRO, Charles William	LIB.	331	51.64
Columbia	PARSON, Henry George	CONS.	254	56.57
Tot. 449	Wells, Wilmer Cleveland	LIB.	195	43.43
Comox	Bennett, John Bertram	LIB.	292	43.98
Tot. 664	GRANT, Robert	CONS.	372	56.02
Cowichan	Evans, John Newell	LIB.	105	46.05
Tot. 228	HAYWARD, William Henry	CONS.	123	53.95
Cranbrook	Harvey, Albert	CONS.	378	35.59
Tot. 1,062	Kelley, Edward	IND.SOC.	211	19.87
	KING, James Horace	LIB.	473	44.54
Delta	MacKenzie, Francis James Anderson	CONS.	261	37.77
Tot. 691	OLIVER, John	LIB.	430	62.23
Dewdney	Jardine, Robert	LIB.	241	38.56
Tot. 625	McBRIDE, Richard	CONS.	384	61.44
Esquimalt <sup>9</sup>	JARDINE, John	LIB.	297	58.58
Tot. 507	Pooley, Charles Edward	CONS.	210	41.42
Fernie	Dicken, William Martin	LIB.	66	9.42
Tot. 701	Moore, William Harrison	SPC	285	40.66
	ROSS, William Roderick	CONS.	350	49.93
Grand Forks	Gregory, Herbert Watson	LIB.	160	21.68
Tot. 738	McINNIS, John	SPC	323	43.77
	Miller, Ernest	CONS.	255	34.55

Greenwood	Dynes, Edgar William	SPC	176	30.19
Tot. 583	NADEN, George Ratcliffe	LIB.	217	37.22
	Warren, Edward George	CONS.	190	32.59

1. Amended to 16 February 1907 for the Douglas polling division of Dewdney Electoral District and the Aldermere and Hazelton polling divisions of Skeena Electoral District. Amended to 23 February 1907 for the Silver King Mine and Yingling polling division of Ymir Electoral District.

2. Amended to 9 March 1907 for Atlin, Okanagan, Richmond, and Ymir. Amended to 16 March 1907 for Skeena.

3. Results are based on R.E. Gosnell, The Year Book of British Columbia, 1911, and the 1908 Canadian Parliamentary Guide (CPG) unless otherwise noted. Party affiliation is based on newspaper reports.

4. Organized in 1906. Not the same as the Canadian Labour Party of B.C. which contested the 1924 election. Sometimes referred to as "Independent Labour Party" by the newspapers which creates some confusion with the situation in Nanaimo City and Newcastle (see note 5).

5. Although the candidates in Nanaimo City and Newcastle called themselves "Independent Labour" candidates, the Conservative press described them as "Liberal-Labour" candidates. They did have Liberal support in both cases and no Liberals were nominated for either District. They were also repudiated by the Victoria branch of the CLPBC.

6. Based on incomplete results for Atlin.

7. One candidate, R. McBride, who contested and was elected in both Dewdney and Victoria City, is counted twice.

8. Incomplete results with 4 or 5 polling places unreported (Victoria Colonist 6 February 1907, p. 5). Gosnell and CPG give 20 and 41.

9. Gosnell and CPG give 187 and 134 but these are the results from the Esquimalt polling division only. The official count with all eight polls is reported in the Victoria Colonist 6 February 1907, p. 5.

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## 12th General Election 1909

Dissolution of legislature	20 October 1909
Issue of writs	20 October 1909
Nomination day	11 November 1909
Polling day	25 November 1909 <sup>1</sup>
Return day of writs	6 January 1910 <sup>2</sup>
Opening of new legislature	20 January 1910

### Summary<sup>3</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Canadian Labour Party of British Columbia <sup>4</sup>	165	.16	-	1
Conservative Party	53,074	52.33	38 <sup>5</sup>	42 <sup>5</sup>
Independent	2,625	2.59	-	3
Independent Conservative	154	.15	-	1
Independent Labour	57	.06	-	1
Liberal Party	33,675	33.21	2	36 <sup>5</sup>
Socialist Party of Canada	11,665	11.50	2	20
TOTALS	101,415	100.00	42	104

### Results By Electoral District<sup>3</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	BREWSTER, Harlan Carey	LIB.	293	53.37
Tot. 549	Morgan, Arthur David	CONS.	256	46.63
Atlin	Irving, John	LIB.	65	37.79
Tot. 172	YOUNG, Henry Esson	CONS.	107	62.21

Cariboo (2)	CALLANAN, Michael	CONS.	273	31.86
Tot. 857	FRASER, John Anderson	CONS.	267	31.15
	Jones, Harry	LIB.	159	18.55
	Yorston, John Mackay	LIB.	158	18.44
Chilliwack	CAWLEY, Samuel Arthur	CONS.	604	54.07
Tot. 1,117	Munro, Charles William	LIB.	513	45.93
Columbia	Buckham, John Andrew	LIB.	245	48.32
Tot. 507	PARSON, Henry George	CONS.	262	51.68
Comox	Cartwright, James	SPC	206	20.96
Tot. 983	Duncan, William	IND.	154	15.67
		CONS.		
	Forrest, James McKelvey	LIB.	172	17.50
	MANSON, Michael	CONS.	451	45.88
Cowichan	Evans, John Newell	LIB.	175	32.41
Tot. 540	HAYWARD, William Henry	CONS.	365	67.59
Cranbrook	CAVEN, Thomas Donald	CONS.	761	54.16
Tot. 1,405	Fitch, John William	SPC	143	10.18
	Macdonald, Malcolm Archibald	LIB.	501	35.66
Delta	MackENZIE, Francis James Anderson	CONS.	765 <sup>6</sup>	58.13
Tot. 1,316	Oliver, John	LIB.	551 <sup>6</sup>	41.87
Dewdney	MANSON, William J.	CONS.	625 <sup>7</sup>	67.42
Tot. 927	Thompson, Alister	LIB.	302	32.58
Esquimalt	Helmcken, Henry Dallas	CONS.	362	45.36
Tot. 798	JARDINE, John	LIB.	436	54.64
Fernie	Fisher, Alexander Ingram	LIB.	405	21.90
Tot. 1,849	Harrington, John David	SPC	649	35.10
	ROSS, William Roderick	CONS.	795 <sup>8</sup>	43.00
Grand Forks	McInnis, John	SPC	334	33.40
Tot. 1,000	MILLER, Ernest	CONS.	516	51.60

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1. Amended to 30 November 1909 for the North Side Francois Lake, Ootsa Lake, and South Side Francois Lake polling divisions of the Skeena Electoral District, and to 16 December 1909 for the Canoe River polling division of the Revelstoke Electoral District.
  2. Amended to 16 January 1910 for Skeena.
  3. Figures correspond to those in R.E. Gosnell, The Yearbook of British Columbia, 1911, unless otherwise noted. Party affiliation is derived from Gosnell, the daily newspapers, and the Western Clarion.
  4. Organized in 1906. Not the same as the CLP which contested the 1924 election.
  5. Two candidates are counted twice: R. McBride, who contested and was elected in both Victoria City and Yale, and J. Oliver who contested but was defeated in both Delta and Victoria City.
  6. Results of recount as reported in New Westminster Columbian 29 November 1909, p.1.
  7. Fraser Valley Record 2 December 1909, p. 1. Gosnell gives 325.
  8. Official count as reported in Fernie Free Press 3 December 1909, p. 1. Gosnell gives 695.

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## 13th General Election 1912

Dissolution of legislature	27 February 1912
Issue of writs	27 February 1912
Nomination day	14 March 1912 <sup>1</sup>
Polling day	28 March 1912
Return day of writs	1 June 1912
Opening of new legislature	16 January 1913

### Summary<sup>2</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Conservative Party	50,423	59.65	39 <sup>2</sup>	42 <sup>2</sup>
Independent	1,513	1.79	-	2
Independent Conservative	1,163	1.37	1	7
Liberal Party	21,443	25.37	-	19
Social Democratic Party	621	.74	1	1
Socialist Party of Canada	9,366	11.08	1	17
TOTALS	84,529	100.00	42	88 <sup>2</sup>

### Results By Electoral District<sup>1</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	WOOD, John George Corry	CONS.	Accl.	-----
Atlin	YOUNG, Henry Esson	CONS.	Accl.	-----
Cariboo (2)	CALLANAN, Michael	CONS.	310	37.48
Tot. 827	FRASER, John Anderson	CONS.	335	40.51

	Holt, John	LIB. <sup>3</sup>	182	22.01
Chilliwack	CAWLEY, Samuel Arthur	CONS.	Accl.	-----
Columbia	FORSTER, Harold Ernest	IND. CONS. <sup>4</sup>	282	51.74
Tot. 545	Parson, Henry George	CONS.	263	48.26
Comox	Lefeaux, Wallis Walter	SPC	355	33.84
Tot. 1,049	MANSON, Michael	CONS.	694	66.16
Cowichan	HAYWARD, William Henry	CONS.	441	80.04
Tot. 551	Herd, Alexander Agnew Belford	LIB.	110	19.96
Cranbrook	CAVEN, Thomas Donald	CONS.	Accl.	-----
Delta	MackENZIE, Francis James Anderson	CONS.	748	70.83
Tot. 1,056	Oliver, John	LIB.	308	29.17
Dewdney	McNeice, John Higginson	IND. CONS. <sup>5</sup>	194	19.46
Tot. 997	MANSON, William J.	CONS.	803	80.54
Esquimalt	Helmcken, Henry Dallas	IND. CONS. <sup>5</sup>	186	21.73
Tot. 856	Jackson, Malcolm Bruce	LIB.	151	17.64
	Jardine, John	IND. CONS. <sup>5</sup>	96	11.21
	Oliver, George	SPC	25	2.92
	POOLEY, Robert Henry	CONS.	398	46.50
Fernie	Davidson, William	SPC	763	41.69
Tot. 1,830	ROSS, William Roderick	CONS.	1,067	58.31
Grand Forks	MILLER, Ernest	CONS.	Accl.	-----
Greenwood	Heatherton, George	SPC	102	21.89
Tot. 466	JACKSON, John Robert	CONS.	364	78.11
The Islands	McPHILLIPS, Albert Edward	CONS.	345	75.66

Tot. 456	Winch, Percy Kent	IND. CONS.	111	24.34
Kamloops	Leighton, Raymond Findlay	LIB.	397	29.89
Tot. 1,328	SHAW, James Pearson	CONS.	931	70.11

1. Amended from 12 March.

2. No official printed results appear to exist although, according to the Vancouver Province 29 October 1912, p. 21, the Provincial Secretary had prepared a document for the Legislature which was described as a "table of figures showing votes cast in each constituency and each polling subdivision". There is no record, however, of any such compilation being tabled during the 1913 session. The figures quoted by the Province correspond almost exactly to the results printed in the 1913 Canadian Parliamentary Guide (CPG). The Province totals, on the other hand, for the Liberals and the "Socialists" and the grand total, vary considerably from the totals obtained by adding the votes for each candidate. Party affiliation is given in the CPG but varies from newspaper reports in a few instances which have been noted. The CPG also uses "Socialist" for both the Socialist Party of Canada and the Social Democratic Party of Canada. The Western Clarion 23 March 1912, p. 1 makes the affiliation clear. Since 9 Conservatives were elected by acclamation, i.e. without any polling of votes, the total votes for the Conservative Party and the overall total as well as the popular vote are somewhat misleading. A potential 14,086 voters did not have the opportunity to exercise their franchise. Given a voter turnout of almost 50% in other Districts, the total number of votes could have been about 7,000 more.

3. CPG identifies as an Independent.

4. CPG identifies as a Conservative. When he failed to obtain the official nomination, Forster ran as an Independent Conservative but in full support of the McBride government.

5. CPG identifies as Conservative.

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## 14th General Election 1916

Dissolution of legislature	31 May 1916
Issue of writs	5 July 1916
Nomination day	3 August 1916
Polling day	14 September 1916 <sup>1</sup>
Return day of writs	14 December 1916
Opening of new legislature	1 March 1916

### Summary<sup>2</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Conservative Party	72,842	40.52	9	46
Independent	4,926	2.74	1	7
Independent Conservative	3,014	1.68	-	4
Independent Labour	2,985	1.66	-	2
Independent Liberal	1,518	.84	-	1
Independent Progressive	158	.09	-	1
Independent Socialist	1,321	.74	1	3
Liberal Party	89,892	50.00	36 <sup>3</sup>	45 <sup>3</sup>
Social Democratic Party of Canada	1,012	.56	-	3
Socialist Party of Canada	2,106	1.17	-	4
TOTALS	179,774	100.00	47	116

### Results By Electoral District<sup>2</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	BREWSTER, Harlan Carey	LIB.	393	39.26

Tot. 1,001	Neill, Alan Webster	IND.	253	25.27
	Wood, John George Corry	CONS.	355	35.46
Atlin	McDonald, William X.	CONS.	277	45.71
Tot. 606	MOBLEY, Frank Harry	LIB.	329	54.29
Cariboo	Fraser, John Anderson	CONS.	207	31.36
Tot. 660	YORSTON, John Mackay	LIB.	453	68.64
Chilliwack	BARROW, Edward Dodsley	LIB.	987	55.64
Tot. 1,774	Macken, William Lyle	CONS.	787	44.36
Columbia	BUCKHAM, John Andrew	LIB.	541	66.63
Tot. 812	Taylor, James Norman	CONS.	271	33.37
Comox	Manson, Michael	CONS.	882	41.47
Tot. 2,127	Pritchard, William Arthur	SPC	246	11.57
	STEWART, Hugh	LIB.	916	43.07
	Winkler, George Edgar	SDPC	83	3.90
Cowichan	Duncan, Kenneth Forrest	LIB.	408	43.08
Tot. 947	HAYWARD, William Henry	IND. <sup>4</sup>	539	56.92
Cranbrook	Caven, Thomas Donald	CONS.	504	40.94
Tot. 1,231	KING, James Horace	LIB.	727	59.06
Delta	MacKENZIE, Francis James Anderson	CONS.	964	51.55
Tot. 1,870	Paterson, Alexander McDonald	LIB.	906	48.45
Dewdney	Manson, William J.	CONS.	787	45.92
Tot. 1,714	OLIVER, John	LIB.	927	54.08
Esquimalt <sup>5</sup>	McCurdy, Arthur William	LIB.	653	49.92
Tot. 1,308	POOLEY, Robert Henry	CONS.	655	50.08
Fernie	FISHER, Alexander Ingram	LIB.	903	46.38
Tot. 1,947	McDonald, John Amos	SPC	218	11.20
	Uphill, Thomas Aubert	CONS.	826	42.42
Fort George <sup>6</sup>	Gillett, William George	IND.PRO.	158	13.75

Tot. 1,149	McInnis, John	IND.SOC.	492	42.82
	ROSS, William Roderick	CONS.	499	43.43
Grand Forks	Miller, Ernest	CONS.	334	36.38
Tot. 918	THOMPSON, James Edwin Wallace	LIB.	584	63.62

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1. The "soldiers' vote" in British Columbia, the rest of Canada, and overseas, was taken between 5 August 1916 and 14 September 1916.
  2. A list of candidates by Electoral District, entitled Election Returns, 1916, provides a breakdown of votes for each candidate by "Province", "Canada", and "overseas". The first category included civilian and military votes, the second and third, military votes only. This list also appeared in the B.C. Gazette 1916, p. 2605. Party affiliation is not provided and has been based on unofficial sources such as newspapers.
  3. One candidate, H.C. Brewster who contested and was elected in both Alberni and Victoria City, is counted twice. Also included as a candidate is R. McBride (Richmond) who withdrew before the 14 September polling day but received some overseas votes.
  4. Endorsed by Conservatives.
  5. McCurdy was declared elected 21 November 1916 (B.C. Gazette 1916, p. 2452) with 649 votes to Pooley's 647. Pooley requested a recount. McCurdy then submitted his resignation over alleged irregularities in taking the soldiers' vote and suggested a new election. This was rejected and the recount proceeded. Pooley emerged with a two-vote majority (Victoria Colonist, 14 December 1916, p. 7). The Election Returns, 1916 list (see note 2) provides the original count, rather than the recount.
  6. McInnis received the unofficial support of the Liberals after their candidate, C.A. Gaskill, withdrew in order to increase the chances of defeating Ross. Gillett was part of a breakaway Conservative group. Alleged irregularities led to a commission of inquiry which found the charges not substantiated. See "Royal and Special Commissions" (Fort George Election Inquiry 1917).



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## 15th General Election 1920<sup>1</sup>

Dissolution of legislature	23 October 1920
Issue of writs	23 October 1920
Nomination day	10 November 1920
Polling day	1 December 1920
Return day of writs	19 January 1921 <sup>2</sup>
Opening of new legislature	8 February 1921

### Summary<sup>3</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Conservative Party	110,475	31.20	15	42
Federated Labour Party <sup>4</sup>	32,230	9.10	3	14
Grand Army of United Veterans <sup>5</sup>	5,441	1.54	-	2
Independent <sup>6</sup>	36,736	10.37	3	18
Independent Conservative	1,602	.45	-	2
Independent Farmer	526	.15	-	3
Independent Labour	30	.01	-	1
Independent Liberal	3,433	.97	-	3
Independent Soldier	907	.26	-	2
Independent Socialist	419	.12	-	1
Liberal	134,167	37.89	25 <sup>9</sup>	45 <sup>9</sup>
Liberal/Conservative	424	.12	-	1
People's Party	1,354	.38	1	1
Socialist Party of Canada <sup>7</sup>	12,386	3.50	-	7
Soldier-Farmer/Soldier-Labour <sup>8</sup>	10,780	3.04	-	11
United Farmers of British Columbia	3,178	.90	-	2

TOTALS	354,088	100.00	47	155 <sup>9</sup>
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## Results By Electoral District<sup>3</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	BURDE, Richard John	IND.	841	43.94
Tot. 1,914	Langis, Henri Evariste	LIB.	398	20.79
	Money, Noel Ernest	SOL. FAR. <sup>10</sup>	675	35.27
Atlin	Bush, Oakley Beauport	IND.	28	2.63
Tot. 1,063	Casey, George Bernard	FLP <sup>11</sup>	300	28.22
	Daly, Patrick	IND.LBR.	30	2.82
	KERGIN, Herbert Frederick	LIB.	390	36.69
	King, Harold Randolph	IND.	86	8.09
	Ross, William Cameron	CONS.	229	21.54
Cariboo	Fraser, John Anderson	CONS.	349	38.35
Tot. 910	YORSTON, John Mackay	LIB.	561	61.65
Chilliwack	BARROW, Edward Dodsley	LIB.	1,911	53.16
Tot. 3,595	Coote, Andrew Leslie	CONS.	1,684	46.84
Columbia	BUCKHAM, John Andrew	LIB.	584	60.58
Tot. 964	Parson, Henry George	CONS.	380	39.42
Comox	Anderson, William Edward	CONS.	1,233	29.90
Tot. 4,124	McInnes, William Wallace Burns	IND.LIB.	731	17.73
	MENZIES, Thomas	PP <sup>12</sup>	1,354	32.83
	Stewart, Hugh	LIB.	806	19.54
Cowichan	Cheeke, George Alfred Mosley	CONS.	1,032	47.40
Tot. 2,177	DUNCAN, Kenneth Forrest	IND.	1,145	52.60
Cranbrook	Caven, Thomas Donald	IND. CONS.	905	49.02
Tot. 1,846	KING, James Horace	LIB.	941	50.98
Delta	MacKenzie, Francis James Anderson	CONS.	1,116	31.37
Tot. 3,557	OLIVER, John	LIB.	1,334	37.50



	Payne, Richmond Archie	SOL.FAR.	1,107	31.12
Dewdney	CATHERWOOD, John Alexander	CONS.	1,535	45.45
Tot. 3,377	Curry, William Jamieson	FLP	473	14.01
	Martyn, Donald Bruce	LIB.	1,369	40.54
Esquimalt	Gadsden, Burges James	SOL.LBR.	479	20.63
Tot. 2,322	Helgeson, Henry Charles	LIB.	685	29.50
	POOLEY, Robert Henry	CONS.	1,158	49.87
Fernie	Fisher, Alexander Ingram	LIB.	723	29.77
Tot. 2,429	Herchmer, Laurence Sherwood K.	CONS.	774	31.86
	UPHILL, Thomas Aubert	FLP	932	38.37

1. First provincial general election at which women voted. Absentee voting reintroduced.
2. As amended. Originally 5 January 1921.
3. A single sheet Statement of the Polls as Certified by Returning Officers on completion of final count was published which provided the total valid votes for each candidate grouped by Electoral District. Party affiliation has been derived primarily from newspapers.
4. Includes those candidates not directly nominated by, but supported by the FLP.
5. Some GAUV candidates ran on a joint Soldier-Labour ticket.
6. Includes Liberty League of B.C., Vancouver Ratepayers Association, and Women's Freedom League candidates.
7. Includes the Prince Rupert Labour candidate running on a SPC platform.
8. Sometimes referred to as a triple alliance of "Farmer-Labour-Soldier" with Soldier-Farmer candidates running in rural Districts (5 candidates, 3361 votes) and Soldier-Labour candidates running in urban ones (6 candidates, 7419 votes).
9. One member elected by acclamation. One candidate, J. Oliver, who contested and was elected in both Delta and Victoria City is counted twice.
10. Endorsed by Parksville and Errington Conservative Associations.
11. Labelled as a "Socialist, candidate of the Metalliferous Miners Industrial Union" in his campaign ad in the Western Clarion but supported by the FLP and considered a FLP candidate by the Clarion.
12. Also referred to as "People's Party-Farmer-Labour".



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## 16th General Election 1924

Dissolution of legislature	10 May 1924
Issue of writs	10 May 1924
Nomination day	30 May 1924
Polling day	20 June 1924
Return day of writs	1 August 1924 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	3 November 1924

### Summary<sup>2</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Canadian Labour Party <sup>3</sup>	39,044	11.30	3	15
Conservative Party	101,765	29.45	17	47
Farmer-Labour	478	.14	-	1
Independent	2,520	.73	-	3
Independent Conservative	2,046	.59	-	4
Independent Liberal	3,549	1.03	2	5
Liberal	108,323	31.34	23	46
Provincial Party	83,517	24.16	3	45
Socialist Party of Canada <sup>4</sup>	4,364	1.26	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>345,608</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>168</b>

### Results By Electoral District<sup>2</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	BURDE, Richard John	IND.LIB.	828	42.48
Tot. 1,949	Johnstone, James Cameron	CONS.	339	17.39

	McNaughton, Charles Arthur	PROV.	782	40.13
Atlin	Armour, Robert	PROV.	380	31.77
Tot. 1,196	Conway, Edmund John	CONS.	353	29.52
	KERGIN, Herbert Frederick	LIB.	463	38.71
Burnaby	BROWNE, Francis Aubrey	CLP	1,567	31.22
Tot. 5,020	Fraser, Hugh Murray	LIB.	1,324	26.37
	McLean, Alexander Kenneth	PROV.	1,155	23.01
	Sanderson, Thomas	CONS.	974	19.40
Cariboo	Fraser, John Anderson	CONS.	397	30.44
Tot. 1,304	STODDART, David Alexander	PROV.	493	37.81
	Yorston, John Mackay	LIB.	414	31.75
Chilliwack	BARROW, Edward Dodsley	LIB.	1,429	37.83
Tot. 3,777	MacLeod, John Alexander	PROV.	1,281	33.92
	McPhee, John J.	CONS.	1,067	28.25
Columbia	BUCKHAM, John Andrew	LIB.	644	56.84
Tot. 1,133	Chisholm, Arthur Murray	CONS.	294	25.95
	Johnston, James Stewart	PROV.	195	17.21
Comox	Duncan, William	CONS.	815	28.41
Tot. 2,869	Every-Clayton, George	PROV.	793	27.64
	HARRISON, Paul Phillips	IND.LIB.	1,261	43.95
Cowichan- Newcastle	DAVIE, Cyril Francis	CONS.	1,246	31.26
Tot. 3,986	Duncan, Kenneth Forrest	PROV.	870	21.83
	Guthrie, Samuel	CLP	1,132	28.40
	Walkem, Wymond Wolverton	LIB.	738	18.51
Cranbrook	Taylor, John	LIB.	1,062	44.47
Tot. 2,388	WALLINGER, Noel Stirling Austin Arnold	CONS.	1,326	55.53
Creston	Foster, Annie H.	PROV.	397	22.57
Tot. 1,759	LISTER, Fred W.	CONS.	879	49.97
	Norcross, John	LIB.	483	27.46

Delta	Berry, Ernest Lower	PROV.	633	17.42
Tot. 3,635	Hugh, Williams	IND.LIB.	72	1.98
	McLelan, Archibald Woodbury	CONS.	1,253	34.47
	PATERSON, Alexander McDonald	LIB.	1,677	46.13
Dewdney <sup>5</sup>	CATHERWOOD, John Alexander	CONS.	1,259	36.60
Tot. 3,440	Smith, Harold Reginald	PROV.	935	27.18
	Smith, William Maxwell	LIB.	1,246	36.22

1. Amended to 2 September 1924 for Atlin, Burnaby, Columbia, Fernie, The Islands, Kaslo-Slocan, Mackenzie, North Okanagan, Omineca, and Skeena. Amended to 10 September 1924 for Nelson, to 23 September 1924 for Vancouver City, and to 1 October 1924 for Dewdney. Problems associated with absentee voting appear to have been responsible for the delays.

2. A single sheet Statement of the Polls as certified by Returning Officers on completion of Final Count was published giving the total valid votes per candidate and per Electoral District. The number of rejected ballots is not provided nor any party affiliations. A List of Candidates gives affiliation for Candidates in the Vancouver City and Victoria City Electoral Districts, although Harrington is designated only as "Socialist Party" and the Victoria Canadian Labour Party candidates as "Labour Party". Newspapers have been used to supplement the List.

3. Not the same as the Canadian Labour Party of B.C. which contested the 1906 and 1909 general elections. Organized in British Columbia in 1924.

4. Includes joint Socialist Party of Canada - Workers' Party of Canada candidate.

5. A judicial recount on 29 July 1924 gave Maxwell Smith four extra votes, reducing Catherwood's majority to 9 (34 British Columbia Reports 246). A further recount appears to have taken place as a Supreme Court decision of 9 February 1925 which voided the election refers to Catherwood's majority as five. Catherwood was unseated but reinstated 8 June 1925. (See "Controverted and Voided Elections")



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## 17th General Election 1928

Dissolution of legislature	7 June 1928
Issue of writs	7 June 1928
Nomination day	27 June 1928
Polling day	18 July 1928
Return day of writs	1 September 1928
Opening of new legislature	22 January 1928

### Summary<sup>1</sup>

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Conservative Party	192,867 <sup>2</sup>	53.30	35	48
Independent	3,658	1.01	-	9
Independent Conservative	1,064	.29	-	2
Independent Farmer	128	.04	-	1
Independent Labour	316	.09	-	1
Independent Labour Party	17,908	4.95	1	9
Independent Liberal	1,001	.28	-	2
Liberal Party	144,872 <sup>2</sup>	40.04	12	45
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>361,814<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>117</b>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY <sup>1</sup>	VOTES	%
Alberni	Barnard, Thomas Albert	ILP <sup>3</sup>	250	10.08
Tot. 2,480	HANNA, Laurence Arnold	LIB.	1,208	48.71
Rej. 34	Rushton, Percy	CONS.	1,022	41.21

Atlin	Falconer, Thomas Wilbert	CONS.	542	46.68
Tot. 1,161	KERGIN, Herbert Frederick	LIB.	587	50.56
Rej. 22	Moult, William Herbert	IND.	32	2.76
Burnaby	Browne, Francis Aubrey	ILP <sup>4</sup>	1,330	25.32
Tot. 5,253	McIver, John Angus	LIB.	1,779	33.87
Rej. 125	RUTLEDGE, William Robert	CONS.	2,144	40.81
Cariboo	Campbell, Robert Neil	LIB.	400	28.25
Tot. 1,416	MacKENZIE, Roderick	CONS.	623	44.00
Rej. 157	Stoddart, David Alexander	IND.	393	27.75
Chilliwack	ATKINSON, William	CONS.	2,595	55.51
Tot. 4,675	Barrow, Edward Dodsley	LIB.	2,080	44.49
Rej. 79				
Columbia	BUCKHAM, John Andrew	LIB.	659	50.23
Tot. 1,312	Cross, Gladys Elspeth	IND.	26	1.98
Rej. 23	Scovil, Earle Jennings	CONS.	627	47.79
Comox	Law, William	ILP <sup>4</sup>	267	6.99
Tot. 3,822	McKenzie, John William	LIB.	1,497	39.17
Rej. 70	MacNAUGHTON, George Kerr	CONS.	2,058	53.85
Cowichan-Newcastle	DAVIE, Cyril Francis	CONS.	2,360	58.17
Tot. 4,057	Gray, St. George	IND.	90	2.22
Rej. 108	Guthrie, Samuel	ILP <sup>3</sup>	1,607	39.61
Cranbrook	MacPHERSON, Frank Mitchell	LIB.	1,833	52.46
Tot. 3,494	Wallinger, Noel Stirling Austin Arnold	CONS.	1,661	47.54
Rej. 55				
Creston	LISTER, Fred W.	CONS.	1,184	54.76
Tot. 2,162	Putnam, Frank	LIB.	978	45.24
Rej. 15				
Delta	BERRY, John Walter	CONS.	2,562	55.73
Tot. 4,597	Paterson, Alexander McDonald	LIB.	2,035	44.27
Rej. 51				

Dewdney	LOUGHEED, Nelson Seymour	CONS.	2,751	58.57
Tot. 4,697	Whiteside, David	LIB.	1,946	41.43
Rej. 159				

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Esquimalt	Carlow, Frank Robert	IND.LIB. <sup>4</sup>	25	0.86
Tot. 2,908	POOLEY, Robert Henry	CONS.	1,806	62.10
Rej. 92	Smith, Mary Ellen	LIB.	1,077	37.04

Fernie	McLean, Michael D.	CONS.	1,102	40.20
Tot. 2,741	UPHILL, Thomas Aubert	ILP <sup>3</sup>	1,639	59.80
Rej. 67				

Fort George	BURDEN, Frederick Parker	CONS.	1,487	51.61
Tot. 2,881	Perry, Henry George Thomas	LIB.	1,394	48.39
Rej. 47				

Grand Forks-Greenwood	KINGSTON, Charles Morgan	CONS.	888	52.92
Tot. 1,678	McPherson, Dougald	LIB.	790	47.08
Rej. 33				

The Islands	Jackson, Malcolm Bruce	LIB.	683	37.30
Tot. 1,831	PECK, Cyrus Wesley	CONS.	1,148	62.70
Rej. 44				

Kamloops	Colley, James Reginald	LIB.	1,516	49.75
Tot. 3,047	MICHELL, John Ralph	CONS.	1,531	50.25
Rej. 66				

Kaslo-Slocan	FITZSIMMONS, James	CONS.	1,169	51.23
Tot. 2,282	Leary, Charles Sidney	LIB.	1,113	48.77
Rej. 69				

Lillooet	CARSON, Ernest Crawford	CONS.	1,237	54.61
Tot. 2,265	Munn, Albert Edward	LIB.	1,028	45.39
Rej. 56				

Mackenzie	Heath, William John	LIB.	1,215	48.97
Tot. 2,481	MANSON, Michael	CONS.	1,266	51.03

## Rej. 51

Nanaimo	Harrison, Victor Birch	CONS.	1,301	38.73
Tot. 3,359	PEARSON, George Sharratt	LIB.	1,366	40.67
Rej. 16	Place, John Thomas Wilmot	ILP <sup>3</sup>	585	17.42
	Samson, Lawrence	IND.	107	3.19

Nelson	BORDEN, Lorris E.	CONS.	1,338	53.07
Tot. 2,521	McLean, Duncan Daniel	LIB.	1,183	46.93
Rej. 48				

New Westminster	GRAY, Arthur Wellesley	LIB.	3,262	56.16
Tot. 5,808	Sanford, Albert Morris	CONS.	2,546	43.84
Rej. 205				

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1. The Statement of Votes for 1928 provides party affiliation for all the candidates in the Vancouver City and Victoria City Districts and for the successful candidates elsewhere, although Thomas Uphill, ILP (Fernie) is listed only as Labour. A Summary of Votes: Statement of Results of 1928 General Election gives the affiliation for all candidates but sometimes designates ILP Candidates as Independent, Labour, or Independent Labour, and Independent Liberal and Independent Farmer Candidates as Independent. This explains why the totals in the Statement of Votes for "Labour" and "Independent, etc." do not correspond to the totals for ILP and Independent Labour on the one hand, and the various other Independents on the other, as listed here. Newspapers have been used to verify the various affiliations.

2. Statement of Votes. See note 1.

3. Labour in Summary of Votes.

4. Independent in Summary of Votes.

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## 18th General Election 1933

Dissolution of legislature	1 August 1933
Issue of writs	13 September 1933 <sup>1</sup>
Nomination day	12 October 1933 <sup>2</sup>
Polling day	2 November 1933 <sup>3</sup>
Return day of writs	20 December 1933 <sup>4</sup>
Opening of new legislature	20 February 1934

### Summary<sup>5</sup>

	VOTES <sup>8</sup>	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	120,185	31.53	7	46
Independent <sup>6</sup>	29,506	7.74	2	29
Independent Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	2,266	.59	-	8
Independent Conservative <sup>7</sup>	7,114	1.87	-	6
Independent Liberal	1,076	.28	-	2
Labour/Independent Labour	2,357	.62	1	4
Liberal Party	159,131	41.74	34	47
Non Partisan Independent Group <sup>7</sup>	38,836	10.19	2	30 <sup>7</sup>
Progressive Liberal	353	.09	-	1
Socialist Party of Canada	370	.10	-	5
Unionist Party of British Columbia <sup>7</sup>	15,445	4.05	1	12 <sup>7</sup>
United Front Party	4,584	1.20	-	20 <sup>8</sup>
TOTALS	381,223	100.00	47	210 <sup>8</sup>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY <sup>5</sup>	VOTES	%
Alberni-Nanaimo	Cramb, Alexander	UF	185	2.79
Tot. 6,627	Dier, Roy Branwood	IND.	162	2.44
Rej. 76	Hall, George Arthur Benjamin	NPIG	781	11.79
	PEARSON, George Sharratt	LIB.	3,146	47.47
	Telford, James Lyle	CCF	2,353	35.51
Atlin	ASSELSTINE, William James	LIB.	419	32.63
Tot. 1,284	Falconer, Thomas Wilbert	IND. (CONS.) <sup>9</sup>	136	10.59
Rej. 34	Kergin, Herbert Frederick	IND.	267	20.79
	Rolston, Herbert William Mitchell	IND.	154	11.99
	Shenton, Thomas James	CCF	308	23.99
Burnaby	Diffner, Hans John	IND.	22	0.19
Tot. 11,580	Hall, Gilbert Wainwright	NPIG	519	4.48
Rej. 138	Johnson, Eleanor Walker	LIB.	4,020	34.72
	Johnston, James Elman	IND.CCF	344	2.97
	King, James	SPC	29	0.25
	Law, Frederick William Ball	UPBC <sup>10</sup>	1,051	9.08
	Lench, William Henry	PRO.LIB. <sup>10</sup>	353	3.05
	Stevenson, John	UF	694	5.99
	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	4,548	39.27
Cariboo	Haggen, Rupert Williams	CCF	398	19.92
Tot. 1,998	MackAY, Donald Morrison	LIB.	1,089	54.50
Rej. 38	MacKenzie, Roderick	NPIG	511	25.58
Chilliwack	BARROW, Edward Dodsley	LIB.	2,273	44.96
Tot. 5,056	Hougen, Alexander Ingvald	NPIG	1,128	22.31
Rej. 70	Wheeler, John Perriman	CCF	1,655	32.73
Columbia-Revelstoke	Segur, Vincent	CCF	747	27.73
Tot. 2,694	SUTHERLAND, William Henry	LIB.	1,947	72.27
Rej. 15				
Comox	Allen, Harold Tuttle	CCF	1,590	36.03
Tot. 4,413	Bates, George Robert	IND.CCF <sup>10</sup>	276	6.25
Rej. 34	HANNA, Laurence Arnold	LIB.	2,204	49.94

	Russell, Hugh Gray	UF	259	5.87
	Tarling, Ernest Richard	IND.	84	1.90
Cowichan-Newcastle	Davie, Cyril Francis	IND.CON.S.	585	14.45
Tot. 4,048	Guthrie, Samuel	CCF	1,288	31.82
Rej. 6	Ramsay, David	LIB.	520	12.85
	SAVAGE, Hugh George Egioko	IND.(OGM) <sup>9</sup>	1,655	40.88

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1. Writs for North Vancouver, Salmon Arm, Vancouver-Burrard, Vancouver Centre and Vancouver East issued 19 September 1933.
  2. Amended to 6 November 1933 for Vancouver Centre and Victoria City, due to death of William John Bowser on 25 October 1933. He was a candidate in both Districts. Candidates already nominated were allowed to stand but new candidates could be added.
  3. Amended to 27 November 1933 for Vancouver Centre and Victoria City. See note 2.
  4. Amended to 10 January 1934 for Vancouver Centre and Victoria City. See note 2.
  5. The 1933 Statement of Votes summary provides a total vote for the Liberals and for the CCF, and groups the rest of the candidates together as Independents and others. Both this last figure and hence the overall total as shown in the Statement of Votes are incorrect. The total for Independents and others should be 101,907 not 101,896, and the overall total, 381,223. This is verified by looking at the number of Total Valid Votes (379,457) from which Grand Forks- Greenwood is excluded. (See note 11.) Adding these missing votes (1176) yields 381,223. Subtracting the CCF and Liberal votes leaves 101,907. The 1933 Statement of Votes also supplies party affiliation for all candidates in the four Vancouver Districts and in Victoria City, and for elected candidates in the other Districts. A Summary of Votes: Statement of Results of 1933 General Election gives affiliations for all the candidates. Those who are listed as Conservatives have been identified here as Independent Conservatives since the party officially ran no candidates. (See note 7.)
  6. Includes Conservatives who chose to run as straight Independents. (See note 7.) They are shown in the Results by Electoral District, when so indicated by newspaper reports, as Ind.(Cons.). Some candidates are listed as Independents in the Summary of Votes but have been otherwise identified here. One Independent was supported by the Oxford Group Movement.
  7. Because of internal discord, the provincial executive of the Conservative Party decided not to contest the election officially; each local association was to act on its own. Some candidates ran as straight Independents, some as Independent Conservatives; those supporting the premier, Simon Fraser Tolmie, ran as Unionists and those grouped around William John Bowser, a former premier, ran as Non-Partisans. When Bowser died and the election in Vancouver Centre and Victoria City was postponed, 4 NPIG and 2 UPBC candidates withdrew. See not 13 and 17.
  8. One United Front candidate, C.J. McKendrick, ran twice (Dewdney and Vancouver Centre) and is counted as two candidates.
  9. See note 6.
  10. Identified as Independent in Summary of Votes but the designation given here has been verified by newspaper accounts.



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## 19th General Election 1937

Dissolution of legislature	12 April 1937
Issue of writs	14 April 1937
Nomination day	11 May 1937
Polling day	1 June 1937
Return day of writs	1 September 1937
Opening of new legislature	26 October 1937

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
British Columbia Constructive Party	8,086	1.93	-	14
Communist Party of Canada	567	.14	-	1
Conservative Party	119,521	28.60	8	43
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	119,400	28.57	7	46
Financial Justice Party	54	.01	-	1
Independent	7,341	1.76	1	11
Labour	1,787	.43	1	2
Liberal Party	156,074	37.34	31	48
Social Credit League of British Columbia	4,812	1.15	-	18
Socialist Party of Canada	287	.07	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>417,929</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>186</b>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni-Nanaimo	Giles, Frederick Henry	BCC	397	4.87
Tot. 8,156	PEARSON, George Sherratt	LIB.	3,616	44.34

Rej. 100	Stephen, Alexander Maitland	CCF <sup>1</sup>	3,129	38.36
	Wright, Nicholas	CONS.	1,014	12.43
Atlin	ASSELSTINE, William James	LIB.	562	54.56
Tot. 1,030	Lake, Charles H.	CCF	263	25.53
Rej. 31	Love, Ernest	CONS.	205	19.90
Burnaby	Clegg, Howard Wilfrid	CONS.	2,307	17.19
Tot. 13,417	Grieve, William Ewart	LIB.	3,379	25.18
Rej. 121	Halling, Herbert Wesley	SCLBC	136	1.01
	Johnson, Eleanor Walker	IND.	1,009	7.52
	MacDonald, Roderick Charles	BCC	644	4.80
	Walker, Louis Elmo	IND.	34	0.25
	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	5,908	44.03
Cariboo	Clarke, Jennie E.	IND.	655	25.43
Tot. 2,576	LeBOURDAIS, Louis	LIB.	1,921	74.57
Rej. 62				
Chilliwack	Barrow, Edward Dodsley	LIB.	2,220	35.25
Tot. 6,298	EYRES, Leslie Harvey	CONS.	2,524	40.08
Rej. 77	Luxton, Thomas	CCF	1,554	24.67
Columbia	Gaddes, Leonard G.	CONS.	371	22.99
Tot. 1,614	KING, Thomas	LIB.	921	57.06
Rej. 39	Tallis, William Henry	CCF	322	19.95
Comox	CAMERON, Colin	CCF	2,336	44.83
Tot. 5,211	Hanna, Laurence Arnold	LIB.	1,876	36.00
Rej. 80	Money, Gordon Noel	CONS.	999	19.17
Cowichan-Newcastle	Deykin, Clement Pemberton	CONS.	639	13.76
Tot. 4,645	Flett, Arnold Christmas	LIB.	1,224	26.35
Rej. 42	GUTHRIE, Samuel	CCF	1,560	33.58
	Savage, Hugh George Egioke	IND.	1,222	26.31
Cranbrook	MacPHERSON, Frank Mitchell	LIB.	3,110	76.73
Tot. 4,053	Shearer, Samuel Smith	CCF	943	23.27
Rej. 79				

Delta	Grauer, Rudolph Martin	CONS.	2,815	29.04
Tot. 9,692	Laing, Arthur	LIB.	3,102	32.01
Rej. 150	SHEPHERD, Leonard Alec	CCF	3,192	32.93
	Swailles, Robert Blatchford	BCC	583	6.02

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Dewdney	Cameron, James Miller	CCF	1,274	26.75
Tot. 4,762	PATTERSON, Frank Porter	CONS.	1,870	39.27
Rej. 84	Strachan, David William	LIB.	1,618	33.98

Esquimalt	Archer, John William	IND.	67	1.70
Tot. 3,947	Boydell, Arabella Cicily	SCLBC	57	1.44
Rej. 28	FINLAND, Elmer Victor	CONS.	1,642	41.60
	Smith, William Donaldson	CCF	765	19.38
	Whitney-Griffiths, Charles Eustatius	LIB.	1,416	35.88

Fernie	Colgan, Harry Wilfrid	LIB.	1,470	46.36
Tot. 3,171	UPHILL, Thomas Aubert	LBR.	1,701	53.64
Rej. 71				

Fort George	Burden, Frederick Parker	CONS.	234	8.08
Tot. 2,897	McInnis, John	CCF	1,170	40.39
Rej. 57	PERRY, Henry George Thomas	LIB.	1,493	51.54

Grand Forks-Greenwood	Braithwaite, Wilbert Richard	CCF	164	9.52
Tot. 1,722	HENNIGER, Ezra Churchill	LIB.	722	41.93
Rej. 29	Love, Thomas Alfred	CONS.	703	40.82
	Whitehead, Anthony	BCC	133	7.72

The Islands	Brown, Gordon Hay	SCLBC	51	2.41
Tot. 2,112	MacINTOSH, Macgregor Fullarton	CONS.	953	45.12
Rej. 21	Martin, Grace E. Burt	CCF	414	19.60
	McDonald, Alexander	LIB.	694	32.86

Kamloops	Bayne, Alfred Hugh	CONS.	1,461	31.82
Tot. 4,592	CARSON, Robert Henry	LIB.	1,786	38.89
Rej. 47	Stirling, George Faulds	CCF	1,345	29.29

Kaslo-Slocan	Craven, Amos	SCLBC	30	1.10
Tot. 2,738	Fitzsimmons, James	CONS.	715	26.11

Rej. 30	Herridge, Herbert Wilfred	CCF	929	33.93
	LEARY, Charles Sidney	LIB.	1,064	38.86
Lillooet	Armstrong, Robert Purvis	CCF	855	28.92
Tot. 2,956	Carson, Ernest Crawford	CONS.	925	31.29
Rej. 57	MURRAY, George Matheson	LIB.	1,176	39.78
Mackenzie	BRYAN, John Melvin (Sr.)	LIB.	1,828	33.93
Tot. 5,388	Creer, Alfred Douglas	SCLBC	122	2.26
Rej. 48	Gargrave, Herbert	CCF	1,625	30.16
	MacIntryre, Battleman Milton	CONS.	1,661	30.83
	Robertson, George Moir	BCC	152	2.82

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1. Although suspended and repudiated by the provincial executive, Stephen was nominated by the Alberni-Nanaimo CCF Club, and ran as a CCF candidate.

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## 20th General Election 1941

Dissolution of legislature	21 July 1941
Issue of writs	9 September 1941
Nomination day	30 September 1941
Polling day	21 October 1941 <sup>1</sup>
Return day of writs	1 December 1941
Opening of new legislature	4 December 1941

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Conservative Party <sup>3</sup>	140,282	30.91	12 <sup>2</sup>	43
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	151,440	33.36	14	45
Emancipation Party	265	.06	-	1
Independent	1,638	.36	-	4
Independent Farmer	388	.09	-	1
Independent Socialist	56	.01	-	1
Labour/Independent Labour	7,141	1.57	1	6
Liberal Party	149,525	32.94	21 <sup>2</sup>	48
Official Conservative <sup>3</sup>	2,161	.48	-	1
Religious Political Brotherhood	105	.02	-	1
Socialist Labour Party	683	.15	-	4
Victory Without Debt Party	209	.05	-	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>453,893</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>156</b>

### Results By Electoral District



		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Michell, Charles Joseph	CCF	1,903	45.27
Tot. 4,204	MOWAT, James	LIB.	2,067	49.17
Rej. 56	Rowan, Alex Harvey	IND.LBR.	234	5.57
Atlin	ASSELSTINE, William James	LIB.	454	54.83
Tot. 828	Scott, John	LBR.	374	45.17
Rej. 24				
Burnaby	Bell, Charles Clare	CONS.	2,707	20.79
Tot. 13,018	Hardy, Archibald Emmanuel	RPB	105	0.81
Rej. 237	Peck, Aubrey Charles	LIB.	3,762	28.90
	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	6,444	49.50
Cariboo	Biss, Richmond Charles	CCF	338	11.86
Tot. 2,849	Docherty, Truman Charles	IND.	404	14.18
Rej. 92	Hargreaves, John	IND.	257	9.02
	LeBOURDAIS, Louis	LIB.	1,429	50.16
	McDevitt, Christy	CONS.	421	14.78
Chilliwack	EYRES, Leslie Harvey	CONS.	2,704	37.78
Tot. 7,158	Flowerdew, Eric Symonds	CCF	1,810	25.29
Rej. 42	Menzies, Frederick Alexander	LIB.	2,644	36.94
Columbia	Gaddes, Leonard G.	CONS.	384	25.28
Tot. 1,519	KING, Thomas	LIB.	648	42.66
Rej. 9	Matthews, James Herbert	CCF	487	32.06
Comox	CAMERON, Colin	CCF	3,126	45.31
Tot. 6,899	Mantle, William Edward	LIB.	2,158	31.28
Rej. 166	Richardson, Edward Roger Gibson	CONS.	1,615	23.41
Cowichan-Newcastle	Flett, Arnold Christmas	LIB.	1,739	29.78
Tot. 5,839	GUTHRIE, Samuel	CCF	2,757	47.22
Rej. 69	Neel, Edmund William	CONS.	1,343	23.00
Cranbrook	Eliason, Oscar Albin	CCF	1,548	33.89
Tot. 4,568	GREEN, Frank William	CONS.	1,615	35.35
Rej. 52	McGrath, Arnold Joseph	LIB.	1,405	30.76
Delta	Hope, Alexander Campbell	CONS.	3,478	28.54

Tot. 12,185	Laing, Arthur	LIB.	3,554	29.17
Rej. 225	SHEPHERD, Leonard Alec	CCF	5,153	42.29

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Dewdney	MacDONALD, Roderick Charles	CONS.	2,995	37.13
Tot. 8,066	MacKenzie, Thomas Greer	CCF	2,539	31.48
Rej. 117	Strachan, David William	LIB.	2,532	31.39
Esquimalt	Beard, Charles Taschereau	LIB.	1,348	35.06
Tot. 3,845	FINLAND, Elmer Victor	CONS.	1,554	40.42
Rej. 134	Webber, Henry George	CCF	943	24.53
Fernie	Colgan, Harry Wilfrid	LIB.	1,214	37.70
Tot. 3,220	Lancaster, James	CCF	287	8.91
Rej. 29	UPHILL, Thomas Aubert	LBR.	1,719	53.39
Fort George	Penberthy, James Warren	CCF	928	35.58
Tot. 2,608	PERRY, Henry George Thomas	LIB.	1,334	51.15
Rej. 45	Young, Alexander McBain	CONS.	346	13.27
Grand Forks-Greenwood	Clapp, Alan Conway	CCF	365	22.20
Tot. 1,644	Henniger, Ezra Churchill	LIB.	637	38.75
Rej. 4	LOVE, Thomas Alfred	CONS.	642	39.05
Kamloops	CARSON, Robert Henry	LIB.	1,933	40.14
Tot. 4,816	Homfray, Walter Unett	IND.	14	0.29
Rej. 100	Marshall, John	SLP	19	0.39
	Nye, Nathaniel	CONS.	1,138	23.63
	Scanlan, Charles Edward	CCF	1,712	35.55
Kaslo-Slocan	Jukes, Arthur Ewart (John)	CONS.	754	33.80
Tot. 2,231	LEARY, Charles Sidney	LIB.	941	42.18
Rej. 27	Nelson, Hugh Earl	CCF	536	24.03
Lillooet	Archibald, Harry Grenfell	CCF	841	31.75
Tot. 2,649	CARSON, Ernest Crawford	CONS.	1,017	38.39
Rej. 29	Murray, George Matheson	LIB.	791	29.86
Mackenzie	GARGRAVE, Herbert	CCF	2,909	45.75
Tot. 6,358	McGeer, Manfred	LIB.	2,079	32.70
Rej. 97	Young, George Alexander	CONS.	1,370	21.55

Nanaimo and The Islands	Harrison, Victor Birch	CONS.	1,208	24.17
Tot. 4,998	O'Connor, Thomas	CCF	1,615	32.31
Rej. 62	PEARSON, George Sharratt	LIB.	2,175	43.52
Nelson-Creston	Donaldson, Martin Cathcart	CONS.	2,140	33.40
Tot. 6,408	Frisby, Frank	CCF	2,124	33.15
Rej. 89	PUTNAM, Frank	LIB.	2,144	33.46

1. Extra-provincial active service electors in Canada voted on 14-16 October 1941 and in Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 9-11 October 1941.

2. After the election a Coalition government was formed by the Conservative and Liberal members. T.D. Patullo, Liberal leader, objected, stepped down, and sat as a Liberal, giving the Coalition 32 seats.

3. J. Hinchliffe was nominated by the North Vancouver Conservative Association but when he disagreed with the party's road policy he was repudiated by the party leader, R.L. Maitland. A group called the Conservative Active Club nominated A. H. Bayne who was approved by Maitland. Bayne, however, could not run as a Conservative since Hinchliffe's nomination papers had been filed. Consequently, Hinchliffe's votes are included in the Conservative Party total and Bayne, who ran as an "Official Conservative", is listed separately.

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## 21st General Election 1945

Dissolution of legislature	31 August 1945
Issue of writs	31 August 1945
Nomination day	4 October 1945
Polling day	25 October 1945 <sup>1</sup>
Return day of writs	1 December 1945 <sup>2</sup>
Opening of new legislature	21 February 1946

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Coalition	261,147	55.83	37	47
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	175,960	37.62	10	48
Democratic Party of Canada	423	.09	-	1
Independent <sup>3</sup>	1,532	.33	-	2
Independent Liberal <sup>3</sup>	199	.04	-	1
Independent Progressive Conservative <sup>4</sup>	748	.16	-	2
Labour/Independent Labour	1,289	.28	1	2
Labour Progressive Party	16,479	3.52	-	21
People's Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	2,786	.60	-	2
Progressive Liberal	61	.01	-	1
Social Credit (alliance) <sup>5</sup>	6,627	1.42	-	16
Socialist Labour Party	285	.06	-	3
Socialist Party of Canada	105	.02	-	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>467,747</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>147</b>

## Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Barnett, Thomas Speakman	CCF	1,258	31.83
Tot. 3,952	Dewhurst, Alfred	LPP	559	14.14
Rej. 74	MOWAT, James	COAL.	2,135	54.02
Atlin	Cunningham, Norman	CCF	292	49.58
Tot. 589	SMITH, William Duncan	COAL.	297	50.42
Rej. 0				
Burnaby	Campbell, Lyle (Mrs.)	SCA	298	2.55
Tot. 11,680	Lewis, Vernon James	COAL.	4,733	40.52
Rej. 302	Wilson, Elizabeth	LPP	744	6.37
	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	5,905	50.56
Cariboo	LeBOURDAIS, Louis	COAL.	1,370	57.93
Tot. 2,365	Thomas, Charles Archibald	CCF	995	42.07
Rej. 67				
Chilliwack	EYRES, Leslie Harvey	COAL.	3,804	62.37
Tot. 6,099	Richardson, William Thomas	CCF	2,295	37.63
Rej. 35				
Columbia	Alton, Thomas James	CCF	588	46.70
Tot. 1,259	KING, Thomas	COAL.	671	53.30
Rej. 24				
Comox	Cameron, Colin	CCF	3,362	44.69
Tot. 7,523	McEwen, Thomas	LPP	729	9.69
Rej. 161	WELCH, Herbert John	COAL.	3,432	45.62
Cowichan-Newcastle	GUTHRIE, Samuel	CCF	3,768	55.33
Tot. 6,810	Macintosh, Macgregor Fullarton	COAL.	3,042	44.67
Rej. 68				
Cranbrook	Brown, William	LPP	193	4.56
Tot. 4,235	Gammon, Henry	CCF	1,965	46.40
Rej. 40	GREEN, Frank William	COAL.	2,077	49.04

Delta	HOPE, Alexander Campbell	COAL.	5,859	53.64
Tot. 10,922	Shepherd, Leonard Alec	CCF	5,063	46.36
Rej. 138				

Dewdney	Hartley, William Leonard	CCF	3,953	46.29
Tot. 8,539	MacDONALD, Roderick Charles	COAL.	4,586	53.71
Rej. 96				

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Esquimalt	BEARD, Charles Taschereau	COAL.	2,568	56.35
Tot. 4,557	Webber, Henry George	CCF	1,989	43.65
Rej. 114				

Fernie	Minifie, Kenneth Claude	CCF	742	24.34
Tot. 3,049	Stewart, Kenny Nash	COAL.	1,018	33.39
Rej. 10	UPHILL, Thomas Aubert	LBR.	1,289	42.28

Fort George	McINNIS, John	CCF	1,726	55.73
Tot. 3,097	Perry, Henry George Thomas	COAL.	1,371	44.27
Rej. 58				

Grand Forks-Greenwood	Clapp, Alan Conway	LPP	84	6.19
Tot. 1,358	Clark, Charles Westley	IND.LBR.	106	7.81
Rej. 27	Lawrence, John Townley Rezeau	CCF	461	33.95
	LOVE, Thomas Alfred	COAL.	707	52.06

Kamloops	CARSON, Robert Henry	COAL.	2,804	57.78
Tot. 4,853	Cook, Charles Herbert	LPP	156	3.21
Rej. 54	Williams, George Richmond	CCF	1,893	39.01

Kaslo-Slocan	HARDING, Randolph	CCF	1,098	53.12
Tot. 2,067	Leary, Charles Sidney	COAL.	969	46.88
Rej. 34				

Lillooet	CARSON, Ernest Crawford	COAL.	1,143	51.42
Tot. 2,223	Jacobsen, John Fossmark	SCA	196	8.82
Rej. 21	Murray, George Matheson	PRO.LIB.	61	2.74
	Radcliffe, Charles	CCF	823	37.02

Mackenzie	Campbell, Stephen Coray	LPP	293	5.16
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Tot. 5,673	GARGRAVE, Herbert	CCF	2,961	52.19
Rej. 103	Mulligan, Weldon Forest	SCA	106	1.87
	Thomson, William Vernon	COAL.	2,313	40.77
Nanaimo and The Islands	Broughton, George Henry	SCA	89	1.55
	PEARSON, George Sharratt	COAL.	3,124	54.24
Tot. 5,760	White, Joseph	CCF	2,547	44.22
Rej. 66				
Nelson-Creston	Beatt, Peter Stewart	PCCF	726	13.92
Tot. 5,214	Frisby, Frank	IND.	184	3.53
Rej. 39	Phillips, Howard	CCF	1,249	23.95
	PUTNAM, Frank	COAL.	3,055	58.59
New Westminster	Greer, Clifford Augustine	CCF	2,967	35.06
Tot. 8,462	JOHNSON, Byron Ingemar	COAL.	4,900	57.91
Rej. 94	Stewart, Charles	LPP	595	7.03

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1. Extra-provincial active service electors in Canada voted on 18-20 October 1945 and in Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 13, 15 and 16 October 1945.
  2. Amended to 15 December 1945.
  3. T.D. Pattullo (Prince Rupert) former premier and Liberal Party leader ran as a straight Independent and is included as such.
  4. Includes L.H. MacQueen (Saanich) who is listed as a Progressive Conservative Party candidate in the Statement of Votes and List of Candidates but who is more properly classified as an Independent PC since the Progressive Conservative Party, formerly the Conservative Party, was officially running as part of the Coalition and did not consider MacQueen as a legitimate party candidate.
  5. Various groups joined forces under the Social Credit name to contest the election.



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## 22nd General Election 1949

Dissolution of legislature	16 April 1949
Issue of writs	16 April 1949
Nomination day	25 May 1949
Polling day	15 June 1949
Return day of writs	30 July 1949
Opening of new legislature	14 February 1950

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
British Columbia Social Credit League	3,072	.44	-	9
Coalition	428,773	61.35	39	48
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	245,284	35.10	7	48
Independent	5,163	.74	1	7
[Independent] Conservative <sup>1</sup>	1,241	.18	-	1
Labour (Party)	1,483	.21	1	1
Labour Progressive Party	1,660	.24	-	2
People's Party (of British Columbia)	137	.02	-	1
People's Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	470	.07	-	1
Social Credit Party	8,464	1.21	-	7
Socialist Labour Party	286	.04	-	1
Union of Electors	2,790	.40	-	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>698,823</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>138</b>

### Results By Electoral District



		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Christie, Thomas Wellington	COAL.	1,638	21.33
Tot. 7,679	Morgan, Nigel	LPP	622	8.10
Rej. 200	MOWAT, James	IND.	3,290	42.84
	Whittal, Jack	CCF	2,129	27.72
Atlin	CALDER, Frank Arthur	CCF	376	50.40
Tot. 746	Smith, William Duncan	COAL.	370	49.60
Rej. 190				
Burnaby	Morrison, George Andrew	COAL.	9,981	46.08
Tot. 21,661	Rhodes, Henry George	BCSCL	655	3.02
Rej. 204	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	11,025	50.90
Cariboo	Bird, Nicholas George	CCF	1,314	33.12
Tot. 3,967	MacLEAN, Angus	COAL.	2,653	66.88
Rej. 110				
Chilliwack	Barefoot, George Henry	CCF	2,712	22.65
Tot. 11,976	EYRES, Leslie Harvey	COAL.	6,847	57.17
Rej. 167	Paynter, Peer Vernon	BCSCL	2,417	20.18
Columbia	Alton, Thomas James	CCF	581	31.09
Tot. 1,869	KING, Thomas	COAL.	1,288	68.91
Rej. 24				
Comox	Cameron, Colin	CCF	5,238	40.81
Tot. 12,834	WELCH, Herbert John	COAL.	7,596	59.19
Rej. 435				
Cowichan-Newcastle	Boyles, Thomas James	IND.	60	0.61
Tot. 9,797	Guthrie, Samuel	CCF	4,194	42.81
Rej. 217	Joyce, Norman Webster	UE	38	0.39
	WHISKER, Andrew Mowatt	COAL.	5,505	56.19
Cranbrook	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	CCF	3,026	50.53
Tot. 5,989	Swan, Clifford	COAL.	2,963	49.47
Rej. 87				
Delta	HOPE, Alexander Campbell	COAL.	12,203	49.59

Tot. 24,606	Shepherd, Leonard Alec	CCF	11,110	45.15
Rej. 903	Wicks, Lyle	SCP	1,293	5.25
Dewdney	Campbell, Lyle (Mrs.)	BCSCL	829	5.01
Tot. 16,560	Hartley, William Leonard	CCF	7,604	45.92
Rej. 343	MacDONALD, Roderick Charles	COAL.	8,127	49.08

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Esquimalt	BEARD, Charles Taschereau	COAL.	4,219	51.26
Tot. 8,231	Bonner, George Edward	IND.	191	2.32
Rej. 173	Finland, Elmer Victor	[IND.] CONS. <sup>1</sup>	1,241	15.08
	Hart, Ellen	UE	92	1.12
	Webber, Henry George	CCF	2,488	30.23
Fernie	Fleming, Stephen Alexander	CCF	837	22.06
Tot. 3,794	Stewart, Kenny Nash	COAL.	1,474	38.85
Rej. 68	UPHILL, Thomas Aubert	LBR.	1,483	39.09
Fort George	BOWMAN, Henry Robson	COAL.	3,232	59.86
Tot. 5,399	McInnis, John	CCF	2,167	40.14
Rej. 176				
Grand Forks-Greenwood	HAGGEN, Rupert Williams	CCF	922	44.14
Tot. 2,089	Love, Thomas Alfred	COAL.	873	41.79
Rej. 23	Orris, Edwin Stanley	IND.	294	14.07
Kamloops	SMITH, Sydney John	COAL.	4,992	64.47
Tot. 7,743	Thomas, Charles Archibald	CCF	2,751	35.53
Rej. 105				
Kaslo-Slocan	HARDING, Randolph	CCF	1,633	53.19
Tot. 3,070	Leask, Thomas Melville	COAL.	1,437	46.81
Rej. 38				
Lillooet	CARSON, Ernest Crawford	COAL.	2,339	62.83
Tot. 3,723	Lyons, George Willis	CCF	1,180	31.69
Rej. 125	O'Keefe, William Wallace	IND.	204	5.48
Mackenzie	Gargrave, Herbert	CCF	4,626	44.43

Tot. 10,413	MacINTYRE, Battleman Milton	COAL.	5,787	55.57
Rej. 315				
Nanaimo and The Islands	PEARSON, George Sharratt	COAL.	5,860	61.50
Tot. 9,528	Stupich, David Daniel	CCF	3,564	37.41
Rej. 58	Summers, Herbert William	UE	104	1.09
Nelson-Creston	Drew, Francis William Maxwell	CCF	2,675	33.58
Tot. 7,966	HENDRICKS, Walter	COAL.	4,783	60.04
Rej. 151	Horne, Joseph Arthur	BCSCL	508	6.38
New Westminster	JOHNSON, Byron Ingemar	COAL.	7,969	61.57
Tot. 12,943	Lyle, Wilbur Watson	SCP	328	2.53
Rej. 125	Mills, Edward Charles	PPBC	137	1.06
	Mitchell, George Henry	CCF	4,509	34.84

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1. Although the name of the Conservative Party was changed to Progressive Conservative Party at the national convention in Winnipeg in December 1942 the candidate, running independently from the Liberal-Conservative Coalition, is listed as Conservative in the Statement of Votes.

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## 23rd General Election<sup>1</sup> 1952

Dissolution of legislature	10 April 1952
Issue of writs	10 April 1952
Nomination day	22 May 1952
Polling day	12 June 1952
Return day of writs	31 July 1952 <sup>2</sup>
Opening of new legislature	3 February 1953

### Summary

	FIRST COUNT	%	FINAL COUNT	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Christian Democratic Party	7,176	.93	1,318	.20	-	8
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	236,562	30.78	231,756	34.30	18	48
Independent	1,312	.17	-	-	-	5
Labour (Party)	1,290	.16	1,758	.26	1	1
Labour Progressive Party	2,514	.33	931	.14	-	5
Labour Representation Committee	654	.09	-	-	-	1
Liberal Party	180,289	23.46	170,674	25.26	6	48
Progressive Conservative Party	129,439	16.84	65,285	9.66	4	48
Social Credit (BCSCL) <sup>3</sup>	209,049	27.20	203,932	30.18	19	47
Socialist Party of Canada	276	.04	-	-	-	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>768,561</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>675,654</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>212</b>

### Results By Electoral District - First and Final Counts<sup>4</sup>

		PARTY	FIRST COUNT	%	FINAL COUNT	%
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Alberni	Clayton, Pitt	PC	1,204	15.03	-	-
Rej. 246	Dewhurst, Alfred	LPP	196	2.45	-	-
Counts 4	Mowat, James	LIB.	2,176	27.17	3,030	42.77
	Shulz, Jack	BCSCL	1,366	17.06	-	-
	SQUIRE, Stanley John	CCF	3,067	38.29	4,054	57.23
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>8,009</b>		<b>7,084</b>	

Atlin	CALDER, Frank Arthur	CCF	595	56.61	595	56.61
Rej. 44	MacKay, Thomas Sutherland	PC	164	15.60	164	15.60
Counts 1	Smith, William Duncan	LIB.	292	27.78	292	27.78
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,051</b>		<b>1,051</b>	

Burnaby	Fairclough, Ronald William	LIB.	3,816	14.15	4,919	18.84
Rej. 789	Olson, Oscar Rudolph	PC	2,807	10.41	-	-
Counts 3	Stelter, Clement Frederick	BCSCL	6,750	25.03	7,780	29.79
	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	12,933	47.96	13,416	51.37
	Worsley, Bernard William	CDP	662	2.45	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>26,968</b>		<b>26,115</b>	

Cariboo	CHETWYND, William Ralph Talbot	BCSCL	2,684	51.84	2,684	51.84
Rej. 216	McLean, Angus	LIB.	1,029	19.88	1,029	19.88
Counts 1	Riley, Roland	CCF	689	13.31	689	13.31
	Thibaudeau, Kenneth Winston	PC	775	14.97	775	14.97
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,177</b>		<b>5,177</b>	

Chilliwack	Eyres, Leslie Harvey	PC	2,097	13.62	2,097	13.62
Rej. 421	Hougen, Alexander Ingvald	LIB.	2,543	16.52	2,543	16.52
Counts 1	KIERNAN, William Kenneth	BCSCL	8,509	55.29	8,059	55.29
	Sutherland, James John	CCF	2,242	14.57	2,242	14.57
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>15,391</b>		<b>15,391</b>	

Columbia	Kimpton, Vaughn Stanley	LIB.	649	29.30	860	42.28
Rej. 101	Madson, Chris	CCF	365	16.48	-	-
Counts 3	NEWTON, Richard Orr	BCSCL	841	37.97	1,174	57.72
	Zinkan, Edward Jefferson	PC	360	16.25	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,215</b>		<b>2,034</b>	

		<b>PARTY</b>	<b>FIRST COUNT</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>FINAL COUNT</b>	<b>%</b>
Comox	Gordon, W. Bruce	PC	1,868	13.58	-	-

Rej. 446	MOORE, William Campbell	CCF	5,369	39.03	7,098	57.67
Counts 3	Poole, Cyril Hugh	BCSCL	2,987	21.71	-	-
	Welch, Herbert John	LIB.	3,532	25.68	5,210	42.33
TOTAL			13,756		12,308	
Cowichan-Newcastle	Bryant, William Hindle	BCSCL	1,886	17.63	-	-
Rej. 334	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	CCF	4,636	43.34	5,697	58.36
Counts 3	Whisker, Andrew Mowatt	LIB.	2,711	25.35	4,064	41.64
	Wragg, James Chesterfield	PC	1,463	13.68	-	-
TOTAL			10,696		9,761	
Cranbrook	King, Howard Cressman	BCSCL	2,328	34.23	3,044	48.67
Rej. 168	Klinkhammer, Maurice Gregory	LIB.	1,111	16.33	-	-
Counts 3	MacDonald, George England Kerr	PC	675	9.92	-	-
	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	CCF	2,688	39.52	3,210	51.33
TOTAL			6,802		6,254	
Delta	Hope, Alexander Campbell	PC	4,688	14.84	-	-
Rej. 2,172	IRWIN, Thomas James	BCSCL	11,759	37.22	14,805	52.69
Counts 3	Lanskail, Donald Alexander Sutherland	LIB.	4,293	13.59	-	-
	Shepherd, Leonard Alec	CCF	10,853	34.35	13,295	47.31
TOTAL			31,593		28,100	
Dewdney	Ainlay, Harry Dean	CCF	6,024	30.91	7,248	42.48
Rej. 800	Cox, Reginald Clarence	LIB.	3,631	18.63	-	-
Counts 3	MacDonald, Roderick Charles	PC	2,233	11.46	-	-
	WICKS, Lyle	BCSCL	7,600	39.00	9,813	57.52
TOTAL			19,488		17,061	
Esquimalt	Chant, William Neelands	BCSCL	1,606	17.73	-	-
Rej. 366	Edgelow, Geoffrey Innes	LIB.	2,294	25.33	3,597	43.14
Counts 3	Fort, Robert Hamilton	PC	1,550	17.11	-	-
	MITCHELL, Franklin John Trehern	CCF	3,607	39.83	4,741	56.86
TOTAL			9,057		8,338	

1. This was the first election to use the alternative voting system. Rather than marking the ballot with an X, numbers were to be placed opposite the names in order of choice. If, after the first count, no candidate received an absolute simple majority, the candidate with the least number of votes was dropped and the second choices distributed among the remaining candidates. This process continued until a candidate emerged with the requisite majority vote. Some voters only indicated a first choice (plumping) and others did not utilize the full range available. Consequently as the counts progressed some

ballots would be exhausted and total valid votes would decline, thereby reducing the absolute majority required to be elected. In multi-member Districts there were as many ballots as members to be elected, distinguished by colour and letters. See British Columbia, Chief Electoral Officer. Alternative Voting: An Explanation of the Procedure..., Victoria, 1952.

2. Amended to 6 August 1952 for Atlin and Skeena.

3. The British Columbia Social Credit League nominated and supported the candidates (who were BCSCCL members) but in assuming power the new government referred to itself as Social Credit.

4. Figures, totals and popular vote are given for the first and final counts (in some cases, the same if candidate attained an absolute majority on the first count). All the counts appear in the next section.

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## 24th General Election<sup>1</sup> 1953

Dissolution of legislature	27 March 1953
Issue of writs	10 April 1953
Nomination day	19 May 1953
Polling day	9 June 1953
Return day of writs	31 July 1953
Opening of new legislature	15 September 1953

### Summary

	FIRST COUNT	%	FINAL COUNT	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Christian Democratic Party	5,036	.69	752	.12	-	14
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	224,513	30.85	194,414	29.48	14	47
Independent and others <sup>2</sup>	1,971	.27	-	-	-	7
Labour (Party)	1,601	.22	1,793	.27	1	1
Labour Progressive Party	7,496	1.03	816	.12	-	25
Liberal Party	171,671	23.59	154,090	23.36	4	48
Progressive Conservative Party	40,780	5.60	7,326	1.11	1	39
Social Credit (Party)	274,771	37.75	300,372	45.54	28	48
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>727,839</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>659,563</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>229</b>

### Results By Electoral District - First And Final Counts

		PARTY	FIRST COUNT	%	FINAL COUNT	%
Alberni	Bottner, Frank Wendell	LPP	139	1.92	-	-
Rej. 336	Jordon, Loran Kendall	LIB.	2,022	27.95	2,811	43.07
Counts 4	Peterson, Thorwald Melanchton	SC	1,637	22.63	-	-



	Ruttan, Oliver James	PC	320	4.42	-	-
	SQUIRE, Stanley John	CCF	3,116	43.07	3,715	56.93
Total			7,234		6,526	

Atlin	Assu, Frank	SC	108	11.54	108	11.54
Rej. 125	CALDER, Frank Arthur	CCF	553	59.08	553	59.08
Counts 1	Smith, William Duncan	LIB.	275	29.38	275	29.38
Total			936		936	

Burnaby	Crampton, Ernest Arthur	SC	8,151	31.85	8,161	31.98
Rej. 1,058	McDonald, Mary Edith	LIB.	3,351	13.09	3,364	13.18
Counts 2	Stephens, Frederick Marven	PC	641	2.50	646	2.53
	Turner, William John	LPP	367	1.43	-	-
	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	12,689	49.58	12,947	50.73
	Worsley, Bernard William	CDP	396	1.55	401	1.57
Total			25,595		25,519	

Cariboo	Boulton, Jack Gardner	PC	509	9.63	509	9.63
Rej. 288	CHETWYND, William Ralph Talbot	SC	2,733	51.73	2,733	51.73
Counts 1	Malcolm, Gideon Earl	LIB.	1,050	19.87	1,050	19.87
	McConnell, Joseph Wilson	CCF	992	18.77	992	18.77
Total			5,284		5,284	

Chilliwack	Anderson, Emil	CCF	2,456	16.99	2,456	16.99
Rej. 775	Beharrell, Lloyd Truman	LIB.	2,631	18.20	2,631	18.20
Counts 1	KIERNAN, William Kenneth	SC	8,776	60.73	8,776	60.73
	Taylor, Henry Edward	PC	589	4.08	589	4.08
Total			14,452		14,452	

Columbia	Madson, Eileen Catherine	CCF	481	22.26	-	-
Rej. 105	Moore, Henry Headley	LIB.	676	31.28	787	43.12
Counts 3	NEWTON, Richard Orr	SC	924	42.76	1,038	56.88
	Zinkan, Edward Jefferson	PC	80	3.70	-	-
Total			2,161		1,825	

		PARTY	FIRST COUNT	%	FINAL COUNT	%
Comox	Baikie, John Wesley	LIB.	2,944	21.71	-	-
Rej. 717	Higgin, John	LPP	357	2.63	-	-

Counts 4	MOORE, William Campbell	CCF	5,462	40.28	6,717	53.83
	Poole, Cyril Hugh	SC	4,420	32.59	5,762	46.17
	Spinks, Nugent Watson	PC	378	2.79	-	-
Total			13,561		12,479	
Cowichan-Newcastle	Beasley, Albert Edward	IND.	118	1.14	-	-
Rej. 500	Bergren, Myrtle Woodward	LPP	168	1.63	-	-
Counts 5	English, Earl Grey	PC	510	4.94	-	-
	Hawkins, Percy	SC	2,686	26.00	3,878	42.05
	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	CCF	4,517	43.73	5,345	57.95
	Whisker, Andrew Mowatt	LIB.	2,330	22.56	-	-
Total			10,329		9,223	
Cranbrook	Haddad, George Wayne	LIB.	1,615	23.79	-	-
Rej. 238	King, Howard Cressman	SC	2,219	32.69	2,756	44.34
Counts 2	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	CCF	2,955	43.52	3,460	55.66
Total			6,789		6,216	
Delta	Brocking, Cyril Anthony	CDP	315	1.02	-	-
Rej. 1,786	Danielson, David Arnold	LPP	390	1.26	-	-
Counts 6	Gilmore, Leslie	LIB.	5,500	17.75	-	-
	IRWIN, Thomas James	SC	13,079	42.20	15,417	54.05
	Mills, Edward Charles	PPBC	20	0.06	-	-
	Pybus, Robert William	PC	591	1.91	-	-
	Shepherd, Leonard Alec	CCF	11,095	35.80	13,108	45.95
Total			30,990		28,525	
Dewdney	Emery, Arthur Albyn	LIB.	3,715	19.65	-	-
Rej. 953	Gilstead, Amy Frances	LPP	250	1.32	-	-
Counts 5	Pattern, Kenneth William	CCF	7,003	37.04	8,310	47.82
	Pedlar, George Frampton	CDP	72	0.38	-	-
	Watkins, Murray Lorne	PC	559	2.96	-	-
	WICKS, Lyle	SC	7,307	38.65	9,066	52.18
Total			18,906		17,376	
Esquimalt	BRUCH, Herbert Joseph	SC	3,264	36.96	4,147	51.87
Rej. 445	Edgelow, Geoffrey Innes	LIB.	1,998	22.62	-	-
Counts 3	Goodwin, Norman L.	PC	480	5.44	-	-
	Mitchell, Franklin John Trehern	CCF	3,089	34.98	3,848	48.13

Total 8,831

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1. Last election to use the alternative voting system. See note 1 in 1952 General Election results for an explanation.
  2. Includes one People's Party of B.C. candidate.

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## 25th General Election 1956

Dissolution of legislature	13 August 1956
Issue of writs	13 August 1956
Nomination day	5 September 1956
Polling day	19 September 1956
Return day of writs	20 October 1956 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	7 February 1957

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	231,511	28.32	10	51
Independent and other <sup>2</sup>	3,178	.39	-	7
Labour (Party)	1,321	.16	1	1
Labour Progressive Party	3,381	.41	-	14
Liberal Party	177,922	21.77	2	52
Progressive Conservative Party	25,373	3.11	-	22
Social Credit (Party)	374,711	45.84	39	52
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>817,397</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>199</b>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Carr, William James	SC	1,894	28.51
Tot. 6,644	McKinnon, Norman Leslie	LIB.	1,388	20.89
Rej. 80	SQUIRE, Stanley John	CCF	3,362	50.60
Atlin	ASSELSTINE, William James	SC	454	48.04

Tot. 945	Calder, Frank Arthur	CCF	360	38.10
Rej. 59	Frizzell, George Douglas	LIB.	131	13.86
Burnaby (2)	Cafferky, Emmet	LIB.	3,895	6.43
Tot. 60,540	DOWDING, Gordon Hudson	CCF	12,692	20.96
Rej. 236	Drysdale, John A.W.	PC	513	.84
	Edwards, James Henry	LIB.	3,972	6.56
	Green, Malcolm Fitzgerald	PC	478	.80
	Hoffman, Kenneth Martin	SC	11,583	19.13
	Philps, William Parker	SC	12,103	20.00
	WINCH, Ernest Edward	CCF	15,304	25.28
Cariboo	CHETWYND, William Ralph Talbot	SC	3,014	60.86
Tot. 4,952	Kohnke, Felix Rudolph	LIB.	1,141	23.04
Rej. 45	Lehman, James	CCF	797	16.09
Chilliwack	Goosen, Henry	LIB.	3,118	19.76
Tot. 15,776	KIERNAN, William Kenneth	SC	9,008	57.10
Rej. 138	Kournossoff, Michael	CCF	2,992	18.97
	Taylor, Douglas Grant Burton	PC	658	4.17
Columbia	Madson, Chris	CCF	248	12.56
Tot. 1,974	NEWTON, Richard Orr	SC	1,074	54.41
Rej. 20	Thompson, Samuel Forrest	LIB.	652	33.03
Comox	CAMPBELL, Daniel Robert John	SC	4,916	41.63
Tot. 11,810	McPhee, Robert George	LIB.	2,339	19.81
Rej. 183	Newman, Cyril	CCF	4,555	38.57
Cowichan-Newcastle	Harvey, Robert James	LIB.	1,611	16.44
Tot. 9,799	Parker, Charles William	SC	3,173	32.38
Rej. 91	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	CCF	5,015	51.18
Cranbrook	Downey, Francis Vincent	LIB.	902	14.47
Tot. 6,235	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	CCF	3,321	53.26
Rej. 54	Sang, Robert Earl	SC	2,012	32.27
		<b>PARTY</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>%</b>
Delta (2)	Burnell, Myrtle Evelyn	LPP	355	.51
Tot. 69,066	Gaspar, Frank	LPP	272	.39

Rej. 352	IRWIN, Thomas James	SC	18,848	27.29
	Johnson, Walter H.	CCF	11,202	16.22
	MASSEY, Nehemiah George	SC	17,762	25.72
	McPherson, Victor A.	LIB.	5,149	7.46
	Rhodes, James Henry	CCF	10,798	15.63
	Wilson, William Pearce	LIB.	4,680	6.78
Dewdney	Butler, Michael Joseph	LIB.	4,141	19.15
Tot. 21,619	Grewall, Naranjan Singh	CCF	7,211	33.35
Rej. 293	WICKS, Lyle	SC	10,267	47.49
Esquimalt	BRUCH, Herbert Joseph	SC	3,530	43.70
Tot. 8,078	Chisholm, George Brock	PC	821	10.16
Rej. 110	Walters, Elvan	CCF	2,013	24.92
	Whittaker, George Wilfrid	LIB.	1,714	21.22
Fernie	Butala, Frank Joseph	SC	1,181	37.94
Tot. 3,113	Stewart, Kenny Nash	LIB.	611	19.63
Rej. 112	UPHILL, Thomas Aubert	LBR.	1,321	42.43
Fort George	Kienzle, Carl Waldemar	CCF	1,304	20.20
Tot. 6,454	Perry, Frank Samuel	LIB.	1,376	21.32
Rej. 236	WILLISTON, Ray Gillis	SC	3,774	58.48
Grand Forks-Greenwood	Dawson, Hilbert Crae	SC	866	42.04
Tot. 2,060	HAGGEN, Lois Mabel	CCF	877	42.57
Rej. 34	Jones, John Morris	LIB.	317	15.39
Kamloops	GAGLARDI, Philip Arthur	SC	4,948	61.02
Tot. 8,109	Mauro, Victor	CCF	1,144	14.11
Rej. 53	Wilson, Thomas Palmer	LIB.	2,017	24.87
Kaslo-Slocan	Abey, Frank Harold	LIB.	297	10.67
Tot. 2,784	HARDING, Randolph	CCF	1,512	54.31
Rej. 50	Moran, Michael Ernest	SC	975	35.02
Lillooet	Greenway, Austin Kenneth	CCF	907	23.13
Tot. 3,921	ROBINSON, Donald Frederick	SC	2,055	52.41
Rej. 58	Smith, James	LIB.	959	24.46

Mackenzie	GARGRAVE, Anthony John	CCF	4,502	48.41
Tot. 9,299	Mainil, Jules Arthur	LIB.	1,362	14.65
Rej. 89	Moon, David Angus	PC	189	2.03
	Muir, Robert John	SC	3,246	34.91

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1. Amended to 24 October 1956 for Grand Forks-Greenwood.
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## 26th General Election 1960

Dissolution of legislature	3 August 1960
Issue of writs	3 August 1960
Nomination day	29 August 1960
Polling day	12 September 1960
Return day of writs	12 October 1960 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	26 January 1961

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist Party of Canada	5,675	.57	-	19
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	326,094	32.73	16	52
Independent	2,557	.25	-	5
Liberal Party of Canada	208,249	20.90	4	50
Progressive Conservative Party	66,943	6.72	-	52
Social Credit (Party)	386,886	38.83	32	52
TOTALS	996,404	100.00	52	230

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Duncan, Eric Frederick	SC	2,966	32.65
Tot. 9,085	Lyon, Ronald George	PC	514	5.66
Rej. 315	McKenzie, John Alexander	LIB.	1,305	14.36
	Mosher, Mark Fulmore	CPC	207	2.28
	SQUIRE, Stanley John	CCF	4,093	45.05



Atlin	Asselstine, William James	SC	267	32.05
Tot. 833	Brown, Charles Jewell	PC	122	14.65
Rej. 85	CALDER, Frank Arthur	CCF	444	53.30
Burnaby (2)	Beyerstein, Hilliard Harold William	SC	13,469	16.98
Tot. 79,309	COX, Cedric	CCF	17,659	22.27
Rej. 589	DOWDING, Gordon Hudson	CCF	17,522	22.09
	Green, Malcolm Fitzgerald	PC	1,069	1.35
	Irwin, Thomas James	SC	13,394	16.89
	Ladner, Graham B.	LIB.	7,601	9.58
	Lindsay, William	LIB.	7,111	8.97
	Pritchett, Harold James	CPC	409	.52
	Zucco, Florence B.	PC	1,075	1.36
Cariboo	Crowe, Stanley Doubleday	CCF	1,842	24.37
Tot. 7,558	Kohnke, Felix Rudolf	LIB.	2,073	27.43
Rej. 112	SPEARE, William Collins	SC	3,091	40.90
	Tingley, Celian Orvin	PC	552	7.30
Chilliwack	KIERNAN, William Kenneth	SC	10,051	54.30
Tot. 18,510	Taylor, Douglas Grant Burton	PC	1,173	6.34
Rej. 150	Tetlock, Leslie Malcolm Walker	CCF	4,123	22.27
	Wilson, Frank	LIB.	3,163	17.09
Columbia	Blakley, Herbert Alexander	LIB.	593	22.52
Tot. 2,633	Harris, Robert Beverly	CCF	775	29.43
Rej. 88	NEWTON, Richard Orr	SC	1,115	42.35
	Rad, Gordon Truls	PC	150	5.70
Comox	Baikie, William Wallace	LIB.	2,759	17.47
Tot. 15,791	CAMPBELL, Daniel Robert John	SC	6,100	38.63
Rej. 248	Gray, Alan	PC	653	4.14
	Higgin, John	CPC	207	1.31
	Wood, Frederick Charles	CCF	6,072	38.45
Cowichan-Newcastle	Bergren, Hjalmar Peter	CPC	170	1.59
Tot. 10,670	Fee, Hazel Viola	SC	3,033	28.43
Rej. 115	Kerrone, John Joseph	PC	1,206	11.30
	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	CCF	6,261	58.68

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Cranbrook	Glennie, Jack	LIB.	1,475	23.39
Tot. 6,306	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	CCF	2,786	44.18
Rej. 67	Sadler, Douglas	SC	1,700	26.96
	Webber, Willie Harvey	PC	345	5.47
Delta (2)	Baker, Norman	IND.	220	.21
Tot. 106,328	Crowe, George Francis	PC	2,280	2.14
Rej. 834	Gibson, Gordon Lionel	IND.	2,010	1.89
	Helps, Arthur R.	LIB.	8,529	8.02
	Jones, Dalton O.	PC	2,159	2.03
	Lakusta, George	CPC	408	.38
	Massey, Nehemiah George	SC	21,011	19.76
	MATHER, Camille Mildred	CCF	21,839	20.54
	Morris, C. Douglas	LIB.	8,517	8.01
	RHODES, James Henry	CCF	21,559	20.28
	Riggan, Donald H.	SC	17,291	16.26
	Stevens, Homer John	CPC	505	.47
Dewdney	BARRETT, David	CCF	12,637	43.73
Tot. 28,898	Gulloch, James Ross	PC	803	2.78
Rej. 406	Hilland, Carl Christian	CPC	233	0.81
	Thompson, Walter Raymond	LIB.	4,512	15.61
	Wicks, Lyle	SC	10,713	37.07
Esquimalt	BRUCH, Herbert Joseph	SC	4,429	40.38
Tot. 10,968	Bryant, James	PC	991	9.04
Rej. 126	Mitchell, Geoffrey Harris	CCF	3,383	30.84
	Whittaker, George Wilfrid	LIB.	2,165	19.74
Fernie	Butala, Frank Joseph	SC	927	29.83
Tot. 3,108	McKAY, Henry Cartmell (Harry)	LIB.	1,126	36.23
Rej. 29	Phillips, Lloyd	CCF	864	27.80
	Ramage, Francis J.	PC	191	6.15
Fort George	Coates, John Anthony	PC	346	3.78
Tot. 9,164	Enemark, Holger	LIB.	1,416	15.45
Rej. 163	Rutherford, William Kenneth	CCF	2,336	25.49
	WILLISTON, Ray Gillis	SC	5,066	55.28

Grand Forks-Greenwood	Armstrong, Joseph Clinton	SC	752	28.56
Tot. 2,633	HAGGEN, Lois Mabel	CCF	1,115	42.35
Rej. 40	Martin, Frank	LIB.	564	21.42
	Sugimoto, Yasushi	PC	202	7.67

Kamloops	GAGLARDI, Philip Arthur	SC	4,777	45.86
Tot. 10,416	Green, Ronald Edmund	CCF	2,828	27.15
Rej. 531	Millward, Peter John	PC	1,374	13.19
	Wilson, Thomas Palmer	LIB.	1,437	13.80

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Kaslo-Slocan	HARDING, Randolph	CCF	1,298	50.35
Tot. 2,578	Humphries, John Verdner	PC	244	9.46
Rej. 23	Leask, Thomas Melville	LIB.	303	11.75
	Parkyn, Henry Edgar	SC	733	28.43

Lillooet	Behrner, George M.	PC	336	7.84
Tot. 4,285	Keyes, Cyril Clyde	LIB.	923	21.54
Rej. 282	Macey, John Kendrick	CCF	1,331	31.06
	ROBINSON, Donald Frederick	SC	1,695	39.56

Mackenzie	Bracewell, Vincent Hartley	SC	3,167	29.70
Tot. 10,664	GARGRAVE, Anthony John	CCF	4,952	46.44
Rej. 132	McCloskey, Francis William	LIB.	2,058	19.30
	Moon, David Angus	PC	487	4.57

Nanaimo and The Islands	Cameron, Colin	CCF	4,548	41.87
Tot. 10,862	Heath, Hugh Basil	LIB.	1,036	9.54
Rej. 151	Mortenson, Irving Floyd	CPC	72	0.66
	Strongitharm, Edward Drewry	PC	607	5.59
	WESTWOOD, Earle Cathers	SC	4,599	42.34

Nelson-Creston	BLACK, Wesley Drewett	SC	4,501	49.37
Tot. 9,117	McNevin, John Alexander	CCF	2,664	29.22
Rej. 106	Oliver, Robert Bain	LIB.	1,222	13.40
	Taylor, Ernest Gordon	PC	730	8.01

New Westminster	Dare, Samuel Thomas	LIB.	2,519	16.00
Tot. 15,747	EDDIE, John McRae (Rae)	CCF	6,496	41.25

Rej. 127	Kermeen, Stanley Desmond	SC	5,041	32.01
	Munroe, Frederick Craig	PC	1,691	10.74
North Okanagan	Davis, John A.	LIB.	1,817	17.16
Tot. 10,587	Klim, Nicholas (Nick)	CPC	91	0.86
Rej. 118	Kosty, John M.	PC	1,098	10.37
	Pothecary, Isabella <sup>2</sup> B.	CCF	3,028	28.60
	SHANTZ, Lorne Hugh	SC	4,553	43.01
North Peace River	Angus, Robert Lyle	IND.	81	2.27
Tot. 3,573	Baker, John William Belesaigne	LIB.	958	26.81
Rej. 57	Bowes, Wilbert Daniel	PC	114	3.19
	Curtis, John Gordon	CCF	769	21.52
	HUHN, Jacob Francis	SC	1,651	46.21

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1. Amended to 28 October 1960 for Comox and Yale.

2. In 1963 Statement of Votes listed as Isobel.

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## 27th General Election 1963

Dissolution of legislature	21 August 1963
Issue of writs	22 August 1963
Nomination day	16 September 1963
Polling day	30 September 1963
Return day of writs	16 December 1963 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	23 January 1964

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist Party of Canada	849	.09	-	4
Independent and other <sup>2</sup>	290	.03	-	2
Liberal Party	193,363	19.98	5	51
New Democratic Party	269,004	27.80	14	52
Progressive Conservative Party	109,090	11.27	-	44
Social Credit (Party)	395,079	40.83	33	52
TOTALS	967,675	100.00	52	205

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Duncan, Eric Frederick	SC	3,506	39.72
Tot. 8,826	Luckhurst, Edward John (Jack)	PC	1,071	12.13
Rej. 68	SQUIRE, Stanley John	NDP	4,249	48.14
Atlin	Asselstine, William James	SC	308	30.56
Tot. 1,008	CALDER, Frank Arthur	NDP	549	54.46

Rej. 19	Dopson, Cyril Felix	LIB.	151	14.98
Burnaby (2)	Bauder, Edward Marshall	LIB.	5,472	7.43
Tot. 73,598	Beyerstein, Hilliard Harold William	SC	14,070	19.12
Rej. 420	Cox, Cedric	NDP	14,409	19.58
	DOWDING, Gordon Hudson	NDP	14,750	20.04
	Fairclough, Ronald William	LIB.	5,641	7.66
	Gladwin, Esmond Sibley	PC	2,263	3.07
	MacSORLEY, Charles Willoughby	SC	14,650	19.91
	Thomson, Christopher John McKin	PC	2,343	3.18
Cariboo	Cade, John Alfred Vernon	PC	1,551	21.60
Tot. 7,182	Crowe, Stanley Doubleday	NDP	1,482	20.63
Rej. 49	Kohnke, Felix Rudolf	LIB.	1,134	15.79
	SPEARE, William Collins	SC	3,015	41.98
Chilliwack	Dayton, Oscar Murray	PC	1,757	10.24
Tot. 17,165	KIERNAN, William Kenneth	SC	10,031	58.44
Rej. 118	Spencer, John Fife	LIB.	2,252	13.12
	Tetlock, Leslie Malcolm Walker	NDP	3,125	18.21
Columbia	CHABOT, James Roland	SC	1,305	40.08
Tot. 3,256	Harris, Robert Beverly	NDP	467	14.34
Rej. 41	Keenleyside, Robert	LIB.	392	12.04
	Trott, Alvin Walter John	PC	1,092	33.54
Comox	CAMPBELL, Daniel Robert John	SC	6,598	42.38
Tot. 15,570	Elrix, David Alexander	LIB.	1,259	8.09
Rej. 150	Fraser, Duncan McIntyre	PC	1,475	9.47
	Williams, Frederick Sidney	NDP	6,238	40.06
Cowichan-Newcastle	Craig, Cyril	PC	840	7.82
Tot. 10,742	Morton, Donald Christopher	SC	3,576	33.29
Rej. 92	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	NDP	5,422	50.47
	Whittaker, George Wilfrid	LIB.	904	8.42
Cranbrook	Green, William Otis	PC	1,526	23.27
Tot. 6,557	Hoole, Lloyd James	LIB.	835	12.73
Rej. 35	Jones, Robert Owen	SC	1,633	24.90
	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	NDP	2,563	39.09

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Delta (2)	Horan, Thomas	PC	4,049	4.04
Tot. 100,327	Huff, Harry Lewis	LIB.	5,342	5.32
Rej. 473	Kuhn, Theodore	PC	4,461	4.45
	LeCOURS, Ernest A.	SC	22,067	22.00
	Mather, Camille Mildred	NDP	18,690	18.63
	Rhodes, James Henry	NDP	17,661	17.60
	Smith, J.T. (Jock)	LIB.	5,553	5.53
	VOGEL, Hunter Bertram	SC	22,504	22.43
Dewdney	BARRETT, David	NDP	11,625	41.95
Tot. 27,714	Jack, Wilfred Robert	LIB.	4,051	14.62
Rej. 251	Lester, Richard Egerton	SC	10,506	37.91
	Morrow, Lyn	PC	1,532	5.53
Esquimalt	BRUCH, Herbert Joseph	SC	4,951	48.28
Tot. 10,254	Dunsmuir, Robin James	PC	1,099	10.72
Rej. 121	Mitchell, Geoffrey Harris	NDP	2,806	27.36
	Simard, Maurice Charles	LIB.	1,398	13.63
Fernie	De Anna, Ezner	NDP	1,037	35.25
Tot. 2,942	McKAY, Henry Cartmell (Harry)	LIB.	1,226	41.67
Rej. 22	O'Rourke, Maurice J.	SC	679	23.08
Fort George	Cullinane, Thomas Raymond	LIB.	961	11.00
Tot. 8,733	Rutherford, William Kenneth	NDP	1,725	19.75
Rej. 72	Sawley, Dudley Erwin	PC	739	8.46
	WILLISTON, Ray Gillis	SC	5,308	60.78
Grand Forks-Greenwood	Geronazzo, Daniel Dominic	SC	705	29.50
Tot. 2,390	HAGGEN, Lois Mabel	NDP	919	38.45
Rej. 20	McGarry, Milo Joseph	LIB.	766	32.05
Kamloops	Fulton, Edmund Davie	PC	4,473	37.22
Tot. 12,019	GAGLARDI, Philip Arthur	SC	5,669	47.17
Rej. 71	Randle, Lance	NDP	1,297	10.79
	Smith, Henry Maxwell	LIB.	580	4.83
Kaslo-Slocan	Campbell, Burton Peter	SC	1,093	39.66

Tot. 2,756	HARDING, Randolph	NDP	1,242	45.07
Rej. 27	Maja, Onni Matt	LIB.	301	10.92
	Williams, Donald Walter	PC	120	4.35

Lillooet	Castillou, Henry Greer	LIB.	977	23.15
Tot. 4,220	Meagher, Thomas William	PC	702	16.64
Rej. 53	ROBINSON, Donald Frederick	SC	1,425	33.77
	Skatfeld, Clare	NDP	1,116	26.45

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Mackenzie	Dawson, Isabel Pearl	SC	3,920	37.73
Tot. 10,390	GARGRAVE, Anthony John	NDP	4,323	41.61
Rej. 90	McCloskey, Francis William (Frank)	LIB.	2,147	20.66

Nanaimo and The Islands	STUPICH, David Daniel	NDP	4,278	42.44
	Weir, Robert Clayton	LIB.	960	9.52
Tot. 10,079	Westwood, Earle Cathers	SC	4,259	42.26
Rej. 79	Wildman, Cornelia Petronella Adriana	PC	582	5.77

Nelson-Creston	Askevold, Sigurd	NDP	1,943	21.44
Tot. 9,064	BLACK, Wesley Drewett	SC	4,047	44.65
Rej. 53	Shorthouse, Thomas Stanley	PC	1,474	16.26
	Vogel, Richard Hunter	LIB.	1,600	17.65

New Westminster	Barrett, George Herbert	LIB.	2,335	17.42
Tot. 13,403	Corrigan Edith Maud	SC	4,717	35.19
Rej. 98	EDDIE, John McRae (Rae)	NDP	5,035	37.57
	Raikes, G. Basil	PC	1,316	9.82

North Okanagan	Becker, Frank F.	LIB.	2,076	20.75
Tot. 10,006	Byatt, Harry W.	PC	1,765	17.64
Rej. 69	McLEOD, George William	SC	4,157	41.55
	Pothecary, Isobel <sup>3</sup> B.	NDP	2,008	20.07

North Peace River	HUHN, Jacob Francis	SC	2,310	69.43
Tot. 3,327	Murray, Daniel Gilchrist	LIB.	603	18.12
Rej. 34	Pomeroy, Douglas George <sup>4</sup>	NDP	414	12.44

North Vancouver (2)	Bray, Ronald Clifton	PC	3,088	4.21
Tot. 73,337	Capozzi, Harold Peter (Herb)	SC	13,215	18.02



Rej. 332	Clifford, Hugh	NDP	5,409	7.38
	Faminow, Peter Samuel	NDP	5,764	7.86
	GIBSON, James Gordon	LIB.	14,068	19.18
	Nowlan, John Patrick	PC	3,567	4.86
	PERRAULT, Raymond Joseph	LIB.	16,153	22.03
	Rush, Maurice	CPC	190	.26
	Sharp, Frederick Morton	SC	11,883	16.20
Oak Bay	Ennals, Charles McGregor	SC	3,770	36.17
Tot. 10,422	Harrigan, Robert Wayne	NDP	469	4.50
Rej. 72	Henderson, Hugh Larratt	PC	1,726	16.56
	MACFARLANE, Alan Brock	LIB.	4,457	42.77
Omineca	Langford, Robert Fred	NDP	779	22.17
Tot. 3,514	McCallum, Richard M.	LIB.	528	15.03
Rej. 51	Pickering, Philip	PC	271	7.71
	SHELFORD, Cyril Morley	SC	1,936	55.09

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1. Amended date. Originally 31 October 1963.
  2. Includes one Socialist Party of Canada candidate.
  3. In 1960 Statement of Votes listed as Isabella.
  4. Listed as Dan George in Statement of Votes.

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## 28th General Election 1966

Dissolution of legislature	5 August 1966
Issue of writs	5 August 1966
Nomination day	29 August 1966
Polling day	12 September 1966
Return day of writs	20 October 1966
Opening of new legislature	24 January 1967

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist Party of Canada	1,097	.14	-	6
Independent	1,711	.23	-	6
Liberal Party	152,155	20.24	6	53
New Democratic Party	252,753	33.62	16	55
Progressive Conservative Party	1,409	.18	-	3
Social Credit (Party)	342,751	45.59	33	55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>751,876</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>178</b>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	McDIARMID, Howard Richmond	SC	6,039	55.55
Tot. 10,871	McLean, George	LIB.	511	4.70
Rej. 95	Squire, Stanley John	NDP	4,321	39.75
Atlin	CALDER, Frank Arthur	NDP	572	59.71
Tot. 958	Dalziel, Robin Roy	LIB.	125	13.05
Rej. 10	Kirkwood, Thomas James	SC	261	27.24

Boundary-Similkameen	Haggen, Lois Mabel	NDP	3,669	31.07
Tot. 11,810	RICHTER, Francis Xavier	SC	6,547	55.44
Rej. 87	Wilson, John Victor Hyde	LIB.	1,594	13.50
Burnaby-Edmonds	DOWDING, Gordon Hudson	NDP	5,748	48.71
Tot. 11,801	Mercier, David Maurice	LIB.	1,423	12.06
Rej. 106	Playfair, John Andrew Ferris	SC	4,630	39.23
Burnaby North	DAILLY, Eileen Elizabeth	NDP	6,984	49.72
Tot. 14,046	Whiffin, Inez Louise	SC	5,105	36.34
Rej. 200	Wolloschuk, Ralph	LIB.	1,957	13.93
Burnaby-Willingdon	Clark, James Martin (Jim)	LIB.	2,053	14.84
Tot. 13,835	MacSorley, Charles Willoughby	SC	5,629	40.69
Rej. 124	VULLIAMY, Frederick Justin	NDP	6,153	44.47
Cariboo	Dent, Hartley Douglas	NDP	2,530	35.74
Tot. 7,079	Mackey, Ronald Charles	LIB.	719	10.16
Rej. 74	SPEARE, William Collins	SC	3,830	54.10
Chilliwack	Kerr, William	NDP	3,081	25.26
Tot. 12,195	KIERNAN, William Kenneth	SC	7,703	63.17
Rej. 164	Lancaster, Lillian Louise	LIB.	1,411	11.57
Columbia River	CHABOT, James Roland	SC	1,563	58.45
Tot. 2,674	Keenleyside, Robert	LIB.	634	23.71
Rej. 21	Madson, Chris	NDP	477	17.84
Comox	CAMPBELL, Daniel Robert John	SC	5,449	49.39
Tot. 11,033	Cvetkovich, Joseph J.	LIB.	1,276	11.57
Rej. 104	Shanks, Neville	NDP	4,308	39.05
Coquitlam	BARRETT, David	NDP	9,517	55.20
Tot. 17,240	Gamache, Rene Jules	SC	6,065	35.18
Rej. 155	Ripley, Eileen Marguerite	LIB.	1,658	9.62
Cowichan-Malahat	Haddock, Joseph	LIB.	783	7.22
Tot. 10,841	Rogers, Patrick James	SC	4,412	40.70
Rej. 81	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	NDP	5,646	52.08

Delta	Garrett, George	LIB.	1,954	11.69
Tot. 16,721	Govan, Philip	PC	921	5.51
Rej. 153	Thomas, Jack Howard	NDP	6,078	36.35
	WENMAN, Robert Lloyd	SC	7,768	46.46
Dewdney	Davison, Thomas H.	LIB.	1,146	9.41
Tot. 12,181	Franklin, William R.	NDP	4,528	37.17
Rej. 88	MUSSALLEM, George	SC	6,507	53.42
Esquimalt	Bartanus, John E.	NDP	3,445	30.25
Tot. 11,387	BRUCH, Herbert Joseph	SC	6,075	53.35
Rej. 285	Elrix, David Alexander	LIB.	1,867	16.40
Fort George	Denton, Patrick Ivan McConnell	NDP	2,802	26.95
Tot. 10,397	Hope, Henry Allan	LIB.	1,313	12.63
Rej. 101	WILLISTON, Ray Gillis	SC	6,282	60.42
Kamloops	GAGLARDI, Philip Arthur	SC	5,753	52.35
Tot. 10,990	Kalyk, Nickolas Harvey	LIB.	2,000	18.20
Rej. 63	Randle, Lance	NDP	3,237	29.45
Kootenay	Jones, Robert Owen	SC	3,070	34.89
Tot. 8,798	McKay, Henry Cartmell (Harry)	LIB.	2,123	24.13
Rej. 54	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	NDP	3,605	40.98
Langley	McConnell, Roy Leslie	LIB.	1,260	10.19
Tot. 12,365	Thomas, Martin	NDP	3,899	31.53
Rej. 153	VOGEL, Hunter Bertram	SC	7,206	58.28
Mackenzie	Benner, Joseph L.	LIB.	855	9.11
Tot. 9,386	DAWSON, Isabel Pearl	SC	4,945	52.68
Rej. 90	Gargrave, Anthony John	NDP	3,586	38.21
Nanaimo	Goseltine, Robert Paul	LIB.	516	4.40
Tot. 11,721	Ney, Frank James	SC	5,580	47.61
Rej. 114	STUPICH, David Daniel	NDP	5,625	47.99
Nelson-Creston	BLACK, Wesley Drewett	SC	4,683	59.29
Tot. 7,899	Munro, John James	NDP	2,324	29.42
Rej. 91	Vogel, Anne MacRae MacLeod	LIB.	892	11.29

New Westminster	Cooper, Robert James	LIB.	1,577	12.24
Tot. 12,880	Corrigan, Edith Maud	SC	5,552	43.11
Rej. 160	EDDIE, John McRae (Rae)	NDP	5,751	44.65

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## 29th General Election 1969

Dissolution of legislature	21 July 1969
Issue of writs	21 July 1969
Nomination day	13 August 1969
Polling day	27 August 1969
Return day of writs	10 October 1969 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	22 January 1970

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist Party of Canada	482	.05	-	4
Independent and other <sup>2</sup>	962	.10	-	7
Liberal Party	186,235	19.03	5	55
New Democratic Party	331,813	33.92	12	55
Progressive Conservative Party	1,087	.11	-	1
Social Credit (Party)	457,777	46.79	38	55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>978,356</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>177</b>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	McDIARMID, Howard Richmond	SC	7,209	47.08
Tot. 15,313	Romaniuk, Eugene Edward	LIB.	1,424	9.30
Rej. 131	Squire, Stanley John	NDP	6,680	43.62
Atlin	CALDER, Frank Arthur	NDP	639	53.12
Tot. 1,203	Curran, Peter John	SC	230	19.12

Rej. 13	Studer, Basil Edward	LIB.	334	27.76
Boundary-Similkameen	Barlee, Neville Langrell	NDP	4,957	30.09
Tot. 16,476	MacDonald, Donald Grant	LIB.	2,575	15.63
Rej. 122	RICHTER, Francis Xavier	SC	8,944	54.29
Burnaby-Edmonds	Chalk, John Robert	SC	5,839	39.31
Tot. 14,855	DOWDING, Gordon Hudson	NDP	6,791	45.72
Rej. 239	Turner, William John	CPC	63	0.42
	Walsh, Robert Rumley	LIB.	2,162	14.55
Burnaby North	DAILLY, Eileen Elizabeth	NDP	8,365	48.18
Tot. 17,361	Maddison, Harold Kenny	LIB.	2,816	16.22
Rej. 249	Walker, Hugh	SC	6,180	35.60
Burnaby-Willingdon	Daly, James William	SC	6,902	39.74
Tot. 17,369	Gibbons, David Walter	LIB.	3,008	17.32
Rej. 206	LORIMER, James Gibson	NDP	7,459	42.94
Cariboo	FRASER, Alexander Vaughan	SC	5,766	52.05
Tot. 11,078	Seabrook, Kirby Gerald	NDP	2,961	26.73
Rej. 85	Zirnhelt, David	LIB.	2,351	21.22
Chilliwack	Hollins, Frank Edward	NDP	3,688	20.72
Tot. 17,801	Jessiman, Kenneth	LIB.	2,366	13.29
Rej. 165	KIERNAN, William Kenneth	SC	11,747	65.99
Columbia River	Batten, William Richard	LIB.	726	22.47
Tot. 3,231	CHABOT, James Roland	SC	1,818	56.27
Rej. 26	Jack, Ian David	NDP	687	21.26
Comox	CAMPBELL, Daniel Robert John	SC	7,910	45.61
Tot. 17,344	Chown, Olga Ruth Henrietta	LIB.	2,303	13.28
Rej. 194	Harris, Harry	NDP	7,131	41.12
Coquitlam	Angus, Michael Forrest	LIB.	6,018	22.16
Tot. 27,161	BARRETT, David	NDP	12,948	47.67
Rej. 213	Hansen, Poul E.	SC	8,195	30.17
		<b>PARTY</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>%</b>
Cowichan-Malahat	Bigby, James Robert	LIB.	916	5.91

Tot. 15,510	Ennals, Charles McGregor	SC	7,107	45.82
Rej. 127	Hasanen, Kenneth Leslie Craig	IND.	76	0.49
	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	NDP	7,411	47.78
Delta	Hemm, Doral	LIB.	3,545	12.87
Tot. 27,545	Liden, Carl Oswald	NDP	9,855	35.78
Rej. 295	WENMAN, Robert Lloyd	SC	14,145	51.35
Dewdney	Leggatt, Stuart Malcolm	NDP	5,980	36.89
Tot. 16,210	McDonald, Peter Macaulay	LIB.	1,987	12.26
Rej. 158	MUSSALLEM, George	SC	8,243	50.85
Esquimalt	BRUCH, Herbert Joseph	SC	8,532	52.60
Tot. 16,221	Gorst, James Henry	NDP	5,718	35.25
Rej. 415	Phillips, Frederick Henry	LIB.	1,971	12.15
Fort George	Enemark, Tex Cyril	LIB.	1,291	8.26
Tot. 15,639	Whittaker, John Lucas (Jack)	NDP	4,196	26.83
Rej. 159	WILLISTON, Ray Gillis	SC	10,152	64.91
Kamloops	Bryson, Malcolm Bates	LIB.	4,860	28.96
Tot. 16,783	GAGLARDI, Philip Arthur	SC	7,572	45.12
Rej. 120	Jacobs, James Andrew	NDP	4,351	25.93
Kootenay	Broadhurst, J. Harry	SC	4,267	38.26
Tot. 11,153	Nelson, Henry	LIB.	2,604	23.35
Rej. 173	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	NDP	4,282	38.39
Langley	Haddrell, Glenn C.	NDP	5,454	30.27
Tot. 18,018	Preston, George Henry Barclay	LIB.	1,951	10.83
Rej. 204	VOGEL, Hunter Bertram	SC	10,613	58.90
Mackenzie	DAWSON, Isabel Pearl	SC	5,687	45.59
Tot. 12,475	Forrest, Robert Douglas	LIB.	1,287	10.32
Rej. 175	Lockstead, Donald Frederick	NDP	5,501	44.10
Nanaimo	NEY, Frank James	SC	8,252	49.22
Tot. 16,764	Pleacas, Robert Steven	LIB.	722	4.31
Rej. 153	Stupich, David Daniel	NDP	7,790	46.47
Nelson-Creston	BLACK, Wesley Drewett	SC	5,849	54.04



Tot. 10,823	Freno, Louis William (Bill)	LIB.	689	6.37
Rej. 127	Nicolson, Lorne James	NDP	4,285	39.59
New Westminster	COCKE, Dennis Geoffrey	NDP	7,280	40.75
Tot. 17,866	Doran, Roderick	CPC	57	0.32
Rej. 221	Edmondson, John Earl	SC	7,161	40.08
	Milne, Dennis Douglas George	LIB.	3,368	18.85

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## 30th General Election 1972

Dissolution of legislature	24 July 1972
Issue of writs	24 July 1972
Nomination day	16 August 1972
Polling day	30 August 1972
Return day of writs	30 September 1972 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	17 October 1972

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist Party of Canada	862	.08	-	5
Independent	1,184	.10	-	9
Liberal Party	185,640	16.40	5	53
New Democratic Party	448,260	39.59	38	55
Progressive Conservative Party	143,450	12.67	2	49
Social Credit (Party)	352,776	31.16	10	55
TOTALS	1,132,172	100.00	55	226

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Cathers, Wayne Albert Ramsey	LIB.	2,272	12.92
Tot. 17,579	Johnstone, Thomas	SC	4,985	28.36
Rej. 251	SKELLY, Robert Evans	NDP	9,439	53.69
	Souther, Edna Delthene	PC	883	5.02
Atlin	Anderson, John Norman	SC	245	14.88

Tot. 1,647	CALDER, Frank Arthur	NDP	675	40.98
Rej. 27	Clayton, Glen Leslie	PC	65	3.95
	Curran, Peter John	IND.	242	14.69
	Studer, Basil Edward	LIB.	420	25.50
Boundary-Similkameen				
	Barlee, Neville Langrell	NDP	6,850	37.34
Tot. 18,347	Ewart, Donald James	PC	1,550	8.45
Rej. 122	RICHTER, Francis Xavier	SC	8,092	44.11
	Schiller, Ruth	LIB.	1,855	10.11
Burnaby-Edmonds				
	Chalk, John Robert	SC	3,891	24.05
Tot. 16,177	DOWDING, Gordon Hudson	NDP	8,146	50.36
Rej. 238	Flint, John Ross	LIB.	1,889	11.68
	Ladner, Hugh Graham	PC	2,251	13.91
Burnaby North				
	Coath, Robert Brian	LIB.	2,418	12.13
Tot. 19,939	DAILLY, Eileen Elizabeth	NDP	11,224	56.29
Rej. 224	Mason, James Peter Randall	SC	4,764	23.89
	Nesbitt, Susan	PC	1,533	7.69
Burnaby-Willingdon				
	Davis, Calvin Bruce	PC	1,365	6.95
Tot. 19,635	Jamieson, Donald Henry	LIB.	3,335	16.98
Rej. 204	LORIMER, James Gibson	NDP	9,643	49.11
	Mercier, David Maurice	SC	5,292	26.95
Cariboo				
	Anderson, Ronald Hjalmar	NDP	5,435	38.68
Tot. 14,052	FRASER, Alexander Vaughan	SC	6,780	48.25
Rej. 220	Gladue, Lawrence Albert	LIB.	1,837	13.07
Chilliwack				
	Dean, Michael	IND.	107	0.49
Tot. 21,677	Erickson, Johann	LIB.	3,782	17.45
Rej. 264	Holder, Allan Bryan	PC	4,134	19.07
	SCHROEDER, Harvey Wilfred	SC	8,712	40.19
	Weger, Kelly Margaret	NDP	4,942	22.80
Columbia River				
	CHABOT, James Roland	SC	1,814	45.35
Tot. 4,000	Hutchison, Thomas	NDP	1,573	39.33
Rej. 58	Lim, Stanley	LIB.	190	4.75
	Walsh, Michael Joseph	PC	423	10.58

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Comox	Campbell, Daniel Robert John	SC	6,376	29.00
Tot. 21,985	Foort, Lawrence	PC	1,166	5.30
Rej. 135	SANFORD, Karen Elizabeth	NDP	12,540	57.04
	Thompson, Patrick Melvin	LIB.	1,903	8.66
Coquitlam	BARRETT, David	NDP	19,374	57.28
Tot. 33,822	Paish, Howard Arthur John	LIB.	5,053	14.94
Rej. 234	Robinson, John Edward Mayon	SC	7,360	21.76
	Trent, Faith Helen Elly	PC	2,035	6.02
Cowichan-Malahat	Clemmens, Daniel R.	LIB.	842	4.62
Tot. 18,240	Grouhel, Kathleen	SC	4,555	24.97
Rej. 203	Hasanen, Kenneth Leslie Craig	IND.	70	0.38
	Quaife, James William	PC	2,101	11.52
	STRACHAN, Robert Martin	NDP	10,672	58.51
Delta	Boyd, Marcia Ann	PC	6,660	17.67
Tot. 37,690	Donnelly, Lorne L.	LIB.	3,730	9.90
Rej. 378	LIDEN, Carl Oswald	NDP	15,040	39.90
	Wenman, Robert Lloyd	SC	12,260	32.53
Dewdney	Mussallem, George	SC	7,548	38.30
Tot. 19,707	ROLSTON, Peter Carson	NDP	9,228	46.83
Rej. 164	Watson, Edward Arthur	PC	1,717	8.71
	Worthington, Theodore John	LIB.	1,214	6.16
Esquimalt	Bruch, Herbert Joseph	SC	5,320	27.46
Tot. 19,373	GORST, James Henry	NDP	6,568	33.90
Rej. 453	Joy, Henry Donovan	LIB.	3,884	20.05
	Williams, John Sedgwick	PC	3,601	18.59
Fort George	NUNWEILER, Allan Alfred	NDP	8,435	39.99
Tot. 21,093	Racette, Ronald L.	LIB.	710	3.37
Rej. 252	Williston, Ray Gillis	SC	8,194	38.85
	Wilson, John Galt	PC	3,754	17.80
Kamloops	ANDERSON, Gerald Hamilton	NDP	7,497	32.19
Tot. 23,291	Gaglardi, Philip Arthur	SC	6,812	29.25
Rej. 154	Mercer, William George	LIB.	5,691	24.43

	Shaw, Terrence Andrew	IND.	48	0.21
	Willoughby, John Archibald	PC	3,243	13.92
Kootenay	Caldwell, Harry Edwards	LIB.	1,872	13.64
Tot. 13,721	NIMSICK, Leo Thomas	NDP	6,065	44.20
Rej. 180	Powell, Ronald	PC	1,615	11.77
	Reeves, David John	SC	4,169	30.38

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Langley	Brown, Roy James	LIB.	2,146	8.96
Tot. 23,947	McCLELLAND, Robert Howard	SC	10,243	42.77
Rej. 329	Powell, Charles Gordon	NDP	9,033	37.72
	Taylor, Douglas Grant Burton	PC	2,525	10.54

Mackenzie	Blaney, Michael Hamilton	LIB.	1,767	11.89
Tot. 14,862	Dawson, Isabel Pearl	SC	4,802	32.31
Rej. 149	LOCKSTEAD, Donald Frederick	NDP	8,293	55.80

Nanaimo	Allen, Nelson Edward	IND.	238	1.19
Tot. 19,921	Ney, Frank James	SC	6,409	32.17
Rej. 327	Roberts, Graeme C.	PC	1,880	9.44
	Schoop, Lloyd	LIB.	916	4.60
	STUPICH, David Daniel	NDP	10,478	52.60

Nelson-Creston	Black, Wesley Drewett	SC	4,399	35.33
Tot. 12,451	MacNeill, George Edmund	LIB.	648	5.20
Rej. 139	NICOLSON, Lorne James	NDP	6,282	50.45
	Sloan, John K.	PC	1,122	9.01

New Westminster	COCKE, Dennis Geoffrey	NDP	10,357	55.63
Tot. 18,616	Edmondson, John Earl	SC	5,306	28.50
Rej. 287	Miller, Carl L.	LIB.	2,953	15.86

North Okanagan	Christensen, Kenneth Leyden	LIB.	2,960	20.81
Tot. 14,222	JORDAN, Patricia Jane	SC	5,323	37.43
Rej. 118	Usher, Brian George	PC	2,080	14.63
	Winters, Jerry	NDP	3,859	27.13

North Peace River	Herdy, William John	LIB.	265	4.06
Tot. 6,528	Leahy, Derril Laverne	PC	1,560	23.90

Rej. 87	Nelson, Dennis Warren	NDP	1,699	26.03
	SMITH, Dean Edward	SC	3,004	46.02
North Vancouver-	BROUSSON, David Maurice	LIB.	6,851	39.54
Capilano	Brouwer, Jacob	PC	3,526	20.35
Tot. 17,328	McDonald, Leslie	NDP	3,421	19.74
Rej. 123	Wallace, William Lee	SC	3,530	20.37
North Vancouver-Seymour	Clark, Barrie Aird	LIB.	5,100	22.05
Tot. 23,133	GABELMANN, Colin Stuart	NDP	7,609	32.89
Rej. 193	Poyner, James Matthew	SC	4,300	18.59
	Warren, Derril Thomas	PC	6,124	26.47
Oak Bay	Couvelier, Melville Bertram	LIB.	3,253	16.47
Tot. 19,747	McDiarmid, Howard Richmond	SC	4,752	24.06
Rej. 229	Neuls, Gordon John	NDP	1,423	7.21
	WALLACE, George Scott	PC	10,319	52.06

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1. Amended to 10 October 1972 and then 12 October 1972 for Vancouver- Little Mountain; to 12 October 1972 for South Peace River.

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## 31st General Election 1975

Dissolution of legislature	3 November 1975
Issue of writs	3 November 1975
Nomination day	27 November 1975
Polling day	11 December 1975
Return day of writs	5 January 1976 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	17 March 1976

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist Party of Canada	1,441	.11	-	13
Independent and other <sup>2</sup>	4,816	.37	-	16
Liberal Party	93,379	7.24	1	49
New Democratic Party	505,396	39.16	18	55
North American Labour Party	141	.01	-	4
Progressive Conservative Party	49,796	3.86	1	29
Social Credit Party	635,482	49.25	35	55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,290,451</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>221</b>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Haggard, Charles Ormond	SC	7,988	40.01
Tot. 19,967	McDonald, Otto Lester	CPC	84	0.42
Rej. 226	McKinnon, Cecile Marie T.	LIB.	1,018	5.10
	Schroeder, Allan Arthur	PC	1,278	6.40
	SKELLY, Robert Evans	NDP	9,599	48.07

Atlin	CALDER, Frank Arthur	SC	984	55.50
Tot. 1,773	Curran, Peter John	LIB.	292	16.47
Rej. 22	Steidl, Gordon	NDP	497	28.03
Boundary-Similkameen	Elder, James	LIB.	580	2.60
Tot. 22,325	HEWITT, James J. (Jim)	SC	10,784	48.31
Rej. 161	Montgomery, Barry Donald	PC	1,778	7.96
	Storey, Yvonne Joan	NDP	9,183	41.13
Burnaby-Edmonds	Dowding, Gordon Hudson	NDP	7,889	44.35
Tot. 17,786	LOEWEN, Raymond L.	SC	8,332	46.85
Rej. 156	Mitchell, Paul John	PC	568	3.19
	Tanner, Robert Stanley	LIB.	997	5.61
Burnaby North	Black, Delbert Errol	PC	816	3.55
Tot. 22,970	DAILLY, Eileen Elizabeth	NDP	10,430	45.41
Rej. 205	Diamond, Sara	RMG	22	0.10
	Doucet, Andre	NALP	12	0.05
	Griffin, Sean Kevin	CPC	76	0.33
	Oswald, John Clifford	SC	10,306	44.87
	Shillow, Moshe	LIB.	1,308	5.69
Burnaby-Willingdon	Clark, James Martin (Jim)	LIB.	1,676	7.91
Tot. 21,190	Lorimer, James Gibson	NDP	9,119	43.03
Rej. 329	VEITCH, Elwood Neal	SC	10,395	49.06
Cariboo	Adams, Grethyll Verda	NDP	6,122	30.13
Tot. 20,316	FRASER, Alexander Vaughan	SC	14,194	69.87
Rej. 235				
Chilliwack	Cameron, Ian McBeth	NDP	6,628	25.35
Tot. 26,143	Erickson, Johann	LIB.	2,987	11.43
Rej. 79	SCHROEDER, Harvey Wilfred	SC	16,528	63.22
Columbia River	CHABOT, James Roland	SC	2,800	59.93
Tot. 4,672	Conroy, Joseph Hadley	LIB.	507	10.85
Rej. 70	Pecora, Orlando	NDP	1,365	29.22
		PARTY	VOTES	%



Comox	Hanuse, Daniel Edgar	SC	10,171	38.90
Tot. 26,148	McLaren, Norman L.	LIB.	1,381	5.28
Rej. 424	SANFORD, Karen Elizabeth	NDP	10,650	40.73
	Stephens, Victor Albert	PC	3,946	15.09

Coquitlam	Barrett, David	NDP	18,663	47.55
Tot. 39,246	Beynon, Christine	CPC	61	0.16
Rej. 319	Johnson, Larry William	IND.	73	0.19
	KERSTER, George Herman	SC	18,681	47.60
	Levinson, Alan	NALP	17	0.04
	Osborne, Thomas	LIB.	1,652	4.21
	Stoelzle, Bernd Fritz	IND.	99	0.25

Cowichan-Malahat	Bigg, Andrew Basil	IND.	559	2.60
Tot. 21,465	Ennals, Charles McGregor	SC	9,066	42.24
Rej. 188	Tothill, Jevington Blair	LIB.	1,595	7.43
	WALLACE, Barbara Brookman	NDP	10,245	47.73

Delta	Bates, Arthur Edward	LIB.	2,236	4.60
Tot. 48,559	Darnell, Michael Anthony	CPC	105	0.22
Rej. 592	DAVIDSON, Kenneth Walter	SC	25,892	53.32
	Liden, Carl Oswald	NDP	17,469	35.98
	O'Brien-Bell, John	PC	2,857	5.88

Dewdney	Green, John Willison	PC	1,249	5.19
Tot. 24,074	Maddin, Douglas Wilbur	IND.	188	0.78
Rej. 247	MUSSALLEM, George	SC	13,024	54.10
	Rolston, Peter Carson	NDP	9,613	39.93

Esquimalt	Craggs, John Strong	IND.	132	0.54
Tot. 24,295	Dawson, Thelma	PC	2,033	8.37
Rej. 417	KAHL, Lyle Benjamin James	SC	10,637	43.78
	Mitchell, Franklin John Trehern	NDP	10,516	43.28
	Stephenson, Leonard J.	LIB.	977	4.02

Fort George	Anderton, Alan Graham	PC	1,273	4.41
Tot. 28,865	House, Frederick Joseph	LIB.	1,695	5.87
Rej. 306	LLOYD, Howard John	SC	16,455	57.01
	Nunweiler, Allan Alfred	NDP	9,442	32.71

Kamloops	Anderson, Gerald Hamilton	NDP	10,975	36.49
Tot. 30,078	Carter, Donald Norman	LIB.	4,464	14.84
Rej. 236	MAIR, Kenneth Rafe	SC	14,639	48.67

Kootenay	HADDAD, George Wayne	SC	7,915	52.29
Tot. 15,138	Patterson, James	NDP	7,223	47.71
Rej. 220				

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Langley	Chesney, Joseph Edward	NDP	9,625	27.58
Tot. 34,906	Mallison, Kenneth Henry	LIB.	1,879	5.38
Rej. 402	McCLELLAND, Robert Howard	SC	23,402	67.04

Mackenzie	LOCKSTEAD, Donald Frederick	NDP	9,059	54.10
Tot. 16,744	McRae, Marion Mcllwraith	LIB.	1,108	6.62
Rej. 150	Paetkau, Eric Jacob	SC	6,577	39.28

Nanaimo	Holmgren, Raymond	CPC	90	0.36
Tot. 24,813	Matthews, William Harold	LIB.	636	2.56
Rej. 187	Moore, Marjorie Ennis	PC	869	3.50
	Roberts, Graeme C.	SC	11,041	44.50
	STUPICH, David Daniel	NDP	12,177	49.08

Nelson-Creston	Coleman, George Henry	SC	5,951	43.54
Tot. 13,669	NICOLSON, Lorne James	NDP	7,718	56.46
Rej. 172				

New Westminster	COCKE, Dennis Geoffrey	NDP	9,650	50.51
Tot. 19,106	Doran, Roderick	CPC	60	0.31
Rej. 166	Franke, Karl	LIB.	923	4.83
	Seigo, Alexander John	SC	8,473	44.35

North Okanagan	DeGirolamo, Daniel Gaetano	LIB.	2,305	12.32
Tot. 18,715	Foord, James Arthur	NDP	6,510	34.78
Rej. 165	JORDAN, Patricia Jane	SC	9,900	52.90

North Peace River	Martin, Desmond	LIB.	251	3.37
Tot. 7,438	Schuck, Andrew Philip	NDP	2,139	28.76
Rej. 96	SMITH, Dean Edward	SC	5,048	67.87

North Vancouver-Capilano	Andrews, Ronald Clayton	SC	8,530	43.19
Tot. 19,749	Copes, Michael Ian	NDP	2,383	12.07
Rej. 230	GIBSON, Gordon Fulerton	LIB.	8,836	44.74
North Vancouver-Seymour	Calder, Brian Kenneth	PC	926	3.40
Tot. 27,200	DAVIS, John (Jack)	SC	14,550	53.49
Rej. 245	Gabelmann, Colin Stuart	NDP	9,611	35.34
	Kanngiesser, Robert Frederick	LIB.	2,113	7.77
Oak Bay	Carson, Sherman Frank Byas	SC	8,274	37.29
Tot. 22,189	Jameson, Sarah Elizabeth	LIB.	359	1.62
Rej. 229	Vickery, Raymond Barrie	NDP	2,067	9.31
	WALLACE, George Scott	PC	11,489	51.78

1. Amended to 16 January 1976 for Burnaby North and Coquitlam; to 12 January 1976 for Skeena. Return day for writ from Coquitlam further amended to an indefinite date; writ was returned 19 February 1976.

2. Includes Revolutionary Marxist Group (3 candidates) and League for Socialist Action (1 candidate).

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## 32nd General Election 1979

Dissolution of legislature	3 April 1979
Issue of writs	3 April 1979
Nomination day	26 April 1979
Polling day	10 May 1979
Return day of writs	5 June 1979 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	6 June 1979

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist <sup>2</sup>	1,394	.10	-	9
Independent and others <sup>3</sup>	1,296	.09	-	7
Liberal Party	6,662	.47	-	5
New Democratic Party	646,188	45.99	26	57
North American Labour Party	297	.02	-	4
Progressive Conservative Party	71,078	5.06	-	37
Social Credit Party	677,607	48.23	31	57
Western Independence Party	555	.04	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,405,077</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>178</b>

### Results By Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	SKELLY, Robert Evans	NDP	7,935	57.63
Tot. 13,768	Swann, Gary William	CPC	97	0.71
Rej. 201	Van Bergen, Joseph	SC	5,736	41.66

Atlin	Calder, Frank Arthur	SC	749	49.97
Tot. 1,499	PASSARELL, Alan Lawrence	NDP	750	50.03
Rej. 39				

Boundary-Similkameen	HEWITT, James J. (Jim)	SC	13,739	47.56
Tot. 28,886	McIver, Bryan Patrick	NDP	11,485	39.76
Rej. 324	Swales, John Edwin	PC	3,662	12.68

Burnaby-Edmonds	BROWN, Rosemary	NDP	9,634	50.85
Tot. 18,946	Lewarne, William Alfred	SC	8,375	44.20
Rej. 384	Parker, Ruth	PC	937	4.95

Burnaby North	DAILLY, Eileen Elizabeth	NDP	12,843	52.97
Tot. 24,247	England, Sheryl Ann	PC	1,064	4.39
Rej. 486	Gray, Brian Keith	NALP	41	0.17
	Griffin, Margaret Jean (Betty)	CPC	88	0.36
	Oswald, John Clifford	SC	10,211	42.11

Burnaby-Willingdon	LORIMER, James Gibson (Jim)	NDP	11,100	51.54
Tot. 21,535	Veitch, Elwood Neal	SC	10,435	48.46
Rej. 506				

Cariboo	FRASER, Alexander Vaughan	SC	13,736	64.09
Tot. 21,431	Kemp, Byron Ralph	NDP	7,233	33.75
Rej. 315	Mayne, Brian Hartley	IND.	462	2.16

Central Fraser Valley	Bakker, Jan	NDP	4,653	25.88
Tot. 17,982	Barton, Eva Viola	PC	1,362	7.57
Rej. 279	RITCHIE, William Samuel (Bill)	SC	11,967	66.55

Chilliwack	Menzies, David Carstairs (Dave)	NDP	5,792	31.41
Tot. 18,441	Pirie, Thomas Fitzgerald (Jerry)	PC	1,413	7.66
Rej. 238	SCHROEDER, Harvey Wilfred	SC	11,236	60.93

Columbia River	CHABOT, James Roland	SC	4,830	52.21
Tot. 9,251	Smaill, Sandra Helen Mary	NDP	4,421	47.79
Rej. 157				

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Comox	Doll, Delbert Keith	SC	9,390	42.57

Tot. 22,061	Kellow, Eric Harry	PC	2,251	10.20
Rej. 315	SANFORD, Karen Elizabeth	NDP	10,420	47.23
Coquitlam-Moody	Jakubec, Orest Peter	PC	762	3.69
Tot. 20,629	Keen, Leslie Richard	SC	7,915	38.37
Rej. 223	LEGGATT, Stuart Malcolm	NDP	11,919	57.78
	Segur, Calvin Alphonso	NALP	33	0.16
Cowichan-Malahat	Hollett, Henry Rex	SC	7,746	41.43
Tot. 18,698	Paskin, Kenneth	PC	1,113	5.95
Rej. 180	WALLACE, Barbara Brookman	NDP	9,839	52.62
Delta	Burnett, Elsie Gwendolyn	PC	1,877	6.30
Tot. 29,800	DAVIDSON, Walter Kenneth	SC	16,421	55.10
Rej. 228	Liden, Carl Oswald	NDP	11,429	38.35
	Stevens, John Michael	CPC	73	0.25
Dewdney	MUSSALLEM, George	SC	12,643	51.31
Tot. 24,641	Norris, Joan Mary	NDP	11,998	48.69
Rej. 467				
Esquimalt-Port Renfrew	Christie, Douglas Hewson	WIP	280	1.16
Tot. 24,176	Kahl, Lyle Benjamin James	SC	9,812	40.58
Rej. 523	Langlois, William James (Bill)	PC	1,462	6.05
	MITCHELL, Franklin John Trehern	NDP	12,419	51.37
	Stansall, Donald Cecil	INHP	72	0.30
	Williams, Wayne Arthur	IND.	131	0.54
Kamloops	Lapa, Andrew	NDP	12,121	40.64
Tot. 29,824	MAIR, Kenneth Rafe	SC	15,430	51.74
Rej. 545	Pratt, Murray Regis	PC	2,273	7.62
Kootenay	Paul, Roy Wilburn	PC	975	7.80
Tot. 12,492	SEGARTY, Terence Patrick	SC	6,167	49.37
Rej. 102	Wright, Douglas Wayne	NDP	5,350	42.83
Langley	Anderson, Sherri Rose	PC	1,885	8.62
Tot. 21,859	Duguid, Stephen Ralph	NDP	7,984	36.53
Rej. 302	McCLELLAND, Robert Howard	SC	11,990	54.85

Mackenzie	Gray, Gerald David	SC	6,515	38.29
Tot. 17,015	LOCKSTEAD, Donald Frederick	NDP	10,500	61.71
Rej. 265				

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1. Amended to 8 June 1979 for Atlin.
  2. Includes Communist Party of Canada and Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).
  3. Includes Independent New Hope Party and Gay Alliance Toward Equality (1 candidate each).
  4. Listed only as Communist Party of Canada in Statement of Votes but was not part of the CPC slate. Campaigned as CPC (Marxist-Leninist).

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## 33rd General Election 1983

Dissolution of legislature	7 April 1983
Issue of writs	7 April 1983
Nomination day	22 April 1983
Polling day	5 May 1983
Return day of writs	30 May 1983 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	23 June 1983

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
Communist Party of Canada	837	.05	-	4
Green Party	3,078	.19	-	4
Independent	5,225	.32	-	18
Liberal Party	44,442	2.69	-	52
New Democratic Party	741,354	44.94	22	57
Progressive Conservative Party	19,131	1.16	-	12
Social Credit Party	820,807	49.76	35	57
Western Canada Concept	14,185	.86	-	18
Western National Party	474	.03	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,649,533</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>224</b>

### Results by Electoral District

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Chiko, Alice	SC	5,496	37.34
Tot. 14,718	Gaughan, Michael Thomas	WCC	291	1.98
Rej. 244	Hutchinson, Susan Patricia	LIB.	183	1.24



	SKELLY, Robert Evans	NDP	8,656	58.81
	Swann, Gary William	CPC	92	.63
Atlin	Ball, Robert Edmund Allen (Bobby)	SC	1,208	40.48
Tot. 2,984	Brohman, Paul Danny	IND.	84	2.82
Rej. 76	Longson, Burgess A.	IND.	105	3.52
	PASSARELL, Alan Lawrence	NDP.	1,587	53.18
Boundary-Similkameen	Hasanen, Kenneth Leslie Craig	LIB.	1,086	3.15
Tot. 34,423	HEWITT, James J. (Jim)	SC	18,869	54.82
Rej. 312	Storey, Yvonne Joan	NDP	14,468	42.03
Burnaby-Edmonds	Begin, Robert Gary	SC	10,092	47.92
Tot. 21,060	BROWN, Rosemary	NDP	10,677	50.70
Rej. 298	Lehnert, Hans Joachim	WNP	291	1.38
Burnaby North	Bloy, James Henry (Harry)	PC	644	2.39
Tot. 26,909	Brown, Donald Neil	SC	12,505	46.47
Rej. 253	DAILLY, Eileen Elizabeth	NDP	13,013	48.36
	Davidson, Richard Harvey (Slim)	LIB.	747	2.78
Burnaby-Willingdon	Beyer, Heinz	WNP	183	.78
Tot. 23,442	Chapin, David Timothy	LIB.	708	3.02
Rej. 279	Lorimer, James Gibson	NDP	10,886	46.44
	VEITCH, Elwood Neil	SC	11,665	49.76
Cariboo	FRASER, Alexander Vaughn	SC	16,446	61.82
Tot. 26,602	Hilbert, Steven Edward	NDP	8,990	33.80
Rej. 393	Le Bourdais, Jeremie Louis	GP	212	.80
	Paley, Harold Alexander	WCC	405	1.52
	Robertson, Quintin Robert McAdam	LIB.	549	2.06
Central Fraser Valley	Fontaine, Harry Wilfred	NDP	6,628	25.05
Tot. 26,458	McNeil, James Alexander	PC	3,399	12.85
Rej. 419	RITCHIE, William Samuel (Bill)	SC	16,032	60.59
	Suderman, Jacob Victor	LIB.	399	1.51
Chilliwack	Fast, Scott Orman	NDP	7,955	35.34
Tot. 22,510	Hjalmarson, Clarence Ernest	WCC	953	4.23
Rej. 289	SCHROEDER, Harvey Wilfred	SC	12,255	54.45

Tyson, Thomas Matthew	PC	847	3.76
Warnke, Hartwig B.	LIB.	500	2.22

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Columbia River	CHABOT, James Roland	SC	6,385	53.94
Tot. 11,837	Duff, Don	NDP	5,232	44.20
Rej. 159	Hendren, Michael Gordon	LIB.	220	1.86
Comox	Finnie, Thomas John	LIB.	502	1.71
Tot. 29,452	Griffiths, Allan Wayne	WCC	1,104	3.75
Rej. 258	SANFORD, Karen Elizabeth	NDP	13,719	46.58
	Smith, George Herbert Parke	SC	13,422	45.57
	Stephens, Victor Albert	IND.	705	2.39
Coquitlam-Moody	ROSE, Mark Willson	NDP	14,717	51.81
Tot. 28,407	Stewart, William Watson	LIB.	1,010	3.55
Rej. 267	Whitehead, Douglas William Geoffrey	SC	12,680	44.64
Cowichan-Malahat	Bruce, Graham Preston	SC	10,143	44.38
Tot. 22,853	Lesosky, Louis James	IND.	101	.44
Rej. 245	Steele, Irwin Wield (Bill)	LIB.	345	1.51
	Turnbull, James Ivan	WCC	609	2.67
	WALLACE, Barbara Brookman	NDP	11,655	51.00
Delta	Buhay, Ken	LIB.	464	1.26
Tot. 36,827	Coggan, Michael Terence	WCC	450	1.22
Rej. 247	DAVIDSON, Kenneth Walter	SC	21,496	58.37
	Hoyt, David Peter	PC	1,117	3.03
	Moser, Karl H.	NDP	13,300	36.12
Dewdney	Altwasser, Wally	IND.	566	1.76
Tot. 32,065	Moore, Robert L.	LIB.	410	1.28
Rej. 366	PELTON, Forbes Charles Austin	SC	15,820	49.34
	Weremchuk, Sophie	NDP	15,269	47.62
Esquimalt-Port Renfrew	Greenwood, Kerry Gordon	WCC	1,151	4.08
Tot. 28,220	Lightburn, Brian	SC	10,185	36.09
Rej. 299	MITCHELL, Franklin John Trehern	NDP	16,304	57.77
	Stanley, William Charles	LIB.	580	2.06

Kamloops	Kendall, David Brian	IND.	972	2.63
Tot. 36,972	Reiter, David Phillip	NDP	14,627	39.56
Rej. 356	RICHMOND, Claude Harry	SC	21,114	57.11
	Sumner, Christopher Keith	IND.	259	.70
Kootenay	Mathias, Harry Edwin	NDP	8,245	47.36
Tot. 17,411	Palmer, Kory	LIB.	347	1.99
Rej. 208	SEGARTY, Terence Patrick	SC	8,819	50.65

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1. Amended to 4 July 1983 for Maillardville-Coquitlam and to 31 May 1983 for Dewdney, North Island, Okanagan South, Surrey, Vancouver East and Vancouver-Little Mountain.

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## 34th General Election 1986

Dissolution of legislature	24 September 1986
Issue of writs	24 September 1986
Nomination day	9 October 1986
Polling day	22 October 1986
Return day of writs	17 November 1986 <sup>1</sup>
Opening of new legislature	9 March 1987

### Summary

	VOTES	%	MEMBERS	CANDIDATES
British Columbia Libertarian Party	341	0.02	-	3
Communist Party of Canada	722	0.03	-	3
Green Party of British Columbia	4,660	0.24	-	9
Independent	2,470	0.13	-	6
Liberal Party	130,505	6.74	-	55
Libertas of British Columbia	1,552	0.08	-	1
New Democratic Party	824,544	42.60	22	69
New Republic Party For British Columbia	245	0.01	-	1
People's Front	1,502	0.08	-	8
Progressive Conservative Party	14,074	0.73	-	12
Social Credit Party	954,516	49.32	47	69
Western Canada Concept	322	0.02	-	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,935,453</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>237</b>

### Results by Electoral District<sup>2</sup>

		PARTY	VOTES	%
Alberni	Aspinall, Ronald Daniel Craigie	GP	87	0.56
Tot. 15,548	Mosdell, William F.	LIB.	377	2.43
Rej. 304	SKELLY, Robert Evans	NDP	8,597	55.29
	Trumper, Gillian	SC	6,487	41.72
Atlin	Burton, Andrew (Andy)	SC	858	37.29
Tot. 2,301	GUNO, Larry Edward	NDP	1,443	62.71
Rej. 31				
Boundary-Similkameen (2)	Cursons, David G.	GP	634	1.04
Tot. 60,693	Harrop, Eldon John	NDP	11,656	19.21
Rej. 758	HEWITT, James J. (Jim)	SC	18,204	29.99
	Hughes, John Mercer	GP	893	1.47
	Lucier, Anna Rita	LIB.	1,729	2.85
	MESSMER, Ivan Charles	SC	16,150	26.61
	Nickel, Wesley G.	NDP	11,427	18.83
Burnaby-Edmonds	Brito, Carlos Albert	LIB.	1,054	4.94
Tot. 21,354	Johnson, Ronald	NDP	9,945	46.57
Rej. 364	Lane, Mark John Terrence	BCLP	56	0.26
	MERCIER, David Maurice	SC	10,299	48.23
Burnaby North	JONES, James Barry	NDP	13,540	48.33
Tot. 28,017	Long, Grace Olive (Gus)	LIB.	1,834	6.54
Rej. 348	Woods, Michael John	SC	12,643	45.13
Burnaby-Willingdon	Sawicki, Joan	NDP	11,455	48.71
Tot. 23,515	VEITCH, Elwood Neal	SC	12,060	51.29
Rej. 419				
Cariboo (2)	D'Arcy, Michael George	LIB.	1,738	3.61
Tot. 48,157	Dressler, John	NDP	8,386	17.41
Rej. 778	Epp, Peter V.	PC	555	1.15
	FRASER, Alexander Vaughn	SC	14,594	30.31
	LeBourdais, Jeremie Louis	IND.	214	0.44
	Slater, Christine M.	NDP	8,250	17.13
	VANT, T. Neil	SC	12,715	26.40
	Warn, Sylvia Anne Louise	LIB.	927	1.93

	Wyse, Charles Richard	PC	778	1.62
Central Fraser Valley (2)	Bergen, Violet	NDP	6,805	13.44
Tot. 50,618	DE JONG, Harry H.	SC	15,900	31.41
Rej. 627	DUECK, Peter Albert	SC	16,961	33.51
	McNeil, James Alexander	PC	4,900	9.68
	Mohr, J. Steven	NDP	6,052	11.96
		<b>PARTY</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>%</b>
Chilliwack	Fast, Scott Orman	NDP	6,626	30.44
Tot. 21,769	Hames, Clinton E.	LIB.	1,859	8.54
Rej. 300	JANSEN, John	SC	12,838	58.97
	Kirby, Gerald James Edward	PC	446	2.05
Columbia River	Aitchison, Betty A.B.	LIB.	672	6.36
Tot. 10,572	CRANDALL, Duane Delton	SC	5,178	48.98
Rej. 127	Jones, Ralph	NDP	4,722	44.66
Comox	HAGEN, Stanley Brian	SC	15,833	51.15
Tot. 30,953	Sanford, Karen Elizabeth	NDP	13,562	43.82
Rej. 276	Setter, John G. (Jack)	LIB.	985	3.18
	Terry, Ian	PC	573	1.85
Coquitlam-Moody	Anderson, Darrell V.	SC	13,278	43.37
Tot. 30,618	Papps, Charles A.	LIB.	1,819	5.94
Rej. 364	ROSE, Mark Willson	NDP	15,521	50.69
Cowichan-Malahat	Askew, Carolyn Judith	NDP	10,442	45.31
Tot. 23,046	BRUCE, Graham Preston	SC	11,744	50.96
Rej. 317	Olthof, Paul	LIB.	860	3.73
Delta (2)	Bishop, Sylvia K.	NDP	11,984	16.72
Tot. 71,697	DAVIDSON, Kenneth Walter	SC	20,523	28.62
Rej. 722	Moser, Karl H.	NDP	13,581	18.94
	SAVAGE, John Lawrence	SC	20,950	29.22
	Smith, Kenneth Douglas	PC	1,804	2.52
	Stevens, Samuel D.	LIB.	2,855	3.98
Dewdney (2)	Bingham, Bruce	LIB.	2,203	3.48
Tot. 63,347	Hartley, William James (Bill)	NDP	14,923	23.56

Rej. 766	JACOBSEN, Johann Alvin Norman	SC	15,328	24.19
	PELTON, Forbes Charles Austin	SC	15,614	24.65
	Weremchuk, Sophie	NDP	15,279	24.12
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Esquimalt-Port Renfrew	Jones, Robert Henry	LIB.	1,293	4.54
Tot. 28,462	Killip, T. Brian	SC	11,649	40.93
Rej. 250	Lewers, Richard (Dick)	WCC	322	1.13
	SIHOTA, Munmohan Singh (Moe)	NDP	15,198	53.40
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Kamloops (2)	Cartwright, Kenna E.	NDP	16,442	24.12
Tot. 68,174	Frisk, Trudy M.	GP	695	1.02
Rej. 1,148	Mikulin, Leon	IND.	282	0.41
	Morrison, Norman A.	LIB.	1,277	1.87
	RICHMOND, Claude Harry	SC	17,478	25.64
	Rolston, Peter Carson	NDP	15,131	22.20
	SMITH, Stuart Douglas Boland (Bud)	SC	16,869	24.74

1. Amended to 5 December 1986 for Dewdney, to 18 November 1986 for Nelson-Creston, and to 28 November 1986 for Vancouver-Point Grey.

2. Note that in this election the number of rejected votes rather than ballots has been counted.

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## Party Abbreviations 1903-1986

BCCP	British Columbia Constructive Party
BCLP	British Columbia Libertarian Party
BCSCL	British Columbia Social Credit League
CCF	Co-operative Commonwealth Federation
CDP	Christian Democratic Party
CDPC	Christian Democratic Party of Canada
CGW	Comrades of the Great War
CHAM.	Chameleon Party
CIT.	Citizens' Party
CLP	Canadian Labour Party (B.C. section)
CLPBC	Canadian Labour Party of British Columbia
COAL.	Coalition
CONS.	Conservative Party
CPC	Communist Party of Canada
CPC(ML)	Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)
DPC	Democratic Party of Canada
EP	Emancipation Party
FAR.LBR.	Farmer-Labour
FJP	Financial Justice Party
FLP	Federated Labour Party
FTP	Free Trade Party
GATE	Gay Alliance Toward Equality
GAUV	Grand Army of the United Veterans
GP	Green Party of British Columbia



GWVA	Great War Veterans' Association
ILP	Independent Labour Party
IND.	Independent
IND.CCF.	Independent Co-operative Commonwealth Federation
IND.CON.S.	Independent Conservative
IND.FAR.	Independent Farmer
IND.FL	Independent Farm Labour
IND.LBR.	Independent Labour
IND.LIB.	Independent Liberal
IND.PRO.	Independent Progressive Association
IND.PC	Independent Progressive Conservative
IND.SC	Independent Social Credit
IND.SOC.	Independent Socialist
IND.SOL.	Independent Soldier
INHP	Independent New Hope Party
LBC	Libertas of British Columbia
LBR.	Labour (Party)
LIB.	Liberal Party
LIB.IND.	Liberal Industrialist
LLBC	Liberty League of British Columbia
LPP	Labour Progressive Party
LRC	Labour Representation Committee
LSA	League for Socialist Action
NALP	North American Labour Party
NDP	New Democratic Party
NDP-CCF	New Democratic Party - Co-operative Commonwealth Federation
N(I)LP	Nanaimo (Independent) Labour Party
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OGM	Oxford Group Movement

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PROV.	Provincial Party of British Columbia
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RPB	Religious Political Brotherhood
SC	Social Credit (Party of British Columbia)
SCA	Social Credit (alliance)
S.CON.S.	Social Conservative
SCLBC	Social Credit League of British Columbia
SCP	Social Credit Party
SDP	Social Democratic Party of Canada
SLP	Socialist Labour Party
SOL.	Soldier
SOL.FAR.	Soldier-Farmer
SOL.LBR.	Soldier-Labour
SPBC	Socialist Party of British Columbia
SPC	Socialist Party of Canada (old)
SPC	Socialist Party of Canada (new)
SPC(BC)	Socialist Party of Canada (B.C. section)
UE	Union of Electors
UF	United Front (Workers and Farmers) Party
UFBC	United Farmers of British Columbia
ULV	United Labour Veterans
UNION	Unionist League/Association
UPBC	Unionist Party of British Columbia

V(I)LP	Vancouver (Independent) Labour Party
VRA	Vancouver Rentpayers Association
VWD	Victory Without Debt Party
WCC	Western Canada Concept
WFL	Women's Freedom League
WIP	Western Independence Party
WNP	Western National Party
WPC	Workers' Party of Canada

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## Parties and Elections 1903-1986

General elections are indicated by year, by-elections by year and month. A date range is given when elections were contested by a party or interest over a period of time; otherwise individual dates are shown. Explanatory notes are provided to distinguish among parties with similar names and to indicate connections among various parties.<sup>1</sup>

Party		Elections
British Columbia Constructive Party	BCCP	1937
In 1936, Robert Connell, leader of the <i>Co-operative Commonwealth Federation</i> , broke away to form the Social Constructive Party with three other CCF MLAs. In 1937 the name was changed to the BCCP.		
British Columbia Libertarian Party	BCLP	1986
British Columbia Social Credit League BCSCCL		1949; 1952
Incorporated in 1949. Not the same as the <i>Social Credit League of British Columbia</i> . See also <i>Social Credit (Party of British Columbia)</i> .		
British Columbia Social Credit Party		
See <i>Social Credit (Party of British Columbia)</i> .		
Canadian Labour Party (B.C. section)	CLP	1924
Formed in 1924 by a coalition of the <i>Federated Labour Party</i> , the <i>Workers' Party of Canada</i> , and local labour councils. See also <i>Independent Labour Party</i> .		
Canadian Labour Party of British Columbia	CLPBC	1906 1909
Formed in 1906 as a labour party separate from the <i>Socialist Party of Canada</i> in British Columbia.		

Chameleon Party		1981 (May)
Christian Democratic Party	CDP	1952 1953
Organized in 1952 by B.C. Catholics.		
Christian Democratic Party of Canada	CDPC	1974(Feb.)
Organized in 1970; Vancouver based.		
Citizens' Party	CIT.	1924(Aug.)
Endorsed by the <i>Conservative Party</i> and the <i>Provincial Party</i> .		
Coalition	COAL.	1942(Nov.) - 1951 (Oct.)
Immediately after the 1941 election the <i>Conservative Party</i> and the <i>Liberal Party</i> joined forces to form a Coalition government. Some dissidents rejected the alliance, sitting and running independently.		
Committee for Western Independence		
See <i>Western Independence Party</i> .		
Common Herd Party		
See <i>People</i> .		
Communist Party of Canada	CPC	1937 1960-1986
In the 1920s operated as the <i>Workers' Party of Canada</i> , in the early 1930s as the <i>United Front</i> , and, after it was banned in 1940, as the <i>Labour Progressive Party</i> until 1957.		
Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)	CPC(ML)	1979
Comrades of the Great War	CGW	1918(Jan.)
See also <i>Soldier</i>		

Conservative Party (of British Columbia)	CONS.	1903-1941
<p>In 1924 dissident Conservatives ran as, or supported, <i>Provincial Party</i> candidates. In 1933 the provincial party association decided to take no official part in the election, leaving local associations to run candidates as Independents, <i>Independent Conservatives</i>, <i>Conservatives</i> (but without provincial endorsement), or as part of the <i>Non Partisan Independent Group</i> or the <i>Unionist Party of British Columbia</i>. Formed part of the <i>Coalition</i> from 1941-1952. The party name was changed in 1942 at a federal convention to <i>Progressive Conservative Party</i>.</p>		
Constructive Party		
See <i>British Columbia Constructive Party</i>		
Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	CCF	1933-1960
<p>Formed in British Columbia in 1933 by a coalition of the <i>Socialist Party of Canada (B.C. section)</i>, the Reconstruction Party (formerly the League for Social Reconstruction), and affiliated organizations. In August 1933, the latter two organizations merged to become the Associated CCF Clubs. A further merger with the SPC(BC) took place in 1935. In 1960 the name was changed nationally to New Party, then in 1961 to <i>New Democratic Party</i>. Some overlap occurred in by-elections. See also <i>Independent Co-operative Commonwealth Federation</i> and <i>People's Co-operative Commonwealth Federation</i>.</p>		
Democratic Party of Canada	DPC	1940; 1945(June)
Emancipation Party	EP	1941

Party		Elections
Farmer-Labour	FAR.LBR.	1924; 1931(Jan.)
See also <i>Soldier-Farmer</i> , <i>Soldier-Labour</i> , and <i>Independent Farm Labour</i>		
Federated Labour Party	FLP	1920
<p>A creation of the British Columbia Federation of Labour. It absorbed the <i>Social Democratic Party of Canada</i> and part of the <i>Socialist Party of Canada</i>. See also <i>Canadian Labour Party (B.C. section)</i> and <i>Independent Labour Party</i>.</p>		
Financial Justice Party	FJP	1937

Free Trade Party	FTP	1966(Nov.)
Gay Alliance Toward Equality	GATE	1979
Grand Army of the United Veterans	GAUV	1920
The political wing of various World War I veterans' organizations. See also <i>Soldier</i> and <i>Soldier-Labour</i> .		
Great War Veterans Association	GWVA	1918(June); 1920
See also <i>Soldier</i> .		
Green Party of British Columbia	GP	1983; 1986
Independent	IND.	1906-1986
<p>Straight Independents professing no other affiliation or political interest. Official sources sometimes described candidates as IND. who had more specific interests or who preferred to run on behalf of a movement or were supported by an otherwise non-political organization. These have been identified as such wherever possible.</p> <p>The term "Independent" may have various meanings. Used in conjunction with an established political party name, it designates a candidate sharing the political philosophy but not endorsing and/or being endorsed by the official party organization. From 1940 Independent candidates have been prohibited from using the name of a "recognized political party" (SBC 1940 c.9) although there was some confusion about this in 1945 and 1949. Preceding a more general political orientation (e.g. Farmer), the term is usually an elaboration of the independent status of a special interest candidate. Independent may also be part of the name of a political party. The first two categories should not be confused with the third.</p>		
Independent Conservative	IND.CONS.	1913(Dec.); 1924-1933; 1949
<p>In the 1933 election <i>Conservative Party</i> candidates ran under various labels including Independent Conservative. In other elections Independent Conservatives ran without official endorsement. The appearance of an Independent Conservative in the 1949 election, after the name of the party was changed, is probably due to the party's participation in the <i>Coalition</i> government. An <i>Independent Progressive Conservative</i> ran in 1945.</p>		
Independent Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	IND.CCF	1933

Supported the federal CCF but opposed the provincial party.		
Independent Farmer	IND.FAR.	1920; 1928; 1941
Independent Farm Labour	IND.FL	1948(Feb.); 1952 (Nov.)
Independent Labour	IND.LBR.	1916; 1928; 1941
See also <i>Labour (Party)</i> . Not to be confused with <i>Independent Labour Party</i> .		
Independent Labour Party	ILP	1928
Initially organized in 1926 by the <i>Federated Labour Party</i> and <i>Canadian Labour Party (B.C. section)</i> branches. In 1928 it severed its CLP(BC) connections. In 1931 it reorganized and was renamed the Independent Labour Party (Socialist). The following year it became the <i>Socialist Party of Canada (B. C. section)</i> . See also <i>Labour (Party)</i> .		
Independent Liberal	IND.LIB.	1916(Dec.)-1945
Independent New Hope Party	INHP	1979
Independent Non Partisan (Group)		
See <i>Non Partisan Independent Group</i>		
Independent Progressive Association	IND.PRO	1916
Formed by W.G. Gillett after a split in the Fort George Conservative Association was refused recognition by the Conservative government.		
Independent Progressive Conservative	IND.PC.	1945
Independent Progressive Liberal		
See <i>Progressive Liberal</i>		



Independent Social Credit	IND.SC.	1948(Feb.); 1956; 1975
Independent Socialist	IND.SOC.	1916; 1918(Jan.); 1916(Jun.); 1920; 1934(Jul.); 1941

Party		Elections
Independent Soldier	IND.SOL.	1919 (Jan.); 1920
See also <i>Soldier</i> .		
Labour (Party)	LBR.	1903; 1920-1956
<p>"Labour Party" and "Labour candidate" (or "Independent Labour Party" and "Independent Labour candidate") were used both by the press and by labour organizations to designate groups and individuals campaigning on a labour platform or in the interests of labour. The groups ranged from locally based, loosely affiliated organizations to more formally structured and provincially based organizations. The latter included the <i>Canadian Labour Party</i>, the <i>Federated Labour Party</i>, and the <i>Independent Labour Party</i>. The former, although for the most part organizationally unrelated, are, with the exception of the <i>Nanaimo</i> and the <i>Vancouver (Independent) Labour Party</i>, identified as Labour, as are unaffiliated individuals who ran under the Labour banner, unless they called themselves <i>Independent Labour</i>, or ran on a joint ticket such as <i>Farmer-Labour</i> or <i>Soldier-Labour</i>. For Labour and Labour Party activity prior to 1903 see notes on individual elections.</p>		
Labour Progressive Party	LPP	1945-1957(Sept.)
See also <i>Communist Party of Canada</i> .		
Labour Representation Committee	LRC	1952
League for Socialist Action	LSA	1975
Liberal Party (of British Columbia)	LIB.	1903-1941; 1952- 1986
Part of the <i>Coalition</i> from 1941-1952.		
Liberal Industrialist	LIB.IND.	1946(June)

Libertas of British Columbia	LBC	1986
Liberty League of British Columbia	LLBC	1920
Nanaimo (Independent) Labour Party	N(I)LP	1903
New Democratic Party	NDP	1962(Dec.)-1986
Formerly the <i>Co-operative Commonwealth Federation</i> .		
New Democratic Party - Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	NDP-CCF	1962(Sept.); 1963 (July)
Used by some candidates who did not wish to drop the old name.		
New Republic Party for British Columbia	NRP	1986
Non Partisan Independent Group	NPIG	1933
<i>Conservative Party</i> candidates who followed W.J. Bowser.		
North American Labour Party	NALP	1975; 1976(June); 1979
Official Conservative	O.CON.S.	1941
Oxford Group Movement	OGM	1933
People (Common Herd Party)	PEOPLE	1956
People's Co-operative Commonwealth Federation	PCCF	1945; 1949
Dissident CCF group based in West Kootenay under the leadership of H.W. Herridge who was expelled from the party 12 May 1945. Herridge rejoined in 1948 but a PCCF candidate appeared in 1949.		

People's Front	PF	1986
People's Party	PP	1920
People's Party of British Columbia	PPBC	1949; 1953
Progressive Conservative Party (of British Columbia)	PC	1952-1986
Prior to 1942 known as the <i>Conservative Party</i> . From 1941-1952 formed part of the <i>Coalition</i> , but some party members continued to run independently under the party name.		
Progressive Liberal	PRO.LIB.	1933; 1945
Provincial Party of British Columbia	PROV.	1924
Formed by <i>Conservative Party</i> dissidents and political elements from the <i>United Farmers of British Columbia</i> .		
Religious Political Brotherhood	RPB	1941
Republican Party	RP	1968(May)
Revolutionary Marxist Group	RMG	1975
Social Conservative	S.CONS.	1969
Social Constructive Party		
See <i>British Columbia Constructive Party</i> .		
Social Credit (alliance)	SCA	1945; 1945(Dec.)
Various groups united under the Social Credit banner for the 1945 election.		

Party		Elections
Social Credit League of British Columbia	SCLBC	1937
Incorporated in 1935. After the 1937 election it split into various factions.		
Social Credit Party	SCP	1949
Composed of those sympathetic to but not members of the British Columbia <i>Social Credit League</i> .		
Social Credit (Party of British Columbia)	SC	1953-1986
When the <i>British Columbia Social Credit League</i> won the 1952 election its political arm became known simply as Social Credit. The League continued to exist as the administrative arm until 1974 when its name was changed to the British Columbia Social Credit Party.		
Social Democratic Party of Canada	SDP	1916
Founded in 1911 by Social Democratic Party of British Columbia locals which had been formed after a 1907 split in <i>Socialist Party of Canada</i> ranks. Absorbed by the <i>Federated Labour Party</i> in 1918.		
Socialist		
As with the designation of Labour, this term was used by the press and candidates to describe a general ideological orientation as well as specific platforms and parties. Candidates who ran outside of an established party have been identified as <i>Independent Socialist</i> . See also <i>Socialist Party of British Columbia</i> and <i>Socialist Party of Canada</i> .		
Socialist Labour Party (of Canada)	SLP	1941; 1945; 1949
Organized in 1934. An earlier version existed briefly around the turn of the century but never contested an election.		
Socialist Party of British Columbia	SPBC	1903
Formed in 1902 by a merger of the British Columbia Socialist Party and the Revolutionary Socialist Party of Canada. The BCSP had been formed in 1901 by a merger of the Canadian Socialist League and the United Socialist Labour Party who in 1900 had jointly nominated and sponsored the first socialist candidate to run in a provincial election. In 1904 the SPBC was renamed the <i>Socialist Party of Canada</i> .		
Socialist Party of Canada (old)	SPC	1906-1916(Feb.); 1924

Formerly the *Socialist Party of British Columbia*. A split in 1907 led to the organization of the *Social Democratic Party*. In 1918 another split occurred when part of its membership was absorbed by the *Federated Labour Party*. More members were lost in 1921 to the *Workers' Party of Canada* and in 1925 the SPC was disbanded, some of its members joining the *Independent Labour Party*.

Socialist Party of Canada (new)	SPC	1936(Aug.); 1937; 1939(May); 1945; 1952; 1978 (March)
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Originally formed by those members of the *Socialist Party of Canada (B.C. section)* who did not join the *Co-operative Commonwealth Federation* in 1935.

Socialist Party of Canada (B.C. section)	SPC(BC)	1933
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Formerly the *Independent Labour Party*. Attended the founding convention of the *Co-operative Commonwealth Federation* and was instrumental in its formation in B.C.. Although it maintained a separate existence until 1935, when it merged completely with the CCF, it ran on the CCF platform in the 1933 election with the exception of some dissidents who ran as SPC candidates and who, after the 1935 merger, continued to maintain the party's existence. See *Socialist Party of Canada (new)*.

Soldier	SOL.	1918(June)
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"Soldier candidates", i.e. World War I veterans, ran under several banners in the immediate post war period, some as Soldier or *Independent Soldier*, with or without support from veterans' organizations, and some as nominees of those organizations, such as the *Comrades of the Great War*, the *Grand Army of the United Veterans*, and the *Great War Veterans' Association*. The 1920 election saw a *Soldier-Labour* and *Soldier-Farmer* Coalition.

Soldier-Farmer	SOL.FAR.	1920
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Rural counterpart of the *Soldier-Labour* ticket. Part of an overall Farmer-Labour-Soldier electoral coalition effort.

Soldier-Labour	SOL.LBR.	1920
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Urban manifestation of a Farmer-Labour-Soldier coalition involving the *Grand Army of the United Veterans* and local labour councils.

Union of Electors	UE	1949
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A Social Credit group created by A.H. Jukes to contest the 1949 election in opposition to the *Social Credit League of British Columbia*.

Unionist League/Association	UNION	1918(May); 1919 (Jan.)
Unionist Party of British Columbia	UPBC	1933
<i>Conservative Party</i> candidates who supported Premier S.F. Tolmie as opposed to W.J. Bowser's <i>Non Partisan Independent Group</i> .		
United Farmers of British Columbia	UFBC	1920
Organized in 1917. Merged into the <i>Provincial Party</i> in 1923.		
United Front (Workers and Farmers) Party	UF	1933; 1934(June)
<i>Communist Party</i> organization in the early 1930s.		
United Labour Veterans	ULV	1945(Dec.)
Vancouver (Independent) Labour Party	V(I)LP	1903
Vancouver Rentpayers Association	VRA	1920
Victory Without Debt Party	VWD	1941
Western Canada Concept	WCC	1983-1986
Western Independence Party	WIP	1979
Western National Party	WNP	1983
Women's Freedom League	WFL	1920
Workers' Party of Canada	WPC	1924

Organized in 1921 as the "legal" wing of the *Communist Party of Canada*. Also ran candidates in 1924 as part of the *Canadian Labour Party*.

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1. This information has been obtained from contemporary newspapers and from various political histories listed in the "Sources" section at the end of the volume.

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## Elected Candidates 1871-1986

NAME	ELECTION <sup>1</sup>	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	PARTY <sup>2</sup>
Abrams, James Atkinson	1878	Nanaimo	
Adams, William	1893 by	Cariboo	
	1894	Cariboo	
Allen, Edward	1882	Lillooet	
	1886	Lillooet	
Alward, Roy Walter	1931 by	Fort George	CONS.
Anderson, David Alexander	1972	Victoria	LIB.
Anderson, Frederick William	1916	Kamloops	LIB.
	1920	Kamloops	LIB.
Anderson, George William	1886	Victoria	
	1890	Victoria	
Anderson, Gerald Hamilton	1972	Kamloops	NDP
Anderson, Harley Christian Erskine	1933	North Vancouver	CCF
	Died 1934.		
Anscomb, Herbert	1933	Victoria City	IND.
	1937	Victoria City	CONS.



	1941	Oak Bay	CONS./COAL.
	1945	Oak Bay	COAL.
	1949	Oak Bay	COAL.
Armstrong, William James	1871	New Westminster	
	1873 by*	New Westminster	
	1875	New Westminster	
	1881 by	New Westminster City	
	1882	New Westminster City	
	1882 by*	New Westminster City	
	Resigned 1884.		
Arsens, Lydia Augusta	1953	Victoria City	SC
Ash, Arthur James Richard	1948 by	Saanich	COAL.
	1949	Saanich	COAL.
Ash, John	1871	Comox	
	1873 by*	Comox	
	1875	Comox	
	1878	Comox	
<b>Asselstine</b> , William James	1933	Atlin	LIB.
	1937	Atlin	LIB.
	1941	Atlin	LIB./COAL.
	1956	Atlin	SC
<b>Atkinson</b> , William	1928	Chilliwack	CONS.
	1928 by*	Chilliwack	CONS.

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1. Only those elections in which candidate was elected; includes voided and controverted elections. Ministerial byelections indicated by \*.
  2. Given only for 1903 onward with the exception of Labour candidates and one Farmer candidate. Prior to 1903 most candidates ran as Government, Opposition, or Independent candidates (or some variation thereof). Affiliations were not only very loose and changed if the Government was defeated but could - and often did - change during the life of an

administration depending upon what policy was at issue. The affiliations - claimed and attributed - for candidates before 1903 are to be found in "Election Results 1871-1986". After Richard McBride established party government in 1903, party lines were more disciplined and identifiable especially after legislation in 1921 and 1939 provided for party interest to be placed on the ballot. Changes in affiliation which occurred between elections are not given with the exception of those Liberals and Conservatives who shortly after the 1941 election became Coalition Members.

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## Plebiscites and Referenda

According to J. Patrick Boyer in *Lawmaking by the People; Referendums and Plebiscites* (Toronto: Butterworths, 1982), both plebiscites and referenda are "methods of submitting an important measure to a direct vote of the people".<sup>1</sup> Popular usage has confused the two terms and some provinces have used them interchangeably but Boyer feels that a distinction must be made. A *plebiscite* "is an expression of opinion by the people on a general course of action proposed by the government," whereas a *referendum* involves "submitting or 'referring' an important legislative measure to a direct vote of the whole people". The former is essentially "a public opinion poll" and "is not legally binding on the government, although there may be a political and moral obligation to respect the result". The latter "automatically binds a government to enact a law (or refrain from doing so) according to the voters' wishes". This distinction appears to have been followed in British Columbia.

As a rule, some statutory authority exists or is created to hold both plebiscites and referenda. Boyle again distinguishes between the two: "The referendum is generally an established procedure provided for by existing constitutional or legislative provisions, while a plebiscite arises either by special Legislative Act providing for it or by special initiative of a government, utilizing procedures already provided by statute".

In British Columbia this generalization does not apply. The two referenda were held under special legislative provisions and in three instances plebiscites were held without specific statutory authority. Since 1953 (SBC 1953II c.5 s.197(2); now RSBC 1979 c.103 s.196(2)) an enabling provision for holding plebiscites has been included in the provincial *Election Act*. Only one plebiscite has been held under this section. Prior to 1953, statutory provision or executive order initiated plebiscites and referenda. In 1919, the Legislature did pass "An act to provide for the initiation and approval of legislation by electors" (SBC 1919 c. 21) which would have allowed a system of "direct legislation" in the province. Due to questions about its constitutional validity, however, the act, although still on the statute books, has never been proclaimed.

Results of early plebiscites and referenda suffer from the same problem as early election returns: lack of official records. In some cases, figures have been taken from newspapers. All sources have been cited.

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1. This, and subsequent quotes are taken from pp. 12-13.

POPULAR NAME: [Members indemnity plebiscite]

DATE: March - August 1873.

CONCURRENT ELECTORAL ACTIVITY: None.

ENABLING LEGISLATION: *Members Indemnity Act*, SBC 1873 c.27.

PURPOSE: To ascertain public opinion on a raise in the sessional indemnity for MLAs.

QUESTION: Eligible voters were asked to sign one of two ballots in the presence of a witness. These ballots were sent to and distributed by special returning officers for each electoral district who also collected the completed ballots (by 1 August 1873), tallied the results and forwarded both to the Provincial Secretary before 1 October 1873.

The wording of the ballots was as follows:

Form A. I am in favor of the Indemnity to Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province being fixed at seven dollars, in lieu of five dollars per day.

Form B. I am not in favor of the Indemnity to Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province being fixed at seven dollars, in lieu of five dollars per day.

LEGISLATIVE CONSEQUENCES: With the defeat of the proposal no raise was granted. The act was repealed in 1875 (SBC 1875 no.11).

RESULTS: These were published in the B.C. *Gazette* 22 November 1873, p. 2 and were calculated according to section 8 of the enabling act which allotted to each Electoral District votes equivalent to the number of Members representing that District. Those votes were assigned on the basis of whether the majority of voters in a given district assented or dissented. Esquimalt was omitted from the *Gazette* but its vote can be inferred from the total vote figure.

## Members Indemnity Plebiscite, 1873

Districts assenting to increased indemnity	
Cariboo	3 Members
Kootenay	2 Members
Lillooet	2 Members
TOTAL	7
Districts dissenting from increased indemnity	
Comox	1 Member

Yale	3 Members
New Westminster City	1 Member
New Westminster District	2 Members
Victoria District	2 Members
Victoria City	4 Members
Nanaimo	1 Member
Cowichan	2 Members
[Esquimalt	2 Members]
TOTAL	18
Majority against increased indemnity	11

**POPULAR NAME: Local option plebiscite**

**DATE:** 25 November 1909; Skeena: 30 November 1909.

**CONCURRENT ELECTORAL ACTIVITY:** General election.

**ENABLING LEGISLATION:** An order-in-council (756/09) dated 21 October 1909 provided for the plebiscite and gave instructions to Returning Officers but there was no reference to any legislation under which this action was being taken. Based on an interview with a solicitor in the Attorney-General's department, A. M. Adams states that Premier "McBride had no authority to hold a plebiscite on local option" and that lacking statutory authority, his "decision to hold the plebiscite was therefore an executive action, without legal foundation".<sup>1</sup>

**PURPOSE:** According to a notice from the Provincial Secretary, "the holding of a general election offers a favourably opportunity to obtain the views of electors on Local Option."<sup>2</sup>

**QUESTION:** "Are you in favour of a Local Option Law being given to the people that they may have the right to say yea or nay, in their own town city or district, to the licensed liquor traffic?"<sup>3</sup>

**LEGISLATIVE CONSEQUENCES:** Because there was a clear majority, of those who voted on the issue, in favour of a local option law and over half the electoral districts voted in favour, the government was pressed to introduce the legislation but refused to do so. It maintained that the plebiscite had failed to obtain the necessary number of votes, i.e. a majority of the ballots cast in the general election. New liquor control legislation was introduced, however, in an apparent attempt to correct some of the abuses which had prompted the demands for local option. As well, two municipalities - Prince Rupert and Chilliwack - held local option plebiscites in December 1910 under the Canada Temperance Act.<sup>4</sup>

**RESULTS:** No official results appear to have been published although a preliminary set was released to the newspapers and the final count was announced to the Legislature on 11 February 1910. There was some confusion as to what would constitute a winning majority, i.e. 50% of the eligible voters, 50% of those voting for or against local option or 50% of those who voted for the candidates in the general election. The third method was the one opted for by the government. Therefore, although the yes vote exceeded the no vote, it fell short of the required majority.

## Local Option Plebiscite, 1909

Preliminary results.<sup>5</sup> These were not the final figures but based on the statements of the returning officers. The "Under Consideration" column refers to rejected ballots which were being reviewed. The number in the "Ballots Issued" column reflect the total number of ballots cast for candidates in the general election.

	<b>Ballots Issued</b>	<b>For Local Option</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Under Consideration</b>
Victoria City	5434	2372	1776	74
Saanich	729	384	271	25
Esquimalt	812	304	323	30
Cowichan	525	235	254	15
The Islands	485	202	209	18
Newcastle	723	300	348	72
Nanaimo City	1289	520	680	87
Alberni	567	275	187	50
Comox	983	434	496	-
Delta	1313	748	478	42
Chilliwack	1148	748	309	82
Dewdney	943	470	389	44
Richmond	1169	899	639	76
New Westminster	1702	843	756	-
Vancouver	11675	5588	4824	562
Atlin	172	68	72	24
Skeena	1386	820	419	2
Cariboo	442	162	199	7
Lillooet	291	110	168	-

Yale	736	254	292	65
Kamloops	1371	633	573	60
Okanagan	2517	1243	1091	148
Similkameen	653	271	278	18
Greenwood	627	234	235	-
Grand Forks	1019	554	328	97
Revelstoke	1236	506	495	98
Slocan	541	262	258	-
Ymir	1092	481	492	18
Nelson	1048	476	494	74
Rossland	630	316	249	63
Kaslo	436	224	184	24
Columbia	502	248	190	-
Cranbrook	1417	588	593	236
Fernie	1893	765	660	90
Total	47,926	22,414	19,213	2,201

## Local Option Plebiscite, 1909.

Final results.<sup>6</sup>

Constituency	For	Against	Majority	
			For	Against
Victoria	2392	1796	597	
Vancouver	5672	4898	774	
New Westminster	852	348	504	
Chilliwack	765	317	448	
Richmond	905	644	261	
Saanich	385	276	109	
Okanagan	1271	1106	165	
Grand Forks	582	338	244	

Fernie	771	666	105	
Dewdney	476	396	80	
Delta	637	489	148	
Alberni	286	191	95	
Kamloops	699	577	92	
Rossland	318	250	68	
Columbia	248	194	54	
Kaslo	244	184	40	
Skeena	820	419	401	
Revelstoke	523	507	16	
Atlin	68	73		5
Esquimalt	312	330		18
Cowichan	286	265		21
Islands	203	210		7
Newcastle	305	354		49
Nanaimo	528	692		164
Comox	444	514		70
Cariboo	163	199		36
Lillooet	111	168		57
Yale	279	305		26
Similkameen	271	281		10
Greenwood	235	238		3
Slocan	252	258		6
Ymir	488	492		4
Nelson	486	499		13
Cranbrook	602	610		8
Totals	22,779	19,084	4,200	505

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1.A. M. Adams, A study of the use of plebiscites and referendums by the province of B.C., Vancouver, 1951, p. 175.

2. Victoria Colonist 14 November 1909, p. 19.

3. Vancouver Province 22 November 1909, p. 3.



4. See Canada Gazette 19 November 1910, p. 1525-1526.

5. Victoria Colonist 19 January 1910, p. 2.

6. These are contained in a letter 10 February 1910 to the Premier, Richard McBride, from Rev. Dr. Daniel Spencer, Superintendent of the Local Option League of B.C. (PABC GR 441 v.38).

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## Part Two

### Chief Electoral Officers and Registrars -- General

The position of Chief Electoral Officer was created in 1947 (SBC 1947 c. 28). Prior to that time, the responsibility for overseeing elections had been assigned to the Registrar of the Supreme Court from 1871-1899, then to the Deputy Provincial Secretary from 1899-1940. In 1940 (SBC 1940 c. 16, eff. 1 April 1940) the position of Registrar-General of Voters was created to take over some of the Deputy Provincial Secretary's duties. In 1950 the Chief Electoral Officer was also appointed Registrar-General of Voters. The positions have subsequently been held jointly.

#### Registrars-General

George Montague Phillips	2 April 1940 - 3 July 1950
Frederick Harold Hurley	3 July 1950 - 1 June 1968
Kenneth Loudon Morton	1 June 1968 - 1 October 1979
Harry M. Goldberg	15 April 1980 -

#### Chief Electoral Officers

Frederick Harold Hurley	1 April 1947 - 1 June 1968
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## Returning Officers 1871-1986

RSBC 1871 no. 157 provided for the appointment of Returning Officers by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. They are responsible for the conduct of an election within each Electoral District from the time a writ is issued to the time it is returned. They are not allowed to vote themselves except in the case of a tie. The names of those appointed for the 1871 general election are printed in the *B.C. Gazette* for that year but that is the last time a complete list appears until 1886. Between those dates only new appointments are announced and not all are gazetted, appearing only as Orders-in-Council. Others are assumed to be continuing appointments. From 1886 to 1972 a complete list of Returning Officers (plus any amendments made prior to the election) is printed in the *Gazette* for almost every general election. The list not printed in 1941 and those names missing for 1909 and 1963 appear, as do all the others in Orders-in-Council. As well, from 1928 to date Returning Officers are listed for each general election (except 1933) in the *Statement of Votes*. By-election appointment notices are more erratic; continuing appointments, or re-appointments, are usually not noted but every so often they are printed. In a few instances, even new appointments are not gazetted. Again, with two exceptions, they do appear as Orders-in-Council. From 1957, Returning Officers for by-elections are named in the *Statement of Votes* (1960 to date). Returning Officers who did not serve during an election have not been included. Names have been made uniform and the fullest known form is given.

### Returning Officers, 1871

Cariboo	Henry Maynard Ball
Comox	Warner R. Spalding
Cowichan	John Morley
Esquimalt	Charles Edward Pooley
Kootenay	John Carmichael Haynes
Lillooet	Edward Howard Sanders
Nanaimo	Warner R. Spalding
New Westminster	Francis George Claudet
New Westminster City	Francis George Claudet
Victoria	Andrew Charles Elliott
Victoria City	Augustus Frederick Pemberton

Yale	Arthur Thomas Bushby
<b>By-Elections</b>	
Nov. 1871 Esquimalt	Charles Edward Pooley
Nov. 1871 New Westminster City	Francis George Claudet
Feb. 1872 Cariboo	Henry Maynard Ball
Jun. 1872 Cariboo	Henry Maynard Ball
Dec. 1872 Lillooet	Edward Howard Sanders
Jan. 1872 Comox	George F. Drabble
Jan. 1872 Victoria City	Augustus Frederick Pemberton
Mar. 1873 New Westminster	Henry Valentine Edmonds
Feb. 1874 Victoria	James Charles Prevost
Nov. 1874 Lillooet	Edward Howard Sanders

**Returning Officers, 1875**

Cariboo	Henry Maynard Ball
Comox	George F. Drabble
Cowichan	Frederick Foord
Esquimalt	Charles Edward Pooley
Kootenay	Cornelius Booth
Lillooet	Edward Howard Sanders
Nanaimo	Thomas L. Fawcett
New Westminster	Henry Valentine Edmonds
New Westminster City	Adam Jackson
Victoria	James Charles Prevost
Victoria City	August Frederick Pemberton
Yale	J. Campbell
<b>By-Elections</b>	
Feb. 1876 Victoria	James Charles Prevost
Feb. 1876 Victoria City	Augustus Frederick Pemberton
Mar. 1876 Yale	John Ussher
Aug. 1876 Kootenay	Cornelius Booth

Jul. 1876 Cowichan	John Morley
Jan. 1877 Nanaimo	Thomas L. Fawcett
Jun. 1877 Cariboo	Henry Maynard Ball
Dec. 1877 Kootenay	Cornelius Booth

### Returning Officers, 1878

Cariboo	Henry Maynard Ball
Comox	George F. Drabble
Cowichan	John Morley
Esquimalt	John J. Austin
Kootenay	Cornelius Booth
Lillooet	Edward Howard Sanders
Nanaimo	Thomas L. Fawcett
New Westminster	Josias Charles Hughes
New Westminster City	Edward Dickinson
Victoria	James Charles Prevost
Victoria City	Augustus Frederick Pemberton
Yale	John Ussher <sup>1</sup>

### By-Elections

Jul. 1878 Cariboo	Henry Maynard Ball
Jul. 1878 Victoria	James Charles Prevost
Jul. 1878 Victoria City	Augustus Frederick Pemberton
Oct. 1879 Cariboo	John Bowron
Dec. 1881 New Westminster City	Josias Charles Hughes

1. Killed by McLean brothers 8 December 1879.

### Returning Officers, 1882

Cariboo	John Bowron
Cassiar	Arthur Wellesley Vowell
Comox	George F. Drabble
Cowichan	John Morley
Esquimalt	Frank Sylvester

Kootenay	William Fernie
Lillooet	Frederick Soues
Nanaimo	Marshal Bray
New Westminster	Adolphus Peele
New Westminster City	Josias Charles Hughes
Victoria	William King Bull
Victoria City	Edwin Alfred Leigh
Yale	George Christie Tunstall

### By-Elections

Sep. 1882 New Westminster City	Josias Charles Hughes
Oct. 1882 Yale	George Christie Tunstall
Feb. 1883 Cowichan	Henry Fry <sup>1</sup>
Feb. 1883 Lillooet	Frederick Soues
Feb. 1883 New Westminster	Adolphus Peele
Apr. 1884 New Westminster City	Charles Warwick
Apr. 1885 Victoria City	William King Bull

1. B.C. Journals 1883, p. 8. No appointment notice found. It is assumed that Fry became Returning Officer after the general election in July 1882.

### Returning Officers, 1886

Cariboo	John Bowron
Cassiar	Walter B. Anderson
Comox	George F. Drabble
Cowichan	Henry Fry
Esquimalt	John J. Austin
Kootenay	Arthur Wellesley Vowell
Lillooet	Frederick Soues
Nanaimo	Marshal Bray
New Westminster	Josias Charles Hughes
New Westminster City	Charles Warwick
Victoria	Thornton Fell
Victoria City	Harvey Walter Henry Combe

Yale	William Dodd
<b>By-Elections</b>	
Jan. 1887 Nanaimo	Marshal Bray
Apr. 1887 Yale	William Dodd
May 1887 Cowichan	Harry Oswald Wellburn
Aug. 1887 Victoria City	James Eliphalet McMillan
Dec. 1887 Comox	George F. Drabble
Jan. 1888 Victoria City	James Eliphalet McMillan
Jun. 1888 Victoria	Thornton Fell
Nov. 1888 Cariboo	John Bowron
Jun. 1889 Nanaimo	Marshal Bray
Aug. 1889 Victoria City	James Eliphalet McMillan
Sep. 1889 Lillooet	Frederick Soues
Nov. 1889 New Westminster City	Charles Warwick

**Returning Officers, 1890**

Alberni	John C. Mollett
Cariboo	John Bowron
Cassiar	Napoleon Fitzstubs
Comox	Walter B. Anderson
Cowichan	Harry Oswald Wellburn
East Kootenay	Stephen Redgrave
Esquimalt	John J. Austin
The Islands	Joel Broadwell
Lillooet	Frederick Soues
Nanaimo	Joseph Phrys Planta
Nanaimo City	Marshal Bray
New Westminster City	Adolphus Peele
Vancouver City	Charles A. Coldwell
Victoria	Thornton Fell
Victoria City	James Eliphalet McMillan

West Kootenay	George Christie Tunstall
Westminster	Charles Warwick
Yale	Frederick Stephen Hussey
<b>By-Elections</b>	
Nov. 1890 Westminster	Adolphus Peele
Jan. 1891 Cariboo	John Bowron
Jun. 1892 Kootenay - East Riding	Stephen Redgrave
Aug. 1892 Cariboo	John Bowron
Oct. 1893 Cariboo	John Bowron

<b>Returning Officers, 1894</b>	
Cariboo	John Bowron
Cassiar	Robert J. Woods
Comox	Walter B. Anderson
Cowichan-Alberni	Harry Oswald Wellburn
East Kootenay	Stephen Redgrave
Esquimalt	William John Rant
Lillooet - East Riding	Frederick Soues
Lillooet - West Riding	Casper Phair
Nanaimo City	William Kirkwood Leighton
New Westminster City	William B. Townsend
North Nanaimo	George Thomson
North Victoria	Thomas William Mowat
South Nanaimo	James Hurst Hawthornthwaite
South Victoria	Thornton Fell
Vancouver City	Charles A. Coldwell
Victoria City	James Eliphalet McMillan
West Kootenay - North Riding	Joseph Dee Graham
West Kootenay - South Riding	William John Goepel
Westminster - Chilliwack Riding	Horatio Webb
Westminster - Delta Riding	Henry Thomas Thrift



Westminster - Dewdney Riding	David C. Webber
Westminster - Richmond Riding	Frederick Schofield
Yale - East Riding	Leonard Norris
Yale - North Riding	George Christie Tunstall
Yale - West Riding	William Dodd
<b>By-Elections</b>	
Oct. 1894 Yale - North Riding	George Christie Tunstall
Mar. 1895 South Victoria	William John Rant
Apr. 1895 Cowichan-Alberni	Harry Oswald Wellburn
Jun. 1895 Lillooet - East Riding	Frederick Soues
Oct. 1895 Cowichan-Alberni	Harry Oswald Wellburn
May 1897 Westminster - Chilliwack Riding	Justinian Pelly

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# Electoral History of British Columbia 1871-1986

## Collectors and Registrars of Voters and Voters Lists 1871-1986

Provision is made for a Register of Electors, or List of Voters in RSBC 1871 no. 156. Two sets of officials were originally entrusted with its creation and revision: Collectors, one for each Polling Division, and Registrars, one for each Electoral District. In 1876 (SBC 1876 no. 5) the functions of the latter were assigned to the former and their numbers reduced. In 1903 (SBC 1903-04 c.17) the Collectors were renamed Registrars. Since they are appointed by Order-in-Council their names are to be found in these documents (except for 1871). From 1890 appointments are usually printed in the *B.C. Gazette* and since 1966 a list is provided in the *Statement of Votes*. Names also appear, for the most part, on the lists themselves for each Electoral District. Based on these sources, the fullest known form of each name is given here. Only those Collectors, or Registrars, who actually prepared the final printed lists have been included. Where no list exists for a Polling Division or Electoral District, the person known to be Collector, when the rest of the *Voters List* was printed, is named. By-elections have been omitted. Also omitted are the names of those who prepared the list of voters for the 1871 general election. A few handwritten segments in the Public Archives of British Columbia appear to be all that has survived of the list itself. The Order-in-Council documents begin in 1872 and the *B.C. Gazette* for 1871 mentions only the appointment of eight Registrars - in April and for somewhat different Electoral Districts than were used later. The first post-Confederation appointment in the *Gazette* for a Registrar appears 8 June 1872 and the first for a Collector 24 August 1872. It is perhaps significant that of the Registrars appointed in April 1871 all but one became Returning Officers for the 1871 general election. They apparently acted as both and may have used lists based on those used for elections to the colonial legislature. Courts of Revision, with Collector and Registrar present, are mentioned in press accounts of the time.

From 1874 through 1886 a *Voters List* was published annually; thereafter, with a few exceptions, they were printed only before each election. As of 1982, the *Voters List* has been automated; updated microfiche editions are produced between elections. The number of registered voters for each Electoral District has been published with official election results since 1920 and has appeared in the *Statement of Votes* since 1928. With the exception of 1874, only those numbers derived from *Lists* used for general elections have been included here.

The number of seats in multi-member Electoral Districts has been indicated. Incomplete totals are shown in [ ].





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## Voters List 1874<sup>1</sup>

Electoral District	Registered Voters	Collector
Cariboo(3)	381	Oliver Hare
		Abraham Barlow
		William Pinchbeck
		Francis Page
		James Lindsay
		Samuel Archer
Comox	52	Reginald Heber Pidcock
Cowichan(2)	152	Archibald Dods
		Frederick Foord
Esquimalt(2)	136	James Gordon Vinter
Kootenay(2)	33	Cornelius Booth
Lillooet(2)	117	Robert P. Ritchie
		Charles E. Pope
		Alfred Wellington Smith
Nanaimo	238	Thomas L. Fawcett
New Westminster(2)	439	Adolphus Peele
		William Henry Ladner
		Jonathan Miller
		Donald McGillivray
		James Mackie
New Westminster City	114	Adolphus Peele
Victoria(2)	228	James Thomas McIlmoyl
Victoria City(4)	706	Richard Edward Woods

Yale(3)	262	William Teague
		George Coxon
		John Clapperton
		Charles E. Vernon <sup>2</sup>
		James Campbell
		John Boyd
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,858</b>	

1. First printed *Voters List* found. Not used for a general election.

2. Charles A. Vernon in 1875.

## Voters List 1875

Electoral District	Registered	Voters Collector
Cariboo(3)	473	Oliver Hare
		Abraham Barlow
		William Pinchbeck
		Francis Page
		James Lindsay
Comox	55	Reginald Heber Pidcock
Cowichan(2)	170	Archibald Dods
		Frederick Foord
Esquimalt(2)	127	Richard Edward Woods
Kootenay(2)	not published <sup>1</sup>	[Cornelius Booth]
Lillooet(2)	128	Charles Pope
		Alfred Wellington Smith
Nanaimo	285	Thomas L. Fawcett
New Westminster(2)	395	Adolphus Peele
		William Henry Ladner
		Jonathan Miller
		Donald McGillivray
		Colin Buchanan Sword

		James Mackie
New Westminster City	114	Adolphus Peele
Victoria(2)	182	James Thomas McIlmoyl
Victoria City(4)	844	Richard Edward Woods
Yale(3)	362	William Teague
		George Coxon
		Charles A. Vernon <sup>2</sup>
		John Boyd
		Barrington Price
		John Clapperton
		James Campbell
<b>Total</b>	<b>[3,135]</b>	

1. There were 45 registered voters in 1876.

2. Charles E. Vernon in 1874.

## Voters List 1878<sup>1</sup>

Electoral District	Registered Voters	Collector
Cariboo(3)	485( 4)	John Bowron
Comox	115( 0)	Reginald Heber Pidcock
Cowichan(2)	205( 3)	John Morley
Esquimalt(2)	159( 1)	James Charles Prevost
Kootenay(2)	29( 1)	Cornelius Booth
Lillooet(2)	188( 3)	Michael O'Connor
Nanaimo	535( 2)	Thomas L. Fawcett
New Westminster(2)	690(11)	Josias Charles Hughes
		Jonathan Miller
New Westminster City	233(11)	Josias Charles Hughes
Victoria(2)	246( 8)	Samuel Roberts
Victoria City(4)	1066(43)	James Charles Prevost
Yale(3)	443( 7)	William Teague
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,394(94)</b>	

1. SBC c.22 s.2 disenfranchised various occupational groups. Those who were thereby struck off the *Voters List* and unable to vote in the 1878 election were indicated by an \*. The figures given here are the original totals; those struck off appear in ( ). The actual number of registered voters for the election was therefore 4,300.

## Voters List 1881<sup>1</sup>

Electoral District	Registered Voters	Collector
Cariboo(3)	512	John Bowron
Cassiar	135	James Lidstow Crimp
Comox	99	Reginald Heber Pidcock
Cowichan	243	Henry Fry
Esquimalt(2)	176	Edwin Alfred Leigh
Kootenay	30	William Fernie
Lillooet(2)	190	Frederick Soues
Nanaimo(2)	553	Marshal Bray
New Westminster(2)	704	Josias Charles Hughes
		Jonathan Miller
New Westminster City	257	Josias Charles Hughes
Victoria(2)	264	Samuel Roberts
Victoria City(4)	1093	Edwin Alfred Leigh
Yale(3)	510	Walter Dewdney
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,766</b>	

1. Used for 1882 general election.

## Voters List 1885/1886<sup>1</sup>

Electoral District	Registered Voters	Collector
Cariboo(3)	456	John Bowron <sup>2</sup>
Cassiar	221 <sup>3</sup>	James Lidstow Crimp
		William Hatrick Dempster <sup>4</sup>
Comox	112 <sup>5</sup>	Reginald Heber Pidcock
Cowichan(2)	322	Henry Fry

Esquimalt(2)	273	Harvey Walter Henry Combe
Kootenay	36 <sup>5</sup>	Arthur Wellesley Vowell
Lillooet(2)	200	Frederick Soues
Nanaimo(2)	764	Marshal Bray
New Westminster(3)	1377	Jonathan Miller
		Charles Warwick <sup>6</sup>
New Westminster City	443	Charles Warwick
Victoria(2)	322	Samuel Roberts
Victoria City(4)	1360	Harvey Walter Henry Combe
Yale(3)	933	George Christie Tunstall
		William Dodd <sup>6</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,239</b>	

1. Lists in force 1 September 1885 plus supplements to end March 1886.

2. 1886 supplement signed by James Lindsay for Bowron.

3. The supplement was printed for Skeena Polling Division only and signed by Dempster. It is possible that the 1885 list was for the Stikine Polling Division alone; it was dated September and signed by Crimp who in July 1885 had been appointed Collector for that Polling Division only. Dempster was appointed later.

4. See note 3.

5. No supplement printed.

6. Collector for 1886 supplement.

## Voters List 1890

Electoral District	Registered Voters	Collector
Alberni	67	John C. Mollett
Cariboo(3)	374	John Bowron
Cassiar		
Skeena Polling Division	68	William Hatrick Dempster
Stikine Polling Division	not published	James Porter
Comox	218	Walter B. Anderson
Cowichan(2)	387	Harry Oswald Wellburn
East Kootenay	314	Stephen Redgrave
Esquimalt(2)	411	Harvey Walter Henry Combe
The Islands	166	Joel Broadwell
Lillooet(2)	242	Frederick Soues



Nanaimo(2)	490	Marshal Bray
Nanaimo City	712	Marshal Bray
New Westminster City	1367	Charles Warwick
Vancouver City(2)	3032	Charles A. Coldwell
Victoria(2)	416	William Henry Robertson
Victoria City(4)	3668	Harvey Walter Henry Combe
West Kootenay	206	George Christie Tunstall
Westminster(3)	1928	Charles Warwick
Yale(3)	1494	Frederick Stephen Hussey
<b>Total</b>	<b>[15,560]</b>	

## Voters List 1894

<b>Electoral District</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>Collector</b>
Cariboo(2)	456	John Stevenson
Cassiar	206	William Hatrick Dempster
Comox	522	Walter B. Anderson
Cowichan-Alberni(2)	516	Harry Oswald Wellburn
East Kootenay	625	Frederick P. Norbury
Esquimalt(2)	451	William John Rant
Lillooet - East Riding	190	Ewen Bell
Lillooet - West Riding	129	Casper Phair
Nanaimo City	974	Herbert Stanton
New Westminster City	1409	William B. Townsend
North Nanaimo	702	George Thomson
North Victoria	330	John Newbigging
South Nanaimo	294	Samuel Drake
South Victoria	597	James W. Meldram
Vancouver City(3)	3790	John McAliser
Victoria City(4)	4810	John Black McKilligan
West Kootenay - North Riding	550	T. Livingstone Haig

West Kootenay - South Riding	925	William John Goepel
Westminster - Chilliwack Riding	801	L.W. Paisley
Westminster - Delta Riding	1130	Henry Thomas Thrift
Westminster - Dewdney Riding	795	Robert George Clarke
Westminster - Richmond Riding	951	Robert McBride
Yale - East Riding	1022	William M. Cochrane
Yale - North Riding	693	Ernest Theodore William Pearse
Yale - West Riding	500	Joseph William Burr
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,368</b>	

## Voters List 1898<sup>1</sup>

<b>Electoral District</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>Collector</b>
Alberni	227	Thomas Fletcher
Cariboo	712	John Bowron
Cassiar		
Skeena Polling Division	358	John Flewin
Stikine Polling Division	18	James Porter
Comox	714	Walter B. Anderson
Cowichan	503	Harry Oswald Wellburn
East Kootenay - North Riding	622	Josiah Stirrett
East Kootenay - South Riding	436	Charles M. Edwards
Esquimalt(2)	714	Harvey Walter Henry Combe
Lillooet - East Riding	342	Frederick Soues
Lillooet - West Riding	284	Casper Phair
Nanaimo City	1365	Herbert Stanton
New Westminster City	1799	David Robson
North Nanaimo	768	Herbert Stanton
North Victoria	415	Percy Purvis
South Nanaimo	321	Herbert Stanton
South Victoria	793	James W. Meldram

Vancouver City(4)	5954	Albert Edward Beck
Victoria City(4)	5557	Harvey Walter Henry Combe
West Kootenay - Nelson Riding	941	Roderick F. Tolmie
West Kootenay - Revelstoke Riding	1212	John Drinkwater Sibbald
West Kootenay - Rossland Riding	1399	John Kirkup
West Kootenay - Slocan Riding	1505	Alexander Lucas
Westminster - Chilliwack Riding	811	Samuel Mellard
Westminster - Delta Riding	1245	David Robson
Westminster - Dewdney Riding	906	David Robson
Westminster - Richmond Riding	1135	David Robson
Yale - East Riding	1404	Leonard Norris
Yale - North Riding	1314	Ernest Theodore William Pearse
Yale - West Riding	595	William Dodd
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,369</b>	

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## Part Three

### Royal and Special Commissions on Elections

This listing of royal and special commissions on elections has been compiled from two sources:

Marjorie C. Holmes. *Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry under the "Public Inquiries Act" in British Columbia 1872 - 1942: a checklist*, Victoria: Provincial Library. 1945.

Judith Antonik Bennett. *Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry under the Public Inquiries Act in British Columbia 1943 - 1980: a checklist*, Victoria: Legislative Library. 1982.

Most of the text has been copied verbatim from these two publications.

## 1878

### Kootenay Royal Commission

Appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 575, 6 April 1878.

Commissioners: Matthew Baillie Begbie, Henry Pering Pellew Crease, John Hamilton Gray.

### Report

Report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the allegations made by the Members for Kootenay against the Hon. Andrew Charles Elliott. 14 November 1878 [1] p. *B.C. Gazette* 1878 p. 306. Not tabled.

Charges had been made that the Attorney-General, A.C. Elliott, had made offers through a storekeeper at Wild Horse Creek to bribe Charles Gallagher, M.P.P. [Member of the Provincial Parliament] for Kootenay, not to run in the forthcoming election. The commissioners found the accused "not guilty".

## 1912

### Royal Commission on Labour

Appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 1239, 4 December 1912.

Commissioners: Henry George Parson (Chairman), Andrew Miller Harper, John Armstrong McKelvie, R. A. Stoney, John Jardine.

### Report

Province of British Columbia: Report of the Royal Commission on Labour appointed on the 4th day of December, 1912 under the "Public Inquiries Act." 3 March 1914. v, 28p. King's Printer. Tabled: 3 March 1914.

The Commission was appointed to inquire into conditions of labour generally and made a short report on electoral privileges. The Commission was opposed to abolition of the required candidate deposit, the lengthening of time between dissolution and election day, and easier transfer of votes by working men from one Electoral District to another by presentation of a voting card.

## 1914

### Electorial Redistribution Commission

Appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 910, 18 July 1914.

Commissioners: Aulay Morrison, William Alexander Macdonald.

### Reports

[Report] by Aulay Morrison. 4 January 1915. 6p. Typescript. Not published for distribution. Tabled: 8 February 1915.

[Report] by W. A. Macdonald. 5 January 1915. 5p. Typescript. Not published for distribution. Tabled: 8 February 1915.

The commissioners differed slightly on some points in connection with the boundaries of the proposed Electoral Districts in the Kootenay, and for this reason two reports were submitted. However, they were entirely in agreement regarding the theoretical methods of redistributing the Electoral Districts of the province.

## 1917

### **Commission to inquire into charges by John Sedgwick Cowper that a liberal candidate received money from Canadian Northern Railway.**

Appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 487, 24 April 1917.

Commissioner: Francis Brooke Gregory.

### **Report**

[In the matter of a commission...to enquire into the charge made by the sixth member for the City of Vancouver in the Legislative Assembly on the 17th day of April, 1917, John Sedgwick Cowper did charge "that the sum of \$25,000 was placed in the safe of the Hotel Vancouver by, or on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway on the night of the 13th of September last, and that the same money was received or taken away the next morning by a person who was a Liberal candidate at the by-election of February 26, 1916, and also at the General Election of September 14, 1916." ] 12 May 1917. 5p. Typescript. Not printed for distribution. Not tabled.

This is commonly known as the "Cowper Commission." The commissioner investigated charges made on the floor of the Legislature by J.S. Cowper, that the sum of \$25,000 was placed in the safe of the Hotel Vancouver on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway, and that the money was taken away by a "Liberal candidate." At the commencement of the inquiry the charge was revised to read \$15,000 instead of \$25,000. The evidence did not prove that the money had anything to do with the Canadian Northern Railway, but it was brought out that it had been received by the Attorney-General (Hon. M.A. Macdonald), and paid into campaign funds. The Hon. M.A. Macdonald resigned on 14 May 1917.

## 1917

### **Fort George Election Inquiry**

Appointed under *An Act respecting a certain Election holden in Fort George Electoral District on the Fourteenth Day of September, 1916* (SBC 1917 c.20), 19 May 1917.

Commissioner: Frederick McBain Young.

### **Report**

In the matter of the Fort George election inquiry act and in the matter of an investigation and inquiry under the said act; report of the commissioner. 18 August 1917. 43p. Typescript. Not printed for distribution. Tabled: 18 March 1918.

The commission was appointed by statute to inquire into alleged irregularities in connection with the election of a member of the Legislative Assembly for Fort George Electoral District held 14 September 1916. The Commissioner found that the charges were not substantiated.

## 1917

### **Commission to investigate the overseas vote in connection with the British Columbia Prohibition Act.**

Appointed under the *Prohibition Overseas Vote Investigation Act* (SBC 1917 c.50), 19 May 1917.

Commissioners: David Whiteside, Frederick Arthur Pauline, Charles Franklin Nelson.

## Report

Report of Commissioners appointed to investigate the Overseas Vote in connection with the British Columbia Prohibition Act. 1917. 7p. Text also in *B.C. Journals* 1917, p.194-200. Tabled: 14 August 1917.

The commissioners were appointed by the provisions of the *Prohibition Overseas Vote Investigation Act* (SBC 1917 c.50), to inquire into charges that "frauds, irregularities, and improper proceedings" had occurred in taking the votes of the soldiers overseas in the United Kingdom or elsewhere on the continent of Europe on the referendum regarding prohibition. The commissioners proceeded overseas in the course of their investigation, to take evidence of Ernest Alfred Helmore, chartered accountant of Chancery Lane, London, who had been appointed by Sir Richard McBride, Agent-General, acting under instructions, "to compare poll-books and military records available in England; ascertain if names in poll-books represent men from British Columbia entitled to vote, who were actually at the polling points on the day of polling; also numbers of repeaters (if any), including final count." The commissioners reported that "grave frauds and irregularities were committed, and that the regulations laid down for the taking of the vote were in many instances not observed."

## 1917

### **Vancouver By-Election Inquiry**

Appointed under *An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916* (SBC 1917 c. 21), 19 May 1917.

Commissioners: William Alfred Galliher (Chairman), Denis Murphy, William Alexander Macdonald.

## Report

In the matter of a public inquiry under an Act of the Legislature for the purpose of making certain inquiries regarding the By-election held in the City of Vancouver, B.C. on the 26th of February 1916. 9 August 1917. No original report found. Full text printed in *Victoria Times* 18 August 1917, p. 14. Tabled: 17 August 1917.

This commission is commonly known as the "Plugging" or "Personation" inquiry. The commissioners were appointed by statute (1917, chapter 21) to investigate all circumstances in connection with the by-election held in Vancouver on 26 February 1917. The report found that "an elaborate and expensive scheme of personation was adopted on behalf of M. A. Macdonald, the Liberal candidate. . . but there was no evidence adduced other than the so-called confession of Scott (hereinafter further referred to and rejected except as evidence against Scott) showing that Mr. Macdonald had any knowledge of or connection with such illegal practices. This scheme was engineered by one John T. Scott." The report reviewed the connection of Scott with the Liberal Party at some length, and also reviewed the methods employed in the personation of voters. The report completely exonerated M. A. Macdonald from complicity in the affair.

## 1927

### **Royal Commission held pursuant to "Public Inquiries Act," Chapter 114, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924 (re "Campaign Funds")**

Appointed under *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 186, 22 February 1927.

Commissioners: Aulay Morrison, James S. Henderson, William Henry Malkin.

## Report

Royal Commission held pursuant to "Public Inquiries Act," Chapter 114, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924 (re "Campaign funds"); findings. 6 April 1927. 14p. Not Printed for distribution. Not tabled. This commission was appointed as the outcome of a federal royal commission investigating matters connected with the Customs Department, which revealed that the liquor interests had made large contributions for campaign funds to both political parties in the province. A Select Committee of the Legislature had already investigated and reported four specific charges: (1) increase in the price of beer; (2) lobbying by brewery interests; (3) higher prices for whisky paid by the Liquor Control Board; (4) use of secret service funds for political purposes. The commission was appointed to investigate these charges. The commissioners found that any money paid by the brewers had had no effect on the enactment of legislation to bring about beer-by-the-glass, and that no undue prices had been paid by the Liquor Control Board.



## 1927

### Commission re allegations of Frank Carlow

Appointed under *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 381, 14 April 1927.

Commissioner: Aulay Morrison.

### Report

Re "Public Inquiries Act" a Commission issued to the Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison re allegations of Frank Carlow. 2 June 1927. 15p. Not printed for distribution. Tabled: 26 January 1928.

The commission investigated the charges made by one Frank Carlow, that public business had been improperly transacted, and that members of the Legislature or Government officials had resorted to improper methods to obtain campaign funds, but found no evidence to support the claim.

## 1927

### Commission re Gauthier charges

Appointed under *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 382, 14 April 1927.

Commissioneer: Aulay Morrison

### Reports

Interim report. 5 May 1927. 1p. Not printed for distribution. Tabled: 26 January 1928.

Final report under the commission issued on 14th April, 1927, to the Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison; re Gauthier charges. June 1927. 20p. Not printed for distribution. Tabled: 26 January 1928.

The commission is properly part of the preceding one, but is mentioned separately here as a separate report was submitted. The commissioner found that there was no evidence to support the charges of "improper conduct of public business" made by J.A. Gauthier.

## 1965

### Commission of inquiry into redefinition of Electoral Districts

Appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 2233, 5 August 1965.

Commissioners: Henry Forbes Angus (Chairman), Frederick Harold Hurley, Kenneth Loudon Morton.

## Report

Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Redefinition of Electoral Districts. January 1966. 165p., maps. Queen's Printer. Tabled: 27 January 1966.

The Commission, officially nicknamed "The Provincial Redistribution Commission", was requested to inquire into the need, if any, for amendments to the Constitution Act to ensure effective and fair representation of the people in all parts of the Province.

## 1975

### Commission of inquiry into redefinition of Electoral Districts

Appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 2420, 21 July 1975; amended by Order-in-Council no. 3438, 30 October 1975 (giving one more week to submit report).

Commissioners: Thomas Grantham Norris (Chairman), Fred Bowers, Lawrence James Wallace.

## Report

Report of Commission of Inquiry into Redefinition of Electoral Districts under the Public Inquiries Act. 7 November 1975. vii, 151p., maps. [Queen's Printer]. Tabled: 31 March 1976.

The Commission was asked to determine the need, if any, for amendments to the *Constitution Act* of British Columbia to ensure fair representation of all of the people of the Province.

## 1978

### Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, 1978

Appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* by Order-in-Council no. 82, 12 January 1978.

Commissioner: Lawrence Smith Eckardt.

## Reports

Interim report on the redefinition of electoral districts for the Province of British Columbia. June 1978. 77p., maps. Queen's Printer. Tabled: 20 June 1978.

Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, 1978; [final report] June 1979. 6v. Queen's Printer. Tabled: 11 June 1979.

The Commissioner's terms of reference were "to secure, by whatever redefinition of electoral districts is required, proper and effective representation of the people of all parts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly . . ." (O-in-C). Allegations were made by the Opposition that the Commissioner's recommendations had been altered by the Government before actual printing and tabling of the report. No evidence was found in a subsequent investigation by the Ministry of the Attorney-General.

## **Related Report**

[Inquiry of the Ministry of the Attorney-General into the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, 1978], by Richard H. Vogel. 5 August 1980. 9, [9]p. Photocopy. Not printed for distribution. Tabled: 6 August 1980.

## **1982**

### **Public inquiry into electoral representation in the Province of British Columbia.**

Appointed under the *Inquiry Act* by Order-in-Council no. 1171, 23 June 1982.

Commissioner: Derril Thomas Warren.

## **Report**

Public Inquiry under the Inquiry Act into electoral representation in the Province of British Columbia, report of the Commissioner. September, 1982. iv, 48, [2]. 17p. Queen's Printer. Tabled: 14 September 1982.

The application of a mathematical formula based on population and geography resulted in the recommendation that seven new seats be added to the Legislative Assembly. This increased representation should be viewed as interim only, pending the creation of a Permanent Electoral Commission which would deal "with the ever-changing needs for equitable and effective representation of the people of British Columbia." (p.42)

## **1984**

## Electoral Commission

Appointed under *Constitution Amendment Act*, 1984 (SBC 1984 c.12), assented to 1 May 1984.

Commissioners: The Act established a permanent three-person commission to review electoral districts of the Province. Commissioners must include the current Chief Electoral Officer, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and a Provincial Court judge to be appointed by the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court. Reports must be issued every six years or after every two general elections.

### Report

First report of the British Columbia Electoral Commission. September 1984. 17, [9]p. Queen's Printer. Tabled: 11 February 1985.

Commissioners: D. Kennedy McAdam (Chairman), Ian M. Horne, Harry M. Goldberg.

The report recommended that eleven electoral districts be represented by two members, instead of the current one member and that Surrey be divided into three electoral districts, each represented by one member.

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## Select Legislative Committees on Elections

**1872**

### Select committee to enquire into the causes that delayed the Kootenay elections

Appointed: 28 February 1872 (*B.C. Journals* 1872, pp. 15-16).

Committee members: Charles Todd, John Robson, Alexander Rocke Robertson, Joseph Hunter, Cornelius Booth (Cariboo) and Robert Beaven.

No report tabled or found.

John Andrew Mara and Charles Todd were elected Members for Kootenay 15 December 1871 -- a month after polling had ended elsewhere in the province -- and were still waiting for the writ to be returned when the Legislature opened 15 February 1872. A resolution was passed to allow both to take their seats. Mara was sworn in 20 February, Todd 3 days later, the same day that the writ was finally received. A Select Committee was then set up "to enquire into the causes that have delayed the Kootenay Elections and also the causes of the detention of the Return of the Writ."

**1872**

### Select committee on Nanaimo election

Appointed: 7 March 1872 (*B.C. Journals* 1872, p. 29).

Committee members: Robert Beaven, John Ash, James Robinson, John Paton Booth (Cowichan) and Andrew T. Jamieson.

No report tabled or found

The committee was to investigate irregularities and conduct of Warner R. Spalding, Returning Officer, for the late Nanaimo election.

## 1877

### **Select committee on Bill No. 2 to amend the *Ballot Act, 1873***

Appointed: 9 April 1877 (*B.C. Journals* 1877, p. 49).

Committee members: Andrew Charles Elliott, Robert Beaven and Edwin Pimbury.

Report tabled: 13 April 1877. Text in *B.C. Journals* 1877, p. 55.

The Committee reported an amended Bill (No. 2) *An Act to amend the Law relating to procedure at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia*.

## 1887

### **Select committee on *Ballot Act, 1877***

Appointed: 8 March 1887 (*B.C. Journals* 1887, p. 40).

Committee members: David Williams Higgins, William Norman Bole, James Orr, Robert Franklin John and James Baker.

Reported tabled: 15 March 1887 (*B.C. Journals* 1887, p. 46). Text not printed in *B.C. Journals*.

## 1887

### **Select Committee to inquire into conduct of last election for Victoria City**

Appointed: 15 February 1887 (*B.C. Journals* 1887, pp. 19-20, 47).

Committee members: John Herbert Turner (Chairman), Robert Beaven, John Grant, Edward Gawler Prior and Theodore Davie.

Reported tabled: 28 February 1887. Text in *B.C. Journals* 1887, Appendix ix, dated 26 February 1887. Minority Report. Text in *B.C. Journals* 1887, Appendix x, dated 26 February 1887, signed by John Grant and Robert Beaven. 2 April 1887. Further report of Select Committee. Text in *B.C. Journals* 1887, Appendix xvii, dated 28 March 1887.

Blank lines apparently drawn through one candidate's name on some ballot papers was found to be unintentional and the result of improper printing by the Government Printing Office.

## 1888

### **Select committee on Bill No. 4 (*Ballot Act*)**

Appointed: 15 February 1888 (*B.C. Journals* 1888, p. 21).

Committee members: David Williams Higgins, James Orr, James Baker, Henry Fry and Thomas Basil Humphreys.

Reported tabled: 16 February 1888 (*B.C. Journals* 1888, p. 22). Text not printed in *B.C. Journals*.

## 1916

### **Select committee appointed to inquire into alleged frauds in connection with a by-election held in Vancouver on the 26th February 1916**

Appointed: 27 April 1916 (*B.C. Journals* 1916, p. 106-7).

Committee members: Neil Franklin Mackay (Chairman), George Albert McGuire, Ernest Miller, Harlan Carey Brewster and Parker Williams.

Report tabled: 31 May 1916. Text in *B.C. Journals* 1916, p. 173-4.

Evidence of fraud was found and as the matter was before the Courts the Committee did not wish to make findings on any of the evidence. Continued investigation by the Attorney-General's Department was suggested. A special commission to investigate the case was appointed the following year (see "Royal and Special Commissions").

## 1916

### **Select Committee to inquire into offences against the *Provincial Elections Act* during the late by-election at Victoria City**

Appointed: 1 May 1916 (*B.C. Journals* 1916, p. 109).

Committee members: Alexander Lucas (Chairman), Henry Esson Young, Francis James Anderson

MacKenzie, Parker Williams and Malcolm Archibald Macdonald.

Report tabled: 30 May 1916. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1916, p. 170.

Several questionable incidents concerning bribery, treating and undue influence were reported, but no evidence of wrongdoing was found. Sometimes called the "Blind-pig inquiry".

## **1926-27**

### **Select committee on campaign funds**

Appointed: 31 January 1927 (B.C. *Journals* 1926-27, p. 52-54).

Committee members: Victor Wentworth Odlum (Chairman), Horace Cooper Wrinch, Dougald McPherson, William Alexander McKenzie and Robert Henry Neelands.

Report tabled: 10 February 1927. Report no. 1. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1926-27, p. 96-7.

The Committee was set up to investigate matters arising out of evidence presented to the federal Royal Commission investigating the Department of Customs and Excise. Sufficient evidence of wrongdoing regarding payment by liquor interests to officials of the Liquor Control Board existed to recommend an in-depth inquiry. -- 17 February 1927. Report no. 2. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1926-27, pp. 114-8.

The Committee found that large contributions of campaign funds were made by brewers, distillers and others interested in the liquor business to both Liberal and Conservative parties over the past thirty-five years. To determine if these contributions influenced the enactment of legislation to bring about beer-by-the-glass and price increases the establishment of a royal commission under the *Public Inquiries Act* was recommended. This led to appointment of such a royal commission on 23 February 1927.

## **1928**

### **Special committee on *Provincial Elections Act* (Bill No. 35)**

Appointed: 9 March 1928 (B.C. *Journals* 1928, p. 147).

Committee members: Hon. Thomas Dufferin Pattullo (Chairman), Joshua Hinchliffe, Victor Wentworth Odlum, Cyril Francis Davie and Robert Henry Neelands.

Report tabled: 9 March 1928. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1928, pp. 148-9.



The Committee recommended procedures for absentee balloting.

## 1938

### **Special committee to consider redefining of boundaries of provincial election districts**

Appointed: 31 October 1938 (B.C. *Journals* 1938, p. 6).

Committee members: Charles Sidney Leary (Chairman), William Thomas Straith, Fred Crone, Edward Tourtellotte Kenney, Henry George Thomas Perry, Charles Herbert Percy Tupper, Frank Putnam, Royal Lethington Maitland, Rolf Wallgren Bruhn, Harold Edward Winch and Colin Cameron.

Report tabled: 30 November 1938. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1938, p. 82, dated 29 November 1938.

It was decided not to further consider the proposed amendment at this time and to instead lay the matter on the table until the next Session.

## 1939

### **Special committee on the *Provincial Elections Act***

Appointed: 7 November 1939. (B.C. *Journals* 1939, p. 13-4).

Committee members: Charles Sidney Leary (Chairman), William Thomas Straith, John Howard Forester, Edward Tourtellotte Kenney, Henry George Thomas Perry, Charles Herbert Percy Tupper, Frank Putnam, Royal Lethington Maitland, Rolf Wallgren Bruhn, Harold Edward Winch and Colin Cameron.

Reported tabled: 24 November 1939. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1939, p. 65.

Amendments agreed to would be laid before the House during the present Session. *An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly* was later introduced and assented to November 30, 1939.

## 1940II

### **Special committee to consider changes to the *Provincial Elections Act***

Appointed: 7 November 1940 (B.C. *Journals* 1940II, p. 22).

Committee members: William Thomas Straith (Chairman), Edward Tourtellotte Kenney, John Howard Forester, Henry George Thomas Perry, Charles Herbert Percy Tupper, Frank Putnam, George Matheson Murray, Royal Lethington Maitland, Rolf Wallgren Bruhn, Harold Edward Winch and Colin Cameron.

Reported tabled: 3 December 1940. Report no. 1. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1940II, p. 103.

## 1946

### **Special committee to consider the provisions of the *Provincial Elections Act***

Appointed: 11 March 1946 (B.C. *Journals* 1946, p. 27).

Committee members: Robert Harvey Carson (Chairman), William Thomas Straith, Donald Cameron Brown, Gordon Sylvester Wismer, Leslie Harvey Eyres, Thomas King, Harold Edward Winch, Herbert Gargrave and Thomas Alfred Love.

Report tabled: 27 March 1946. Report no. 1. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1946, pp. 59-60.

The Committee proposed the Government introduce an Elections Committee Enabling Act to set up an Elections Committee consisting of appointed House Members, which could carry on its work after the 1946 Session. This resulted in *An Act respecting a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to consider the 'Provincial Elections Act' cited as Elections Committee Enabling Act, 1946.*

## 1947

### **Special committee to consider the *Provincial Elections Act***

Appointed: By *Elections Committee Enabling Act, 1946* assented to 11 April 1946 (SBC 1946 c.25).

Committee members: Robert Harvey Carson (Chairman), William Thomas Straith, Donald Cameron Brown, Leslie Harvey Eyres, Thomas King, Harold Edward Winch, Herbert Gargrave and Thomas Alfred Love

Report tabled: 19 February 1947. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1947, pp. 15-8, dated 14 February 1947.

The report proposed that the current *Elections Act* be repealed to incorporate the many recommendations of the Elections Committee.

## 1948

## **Special committee on *Provincial Elections Act* amendments**

Appointed: 17 March 1948 (B.C. *Journals* 1948, pp. 29, 44).

Committee members: Thomas King (Chairman), Charles William Morrow, John Henry Cates, Donald Cameron Brown, Harold Edward Winch, Herbert Gargrave and Thomas Alfred Love.

Report tabled: 5 April 1948. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1948, pp. 59-67.

Numerous minor amendments were recommended.

## **1953**

### **Special committee on the *Constitution Act* (redistribution)**

Appointed: 9 February 1953 (B.C. *Journals* 1953, pp. 16-7).

Committee members: Hon. Wesley Drewett Black (Chairman), Lorne Hugh Shantz, Charles William Parker, Cyril Morley Shelford, Arthur James Turner, Frank Snowsell, Leo Thomas Nimsick, Edward Tourtellotte Kenney, George Clark Miller and Nancy Hodges.

Reported tabled: 23 March 1953. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1953, p. 136.

The Committee recommended that it continue its study and report during the next Session, as its task was too large to complete during the current Session.

## **1953II**

### **Special committee on redistribution**

Appointed: 30 September 1953 (B.C. *Journals* 1953II, p. 27).

Committee members: Hon. Wesley Drewett Black (Chairman), Charles William Parker, Thomas Audley Bate, William Neelands Chant, James Allan Reid, Arthur James Turner, Leo Thomas Nimsick, William Campbell Moore, Arthur Laing and Lorenzo Giovando.

Report tabled: 15 October 1953. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1953II, p. 68.

The Committee reported that it was in the midst of assembling the necessary maps, papers and

documents and recommended that it be made a continuing committee.

## 1954

### Special committee on redistribution

Appointed: 22 February 1954 (B.C. *Journals* 1954, pp. 8-9).

Committee members: Hon. Wesley Drewett Black (Chairman), Charles William Parker, Thomas Audley Bate, William Neelands Chant, James Allan Reid, Arthur James Turner, Leo Thomas Nimsick, William Campbell Moore, Arthur Laing and Lorenzo Giovando.

Reported tabled: 13 April 1954. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1954, p. 144.

The Committee was unable to complete its work during the current Session and recommended that it continue again the next Session.

## 1955

### Special committee on redistribution

Appointed: 31 January 1955 (B.C. *Journals* 1955, pp. 14, 19, 20, 21).

Committee members: Hon. Wesley Drewett Black (Chairman), Charles William Parker, Thomas Audley Bate, William Neelands Chant, James Allan Reid, Cyril Morley Shelford, Arthur James Turner, Leo Thomas Nimsick, William Campbell Moore, Arthur Laing and Lorenzo Giovando.

Report tabled: 9 March 1955. Text in B.C. *Journals* 1955, pp. 142-3.

The Committee recommended that the Electoral Districts of Burnaby, Delta and North Vancouver be increased from one to two-member ridings and that the Electoral District of Peace River be divided into two, namely North Peace River and South Peace River. It also recommended continued study. After tabling of the report Moore, Nimsick, Turner and Laing resigned from the Committee, stating their conviction that the Committee was unable to fulfill its terms of reference.



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## Statutory History of Election Law in British Columbia 1871-1986

The election laws of 1871 were contained within five separate acts, including the Constitution Act. The Constitution Act has remained intact, although greatly expanded, but the others have gradually been merged into one act, the *Election Act*. The following is a history of those changes. The Constitution Act and its amendments have been included insofar as they pertain to elections. Commentary has been provided to point out noteworthy or interesting features. For more detail about those acts dealing with electoral representation, election inquiries, and plebiscites see the sections dealing with these subjects. Amendments, as a rule have not been listed separately, but rather under the act which they affect. The arrangement is therefore chronological only for the major acts. Statutes have been cited as set out below.

CA	Consolidated Acts	Used only in 1888.
CS	Consolidated Statutes	Used only in 1877; these did not actually supercede the statutes which they consolidated.
RL	Revised Laws	Used only in 1871. Incorporated statutes of the former colony which continued in force.
RSBC	Revised Statutes	Secondary references are cited as RS (e.g. RS 1924 c.76).
SBC	Statutes of B.C.	Statutes by year/session. Secondary references are cited only by year and chapter number (e.g. 1936 c.16).

Regulations have not been included.

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## Electoral Redistribution in British Columbia 1871 -- 1986

Act <sup>1</sup>	Royal Assent	In Effect for G.E.	No. of Districts <sup>2</sup>	No. of Members
* <b>Constitution Act</b> RL 1871 no.147 Established a Legislative Assembly of 25 Members to be elected from 12 Electoral Districts: Cariboo (3 Members), Comox (1 Member), Cowichan (2 Members), Esquimalt (2 Members), Kootenay (2 Members), Lillooet (2 Members), Nanaimo (1 Member), New Westminster (2 Members), New Westminster City (1 Member), Victoria (2 Members), Victoria City (4 Members), Yale (3 Members).	14/02/1871	1871 1875 1878	12	25
Constitution Schedule Amendment Act SBC 1872 no.27 Added to Nanaimo District.	11/04/1872	1875 1878	12	25
Constitution Schedule Amendment Act SBC 1875 no.7 Extended Victoria City Electoral District.	22/04/1875	1875 1878	12	25
Constitution Act CS 1877 c.42 Consolidation for convenience only of RL 1871 no.147 and amendments.	--	--	12	25

Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1878 c.19 Created Cassiar District. Kootenay and Cowichan to be reduced to single Member Districts upon death or resignation of Member(s). When this occurred Cassiar would receive 1 Member and a second Member would be added to Nanaimo.	02/09/1878	1882	13	25
Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1879 c.8 Amended 1878 c.19 by adding dissolution of Legislature as cause for making changes in representation.	29/04/1879	1882	13	25
<b>* Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1885 c.3</b> Restored second Member to Cowichan and added a third to New Westminster District.	09/03/1885	1886	13	27
Alberni Representation Act SBC 1886 c.2 Included geographic area of Alberni district in Nanaimo Electoral District.	06/04/1886	1886	13	27
Constitution Act CA 1888 c.22 Consolidation.	--	--	13	27
<b>* Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1890 c.7</b> Number of Electoral Districts and Members increased. New Districts were Alberni, The Islands, Nanaimo City (1 Member each), and Vancouver City (2 Members). Kootenay was divided into East Kootenay and West Kootenay (1 Member each) and New Westminster District became Westminster.	26/04/1890	1890	18	33
Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1891 c.4 Amended description of Victoria, Victoria City and Esquimalt. (Further amended by 1894 c.26 and hence not in force for general election of 1894).	20/04/1891	--	18	33

Legislative Electorates and Elections Act SBC 1894 c.26 Number of Electoral Districts remained at 18 but 4 of these were divided into Ridings (1 Member each) to yield a total of 25 electoral areas: New Westminster (Delta, Chilliwack, Dewdney, Richmond), Yale (West, East, North), Lillooet (East, West), and West Kootenay (North, South). Victoria was split into North Victoria and South Victoria Electoral District (1 Member each) and Nanaimo into North Nanaimo and South Nanaimo Electoral District (1 Member each). Cowichan- Alberni was created from the two formerly separate Districts and reduced to 2 Members. Vancouver City received a third Member. Total number of Members was unchanged.	21/03/1894	1894	<b>25</b>	33
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<b>Act<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Royal Assent</b>	<b>In Effect for G.E.</b>	<b>No. of Districts<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>No. of Members</b>
Provincial Elections Act RS 1897 c.67 Consolidation.	--	--	25	33
<b>* Redistribution Act</b> SBC 1898 c.38 Increased number of Electoral Districts and Ridings and number of Members. Redefined boundaries of Yale Electoral District and its 3 Ridings. Divided West Kootenay Electoral District into 4 single Member Ridings (Revelstoke, Slocan, Nelson, Rossland), and East Kootenay District into 2 single Member Ridings (North, South). Cowichan-Alberni was split into separate Districts again (1 Member each) and Vancouver City received a fourth Member and Cassiar a second.	20/05/1898	1898 1900	29	38
<b>* Constitution Amendment Act</b> SBC 1902 c.13 Increased number of Members; to be distributed as described in 1902 c.58.	22/04/1902	1903 1907 1909 1912	34	42



<p><b>* Redistribution Act SBC 1902 c.58</b>  Increased number of Districts (Members increased by 1902 c.13). Ridings were either eliminated or designated as Electoral Districts (in which case name of original District was discarded). Yale and Lillooet lost their Ridings but retained status as Electoral Districts although dropping down to 1 Member each. Westminster, West Kootenay and East Kootenay disappeared as did North and South Victoria, North and South Nanaimo, and Cassiar. New Electoral Districts (in some cases, former Ridings) were Atlin, Chilliwack, Columbia, Cranbrook, Delta, Dewdney, Fernie, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kamloops, Kaslo, Nelson City, Newcastle, Okanagan, Revelstoke, Richmond, Rosland City, Saanich, Similkameen, Skeena and Ymir. Vancouver City was increased to 5 Members, Cariboo reduced to 2 and Esquimalt to 1.</p>	22/04/1902	1903 1907 1909 1912	34	42
<p>[Order-in-Council <i>B.C. Gazette</i> 1903  Corrected an error made by SBC 1902 c.58 in the description of Dewdney Electoral District.</p>	02/07/1903	same as SBC 1902 c.58]		
<p>Constitution Act RS 1911 c.44  Consolidation.</p>	--	--	34	42
<p><b>* Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1915 c.14</b>  Increased number of Electoral Districts and Members. Okanagan was divided into North Okanagan and South Okanagan. Other new Districts were Fort George, North Vancouver, Omineca, Prince Rupert, South Vancouver, and Trail. Chilliwack became Chilliwack and City was dropped from Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster and Rosland. Ymir was eliminated. Vancouver City added a sixth Member and Cariboo dropped to 1.</p>	06/03/1915	1916 1920	39	47
<p>Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1916 c.14  Redefined New Westminster and Trail Electoral Districts.</p>	31/05/1916	1916 1920	39	47

* <b>Constitution Amendment Act</b> SBC 1923 c.6 Increased number of Electoral Districts and Members; redefined boundaries. From previously separate Districts created Cowichan-Newcastle, Grand Forks-Greenwood, Kaslo-Slocan, and Rossland-Trail (1 Member each). Also created new single Member Districts of Burnaby, Creston, Mackenzie, Richmond-Point Grey and Salmon Arm.	21/12/1923	1924 1928	40	48
Constitution Act RS 1924 c.45 Consolidation.	--	--	40	48
* <b>Constitution Amendment Act</b> SBC 1932 c.8 Reduced number of Electoral Districts and Members. New District of Peace River (1 Member) created as well as Alberni-Nanaimo, Columbia-Revelstoke, and Nelson-Creston (1 Member each) from formerly separate Districts. Vancouver City was split into Vancouver-Burrard (2 Members), Vancouver Centre (2 Members), Vancouver East (2 Members), and Vancouver-Point (3 Members).	13/04/1932	1933	39	47

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* <b>Constitution Amendment Act</b> SBC 1934 c.15 Increased number of Electoral Districts and Members. Redefined Burnaby and Cranbrook. Restored Columbia and Revelstoke as separate Districts (1 Member each). Member for former District became Member for Revelstoke and by-election held for Columbia.	28/02/1934	6 March 1934 By-election 1937	40	48
Constitution Amendment Act no.2 SBC 1934 c.16 Confirmed Member for former Cranbrook Electoral District as Member for redefined Cranbrook District.	29/03/1934	1937	40	48
Constitution Act RS 1936 c.49 Consolidation.	--	--	40	48

* <b>Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1938 c.8</b> Amended boundaries and increased number of Districts. Formed Alberni, Nanaimo and The Islands, and Oak Bay (1 Member each). Reduced Victoria City to 3 Members.	09/12/1938	1941 1945 1949 1952 1953	41	48
Constitution Act RS 1948 c.65 Consolidation.	--	--	41	48
* <b>Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1955 c.11</b> Increased number of Districts and Members. Peace River divided into North Peace River and South Peace River. Burnaby, Delta, and North Vancouver made 2 Member districts.	15/03/1955	1956 1960 1963	42	52
Constitution Act RS 1960 c.71 Consolidation.	--	--	42	52
* <b>Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1966 c.11</b> Increased number of Members and Districts. Redefined boundaries and created new Districts of Boundary-Similkameen, Burnaby-Edmonds, Burnaby North, Burnaby-Willingdon, Columbia River, Coquitlam, Cowichan-Malahat, Kootenay, Langley, Nanaimo, North Vancouver-Capilano, North Vancouver-Seymour, Revelstoke-Slocan, Richmond, Saanich and the Islands, Shuswap, Surrey, Vancouver-Little Mountain (2 Members), Vancouver South (2 Members), West Vancouver-Howe Sound and Yale-Lillooet (1 Member each unless otherwise indicated). Delta reduced to 1 Member; Vancouver-Point Grey and Victoria reduced to 2 Members each.	01/04/1966	1966 1969 1972 1975	48	55

* <b>Constitution (Amendment) Act SBC 1978 c.14</b> Increased number of Members and Electoral Districts. Created new Districts of Central Fraser Valley, Coquitlam-Moody, Esquimalt-Port Renfrew, Maillardville-Coquitlam, North Island, Oak Bay-Gordon Head, Okanagan North, Okanagan South, Prince George North, Prince George South, and Shuswap-Revelstoke (1 Member each). Surrey increased to 2 Members. Boundaries of North and South Okanagan altered and names changed to Okanagan North and Okanagan South.	29/06/1978	1979 1983	50	57
Constitution Act RS 1979 c.62 Consolidation.	--	--	50	57
Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1984 c.12 Permanent 3 person commission established to review Electoral Districts and representation.	01/05/1984	--	--	--
* <b>Constitution Amendment Act SBC 1985 c.3</b> Increased number of Members but other than altering the boundaries of Surrey left Electoral Districts unchanged. Created Surrey-Guildford-Whalley, Surrey-Newton, and Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale.	21/02/1985	1986	52	69

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1. Acts which changed the number of seats are indicated by \*.
  2. Districts here means both Electoral Districts and Ridings.

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## Part Four

### Candidates Who Ran in More Than One Electoral District

1890	John Robson	Cariboo	Elected	
	(Government)	Westminster	Elected	Resigned
1900	Joseph Martin	Vancouver City	Elected	
	(Government)	Victoria City	Defeated	
1900	James Stuart Yates	Nanaimo City	Defeated	
	(Government)	Victoria City	Defeated	
1907	Richard McBride	Dewdney	Elected	Resigned
	(Conservative)	Victoria City	Elected	
1909	John Oliver	Delta	Defeated	
	(Liberal)	Victoria City	Defeated	
1909	Richard McBride	Victoria City	Elected	
	(Conservative)	Yale	Elected	Resigned
1916	Harlan Carey Brewster	Alberni	Elected	Resigned
	(Liberal)	Victoria	Elected	
1920	John Oliver	Delta	Elected	Resigned
	(Liberal)	Victoria	Elected	
1933	William John Bowser	Vancouver Centre	Died 25 October 1933	
	(Non Partisan Independent Group)	Victoria City	- before the election	
1933	Charles James McKendrick	Dewdney	Defeated	

	(Socialist Party of Canada)	Vancouver Centre	Defeated	
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1. McKendrick had already run in Dewdney on the provincial polling day of 2 November. Due to the death of W .J. Bowser, who was a candidate both in Vancouver Centre and Victoria, the nomination and polling days for those two Electoral Districts were extended. McKendrick filed his nomination papers for Vancouver Centre on 6 November.

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## Controverted and Voided Elections

Provision was made in 1871 for handling disputed elections under the Trial of Controverted Elections Act (later Provincial Controverted Elections Act); this became part of the Provincial Elections Act in 1897. A *voided election* necessitated the holding of a new election for the affected Electoral District; a *controverted election* set aside the original election results and a different candidate was declared elected. Redress was sought by means of a petition to the B.C. Supreme Court. In two instances, however, the Legislature intervened to allow elected members to finish the session. For the results of by-elections held after voided elections see "Election Results 1871-1986".

Election	District	Notes
24 July 1882 (General election)	Esquimalt	Controverted. The Supreme Court on 21 November 1882 declared the election not to be void but found that John Roland Hett had not been "duly returned or elected" and that Charles Edward Pooley had been "duly elected" instead. (B.C. <i>Journals</i> 1883, p. 4).
9 July 1894 (General Election)	Lillooet East	Voided. Due to voting irregularities, a petition was before the Supreme Court. The Legislature, in order not to leave the district unrepresented during the session, passed an act on 21 February 1895 (SBC 1895 c.33) abating the petition and declaring the seat, held by James Douglas Prentice, to be vacant when the session ended, after which a by-election was to be called (held 1 June 1895).

18 April 1895 (By-election)	Cowichan-Alberni	Voided. Either by virtue of a vote cast by the Returning Officer or by the acceptance of two questionable ballots, Thomas Anthony Wood was declared elected. The other candidate, George Albert Huff, claimed that some votes had been missed and that there were other irregularities. The Supreme Court found the election to be void 29 July 1895 and on 28 August a new writ of election was issued ( <i>B.C. Journals</i> 1896, pp. 3-4), polling taking place 5 October 1895.
9 July 1898 (General election)	Esquimalt	Controverted. The Supreme Court on 14 November 1898 declared William Fitzherbert Bullen not duly elected and David William Higgins elected instead. The judgment appears to be based on reconsideration of three rejected ballots, rather than the allegations of corrupt practices. ( <i>B.C. Journals</i> 1899, pp. xxx-lix). The elections of 28 other members were contested by various petitioners but all but two of these were dismissed by mutual consent.
9 July 1898 (General election)	Lillooet-East Riding Yale-North Riding	Adjourned/Sustained. The trial by the Supreme Court of the election petitions against the members of these two Ridings was adjourned by an act of the Legislature (SBC 1899 c.24) until at least 2 weeks after the end of the session. James Douglas Prentice, who had been declared elected for the East Riding of Lillooet, but whose qualification to be a candidate was in question, was allowed to take his seat and vote without incurring the penalties provided in the Constitution Act (RSBC 1897 c.47 s.33) until determination of the petition. Francis John Deane, elected in the North Riding of Yale, had already taken his seat and was not specifically named in the act. A recount held 21 March 1899 confirmed his election with a majority of 4 and the following day the charges of bribery and corruption were dismissed. The petition against Prentice was initially not pursued ( <i>Victoria Times</i> 25 August 1899) but on 26 March 1900 an appeal (apparently of an earlier dismissal of the original petition) was dismissed by the Supreme Court. ( <i>Vancouver Province</i> 26 March 1900).



3 October 1903 (General election)	Lillooet	Voided. Subsequent to his election by acclamation, Archibald Macdonald inadvertently received money from the provincial government, thereby disqualifying him from sitting. The Legislature passed an act on 10 February 1904 (SBC 1903-4 c.32) which allowed him to retain his seat during the session but declared the election void thereafter (by-election held 16 August 1904).
20 June 1924 (General election)	Dewdney	Voided/Reversed on appeal. The election was declared invalid by the Supreme Court on 9 February 1925 due to the failure of 11 absentee voters to use proper affidavits (plebiscite affidavits had been used instead). John Alexander Catherwood had been elected with a sufficiently narrow margin that his majority was in doubt and he was unseated ( <i>35 British Columbia Reports</i> 143). On 8 June 1925 the Court of Appeal reversed the judgement and Catherwood was reinstated ( <i>36 British Columbia Reports</i> 98).
30 September 1963 (General election)	Yale	Voided/Reversed on appeal. The election was declared void by the Supreme Court on 11 January 1966 due to election irregularities. The petition had been filed by the defeated candidate, Irwin Finlay Corbett, on 31 December 1963 but had not been heard at the time due to a conflict with the sitting of the Legislature and later due to apparent lack of funds on Corbett's part to fight the case. William Leonard Hartley, who had been declared elected in October 1963 by a margin of 6 votes after a judicial recount, was unable to take his seat when the Legislature resumed sitting 27 January 1966. On 16 February 1966, the B.C. Court of Appeal reversed the Supreme Court decision and Hartley was reinstated.



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## Disenfranchised Groups<sup>1</sup>

	Disenfranchised	Enfranchised <sup>2</sup>
Women	--	1917
Chinese	1874	1947
Indians	1874	1949
Japanese	1895	1949
Hindus	1907	1947
Doukhobors	[1931] <sup>3</sup>	1952
Mennonites	[1931] <sup>3</sup>	1948
Hutterites	[1931] <sup>3</sup>	1948

1. Various occupational categories were also excluded at different times, including civil servants, teachers, judges, police officers, political agents and the military. Inmates of insane asylums and other provincial institutions have also been barred. Only those groups, however, rendered ineligible to vote by reason of birth have been included in this table. Many of the others have been noted in the Statutory History.

2. War service in many cases conferred the right to vote before the prohibition was lifted. In 1931, Japanese who had fought in World War I were allowed to vote, in 1945 anyone who had served in either World War was granted that right and in 1947 any war service was sufficient. In 1948 marriage to an eligible voter allowed women in prohibited categories to vote.

3. Although not specifically mentioned by name until 1947 (SBC 1947 c.28) these groups were disenfranchised in 1931 by virtue of their special exemption from military service. The 1931 amendment was specifically directed against the Doukhobors.

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## Elected Candidates Who Did Not Take Their Seat in the Legislature

Parliament	Member	Election <sup>1</sup>	Electoral District	Reason
4th	Preston Bennett	July 1882	Yale	Died August 1882 before first session of new Parliament. Member of 3rd Parliament.
4th	John Roland Hett	July 1882	Esquimalt	Election controverted November 1882 <sup>3</sup> . Had already been appointed Attorney-General.
5th	William Raybould	June 1886	Nanaimo	Died December 1886 before first session of new Parliament.
6th	Joseph Mason	June 1890	Cariboo	Died December 1890 before first session of new Parliament. Member of 4th Parliament.
7th	Thomas Anthony Wood	April 1895 <sup>2</sup>	Cowichan-Alberni	Election voided <sup>3</sup> .
8th	William Fitzherbert Bullen	July 1898	Esquimalt	Election controverted November 1898 <sup>3</sup> .

8th	William George Neilson	July 1898	East Kootenay North Riding	Died January 1899 before first session of new Parliament.
16th	John McKie	June 1924	Grand Forks- Greenwood	Died October 1924 before first session of new Parliament.
16th	Kenneth Campbell	June 1924	Nelson	Resigned July 1924 before first session of new Parliament to provide seat for John Oliver. Member of 15th Parliament.
20th	Byron Ingemar Johnson	May 1945 <sup>2</sup>	New Westminster	Not sworn in. Legislature dissolved and election held October 1945. Member of 18th, 21st, and 22nd Parliaments.
23rd	Harry Denyor Francis	June 1952	Similkameen	Resigned October 1952 before first session of new Parliament to provide seat for E. Gunderson.
23rd	Richard Orr Newton	June 1952	Columbia	Resigned October 1952 before first session of new Parliament to provide seat for R.W. Bonner.
26th	Frank Greenwood	July 1963 <sup>2</sup>	Columbia	Not sworn in. Legislature dissolved and election held August 1963.
28th	William Collins Speare	September 1966	Cariboo	Resigned October 1966 before first session of new Parliament to open seat for R.W. Bonner. Member of 25th, 26th, and 27th Parliaments.

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1. General election unless otherwise noted.
  2. By-election.
  3. See "Controverted and Voided Elections."

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## Electoral Highlights

1871	First general election in province of British Columbia for Legislative Assembly.
1873	Secret ballot introduced (SBC 1873 no.6).
1873	Federal MPs disqualified from sitting as provincial MLAs (SBC 1873 no.16).
1873	Plebiscite on increase in sessional allowances held - and defeated.
1874	Chinese and native Indians disenfranchised (SBC 1874 no.12).
1875	Provision made for absentee voting for 1875 only (SBC 1875 no.1).
1876	Property qualification for voting dropped (SBC 1876 no.5).
1878	School teachers prohibited from voting or campaigning (SBC 1878 c.22).
1883	Prohibition against school teachers lifted (SBC 1883 c.34).
1886	First Labour candidates.
1890	Election deposit of \$200 introduced (SBC 1890 c.15).
1895	Japanese disenfranchised (SBC 1895 c.20).
1899	Provincial civil servants disenfranchised (SBC 1899 c.25).
1900	Civil servant disenfranchisement repealed (SBC 1900 c.21).
1900	First Socialist candidate (William MacClain, Vancouver City).
1903	First general election along federal party lines i.e. Conservatives and Liberals.
1904	Polling day declared a public holiday i.e. electors to have 4 clear hours to vote. (SBC 1903-4 c.17).
1906	Election deposit reduced to \$100 (SBC 1906 c.19).
1907	"Hindus" disenfranchised (SBC 1907 c.16).
1916	Life of Legislative Assembly extended to 5 years (SBC 1916 c.14).
1916	Clergy no longer prohibited from running and sitting as MLAs (SBC 1916 c.14).
1917	Franchise extended to women (SBC 1917 c.23).
1918	First woman to run (and be elected) - Mary Ellen Smith - in Vancouver by-election held 24 January 1918. First time women voted in provincial election.

1920	Election deposit eliminated (SBC 1920 c.27).
1920	Ballots for Vancouver and Victoria to indicate political party or interest of each candidate (SBC 1920 c.27).
1920	Absentee voting reintroduced (SBC 1920 c.27). Used in 1920 general election.
1920	First election in which practising clergy ran: Reverend Thomas Menzies (Comox) and Canon Joshua Hinchliffe (Victoria City). Both were elected.
1924	Both Premier (John Oliver) and Leader of the Opposition (William John Bowser) defeated in general election.
1928	First <i>Statement of Votes</i> published.
1929	No longer required to resign seat and run in by-election if appointed to Cabinet after general election (SBC 1929 c. 14).
1931	Doukhobors disenfranchised (SBC 1931 c.21).
1934	Last election of a candidate by acclamation (Thomas King, Columbia by-election).
1940	All ballots to state political party or interest of candidates (SBC 1939 c.16, eff. 1 April 1940).
1940	Public opinion polls ("straw votes") banned after writ of election issued (SBC 1939 c.16 eff. 1 April 1940).
1940	Candidature in more than one riding prohibited (SBC 1939 c.16 eff. 1 April 1940).
1940	Position of Registrar of Voters created (SBC 1939 c.16, eff. 1 April 1940). George M. Phillips appointed 2 April 1940.
1940	Returning officers no longer required to proclaim oyez! oyez! oyez! on election day (SBC 1939 c.16, eff. 1 April 1940).
1945	Members of prohibited groups, if otherwise qualified, allowed to vote if they served in either World War (SBC 1945 c.26).
1947	Position of Chief Electoral Officer created (SBC 1947 c.47). Frederick S. Hurley appointed to position in July. Central Registry for voters' lists established in Victoria.
1947	Prohibition against Chinese and Hindus removed (SBC 1947 c.47).
1947	Canadian citizenship recognized as qualification in addition to being a British subject (SBC 1947 c.47).
1947	Provision made for advance polling (SBC 1947 c.47).
1948	Mennonites and Hutterites no longer ineligible to vote (SBC 1948 c.20).
1949	Indians and Japanese prohibition removed (SBC 1949 c.19).
1949	Advance polls and "section 80" voting used for first time in general election 15 June 1949.
1949	Frank Calder, Nishga Indian, ran and was elected to Legislature in general election 15 June 1949.
1952	* Single transferable vote used for first time in general election 12 June 1952.

1952	Voting age changed to 19 (SBC 1952 c.3).
1952	Doukhobor prohibition removed (SBC 1952 c.3).
1953	Alternative vote used for second and last time in general election 9 June 1953. First-past-the-post plurality voting system reinstated (SBC 1953II c.5).
1956	First Chinese Canadian to run for seat in Canadian legislature (Douglas Jung, PC, Vancouver Centre by-election).
1974	Candidates for public office required to file a written disclosure of financial and business interests (SBC 1974, c.114 s.13).
1975	First general election in which disclosure statements filed by the candidates (SBC 1974 c.73).
1977	Liquor sales allowed on election day (SBC 1977 c.10 s.5).
1979	Blind voters able to mark own ballots by means of templates.
1982	Prohibition against public opinion polls repealed (SBC 1982 c.48).
1984	Permanent Electoral Commission established (SBC 1984 c.12).
1985	"British subject" dropped as qualification to vote (SBC 1985 c.5).
1986	Out-of-province absentee voting allowed (B.C. Reg 221/86).
1986	First Indo-Canadian to win a seat in a Canadian legislature (Moe Sihota, Esquimalt).

\* Please note that reference to use of a 'single transferable vote' system in the general elections of 1952 and 1953 is not correct. As indicated in footnotes to the 1952 and 1953 election results, the system in use was actually an 'alternative voting' system.

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## Multi-Member Districts<sup>1</sup>

Election	Members per District						Total Districts	Total Members
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1871	3	6	2	1	-	-	12	25
1875	3	6	2	1	-	-	12	25
1878	3	6	2	1	-	-	12	25
1882	5	5	2	1	-	-	13	25
1886	4	5	3	1	-	-	13	27
1890	8	6	3	1	-	-	18	33
1894	20	3	1	1	-	-	25	33
1898	24	3	-	2	-	-	29	38
1900	24	3	-	2	-	-	29	38
1903	31	1	-	1	1	-	34	42
1907	31	1	-	1	1	-	34	42
1909	31	1	-	1	1	-	34	42
1912	31	1	-	1	1	-	34	42
1916	37	-	-	1	-	1	39	47
1920	37	-	-	1	-	1	39	47
1924	38	-	-	1	-	1	40	48
1928	38	-	-	1	-	1	40	48
1933	34	3	1	1	-	-	39	47
1934 <sup>2</sup>	35	3	1	1	-	-	40	48
1937	35	3	1	1	-	-	40	48
1941	36	3	2	-	-	-	41	48

1945	36	3	2	-	-	-	41	48
1949	36	3	2	-	-	-	41	48
1952	36	3	2	-	-	-	41	48
1953	36	3	2	-	-	-	41	48
1956	34	6	2	-	-	-	42	52
1960	34	6	2	-	-	-	42	52
1963	34	6	2	-	-	-	42	52
1966	41	7	-	-	-	-	48	55
1969	41	7	-	-	-	-	48	55
1972	41	7	-	-	-	-	48	55
1975	41	7	-	-	-	-	48	55
1979	43	7	-	-	-	-	50	57
1983	43	7	-	-	-	-	50	57
1986	35	17	-	-	-	-	52	69

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1. From 1894 to 1903 (but not including 1903 general election) a certain number of Electoral Districts were sub-divided into Ridings, each with its own Member. These have not been considered as multi-Member Districts.

2. By-election. Seats and members altered by SBC 1934 c.15.

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## Registered Voters Who Voted in Multi-Member Districts 1928-1986<sup>1</sup>

Election	District	Seats	Voters Who Voted <sup>2</sup>	Rejected Ballots	Valid Votes
1928	Vancouver City	6	33,175	425	180,209
	Victoria City	4	15,028	251	57,457
1933	Vancouver-Burrard	2	20,946	168	40,222
	Vancouver Centre	2	14,843	138	28,323
	Vancouver East	2	21,235	461	41,092
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	25,156	608	71,660
	Victoria City	4	17,805	185	65,336
1937	Vancouver-Burrard	2	24,434	377	46,229
	Vancouver Centre	2	18,727	400	34,590
	Vancouver East	2	21,717	362	40,918
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	26,343	472	75,967
	Victoria City	4	17,656	233	65,955
1941 <sup>3</sup>	Vancouver-Burrard	2	[26,512]	268	50,610
	Vancouver Centre	2	[21,842]	445	41,653
	Vancouver East	2	[23,705]	420	44,091
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	[33,436]	597	95,159
	Victoria City	4	[16,587]	131	43,497
1945 <sup>4</sup>	Vancouver-Burrard	2	[25,910]	205	53,226 (51,322)

Vancouver Centre	2	[21,156]	217	42,206	(40,918)
Vancouver East	2	[24,069]	154	48,260	(46,619)
Vancouver-Point Grey	3	[32,428]	597	97,655	(94,623)
Victoria City	4	[17,088]	124	50,071	(48,028)

1949	Vancouver-Burrard	2	33,164	312	63,679
	Vancouver Centre	2	26,118	996	48,240
	Vancouver East	2	39,933	523	76,059
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	50,753	1,559	147,085
	Victoria City	3	23,702	253	65,679

1952 <sup>5</sup>	Vancouver-Burrard	2	34,373	3,498	65,193
	Vancouver Centre	2	24,400	4,020	44,440
	Vancouver East	2	47,171	5,039	89,830
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	56,988	14,222	156,578
	Victoria City	3	25,821	6,544	70,870

1953 <sup>5,6</sup>	Vancouver-Burrard	2	[30,871]	4,016	57,696
	Vancouver Centre	2	[21,069]	3,365	38,548
	Vancouver East	2	[42,896]	5,273	80,494
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	[52,921]	9,221	149,530
	Victoria City	3	[24,591]	6,139	67,619

Election	District	Seats	Voters Who Voted <sup>2</sup>	Rejected Ballots	Valid Votes
1956	Burnaby	2	31,243	236	60,540
	Delta	2	35,578	352	69,066
	North Vancouver	2	28,602	346	53,719
	Vancouver-Burrard	2	27,798	608	52,369
	Vancouver Centre	2	19,128	168	36,302
	Vancouver East	2	44,795	786	84,422
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	53,152	561	155,953
	Victoria City	3	21,474	252	60,519

1960	Burnaby	2	41,669	589	79,309
	Delta	2	55,073	834	106,328
	North Vancouver	2	37,901	438	72,331
	Vancouver-Burrard	2	29,534	621	56,382
	Vancouver Centre	2	21,312	504	40,733
	Vancouver East	2	51,781	761	99,479
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	59,871	803	172,832
	Victoria City	3	22,387	388	65,329

1963	Burnaby	2	38,543	420	73,598
	Delta	2	53,860	473	100,327
	North Vancouver	2	37,677	332	73,337
	Vancouver-Burrard	2	31,022	468	58,657
	Vancouver Centre	2	20,761	419	39,777
	Vancouver East	2	45,401	644	87,294
	Vancouver-Point Grey	3	61,649	726	179,472
	Victoria City	3	20,740	175	58,670

1966	Vancouver-Burrard	2	20,124	690	38,570
	Vancouver Centre	2	23,732	519	45,521
	Vancouver East	2	25,501	503	50,040
	Vancouver-Little Mountain	2	29,363	358	57,472
	Vancouver-Point Grey	2	27,728	309	53,784
	Vancouver South	2	24,092	573	45,315
	Victoria	2	15,991	359	15,820

1969	Vancouver-Burrard	2	26,026	494	49,955
	Vancouver Centre	2	25,783	528	49,354
	Vancouver East	2	26,467	338	50,810
	Vancouver-Little Mountain	2	28,685	345	56,114
	Vancouver-Point Grey	2	32,135	258	63,196

Vancouver South	2	32,953	393	63,978
Victoria	2	29,437	496	57,955

1972	Vancouver-Burrard	2	28,645	615	54,699
	Vancouver Centre	2	26,912	539	53,434
	Vancouver East	2	27,250	515	53,422
	Vancouver-Little Mountain	2	29,271	417	58,926
	Vancouver-Point Grey	2	32,356	387	65,975
	Vancouver South	2	33,928	432	68,485
	Victoria	2	33,085	497	67,182

Election	District	Seats	Voters Who Voted <sup>2</sup>	Rejected Ballots	Valid Votes
1975	Vancouver-Burrard	2	28,441	587	57,738
	Vancouver Centre	2	27,323	669	51,937
	Vancouver East	2	28,813	582	55,462
	Vancouver-Little Mountain	2	30,185	595	58,710
	Vancouver-Point Grey	2	36,634	554	71,885
	Vancouver South	2	36,791	390	71,754
	Victoria	2	72,145	691	36,566

1979	Surrey	2	63,258	1,368	119,361
	Vancouver Centre	2	32,983	1,310	62,207
	Vancouver East	2	34,970	1,032	66,270
	Vancouver-Little Mountain	2	37,345	1,143	71,377
	Vancouver-Point Grey	2	41,061	1,274	79,151
	Vancouver South	2	38,310	875	73,992
	Victoria	2	41,979	1,107	80,339

1983	Surrey	2	81,498	1,018	150,894
	Vancouver Centre	2	35,663	842	66,066
	Vancouver East	2	37,796	1,046	69,586
	Vancouver-Little Mountain	2	42,653	805	81,724

Vancouver-Point Grey	2	45,410	480	84,826
Vancouver South	2	42,732	727	80,817
Victoria	2	43,160	610	83,112

1986 <sup>7</sup>	Boundary-Similkameen	2	33,179	758	60,693
	Cariboo	2	25,709	932	48,157
	Central Fraser Valley	2	27,602	627	50,618
	Delta	2	36,510	722	71,697
	Dewdney	2	33,012	766	63,347
	Kamloops	2	35,054	1,148	68,174
	Langley	2	31,234	844	58,942
	Nanaimo	2	35,632	773	68,689
	Okanagan South	2	41,817	1,094	79,934
	Richmond	2	51,071	1,670	96,547
	Saanich and the Islands	2	42,372	585	81,276
	Vancouver Centre	2	36,709	1,548	70,337
	Vancouver East	2	36,787	1,718	71,052
	Vancouver-Little Mountain	2	43,155	1,219	81,499
	Vancouver-Point Grey	2	42,946	682	84,815
	Vancouver South	2	39,094	1,550	77,706
	Victoria	2	42,165	748	80,023

1. Taken from the [Statement of Votes](#) for each election.

2. Includes those whose ballots were rejected but not those whose ballots remained unopened.

3. The number of registered voters who voted is not given for each District, only the percentage. The figure given here in [ ] has been calculated by multiplying the number of registered voters by this percentage.

4. As in 1941, the number of registered voters who voted is not supplied by District, only a percentage. This percentage, however, appears to exclude the active service vote. When the percentage is taken of the registered voters the result, given here in [ ], does not account for the total valid votes cast, much less the total votes cast. Accordingly, the non active service vote has been shown in ( ) beside the total valid vote figure.

5. In these two elections, candidates ran on separate slates in multi-Member Districts, with a separate ballot for each. The number of votes is different for each slate within a District. To determine the number of ballots cast for each slate, add the rejected votes to the total valid votes for the first count as given in the "Election Results" section. Note that because of the separate ballots, or slates, the Rejected Ballots figure given here actually corresponds to the number of rejected votes and not the number of voters whose ballots were rejected. The Valid Votes figure is that for the first count.

6. The number of Voters who Voted figure is not specifically given in the 1953 [Statement of Votes](#). In 1952 the figure corresponds to the highest number of votes for any ballot within a given District so the equivalent has been used for 1953.

7. In 1986 individual rejected votes rather than ballots were counted.

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## Women Members of the Legislative Assembly in British Columbia

Name	Party	Electoral District	Election <sup>1</sup>
ARSENS, Lydia Augusta (1906-1983)	SC	Victoria City	1953
BOONE, Lois Ruth (1947- )	NDP	Prince George North	1986
BROWN, Buda Hosmer (1894-1962)	SC SC	Vancouver-Point Grey Vancouver-Point Grey	1956 1960
Minister without Portfolio 28 November 1960--12 August 1962.			
BROWN, Rosemary (1930- )	NDP NDP NDP NDP	Vancouver-Burrard Vancouver-Burrard Burnaby-Edmonds Burnaby-Edmonds	1972 1975 1979 1983
CAMPBELL, Avril Kim (1947- )	SC	Vancouver-Point Grey	1986
DAILLY, Eileen Elizabeth (1926- )	NDP NDP NDP	Burnaby North Burnaby North Burnaby North	1966 1969 1972
Minister of Education 15 September 1972--22 December 1975.	NDP NDP NDP	Burnaby North Burnaby North Burnaby North	1975 1979 1983

DAWSON, Isabel Pearl (1917-1982)	SC SC	Mackenzie Mackenzie	1966 1969
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Minister without Portfolio  
12 December 1966--15 September 1972.

EDWARDS, Kathleen Anne (1935- )	NDP	Kootenay	1986
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GRAN, Caroline Mary (1941- )	SC	Langley	1986
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HAGEN, Anita Mae Joan (1931- )	NDP	New Westminster	1986
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HAGGEN, Lois Mabel (1899- )	CCF	Grand Forks-Greenwood	1956
	CCF	Grand Forks-Greenwood	1960
	NDP	Grand Forks-Greenwood	1963

HOBBS, Margaret Frances (1909- )	NDP	Revelstoke	1962 <sup>2</sup>
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HODGES, Nancy (1888-1969)  Speaker <sup>3</sup> 14 February 1950--10 April 1952.	Liberal	Victoria	1941
	Coalition	Victoria City	1945
	Coalition	Victoria City	1949
	Liberal	Victoria City	1952

JAMIESON, Laura Emma (1888-1964)	CCF	Vancouver Centre	1939 <sup>2</sup>
	CCF	Vancouver Centre	1941
	CCF	Vancouver Centre	1952

JOHNSTON, Rita Margaret (1935- )	SC	Surrey	1983
	SC	Surrey-Newton	1986

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Transit  
14 August 1986--6 November 1986.

Minister of Municipal Affairs  
6 November 1986--

JORDAN, Patricia Jane (1930- )	SC	North Okanagan	1966
	SC	North Okanagan	1969
	SC	North Okanagan	1972
Minister without Portfolio	SC	North Okanagan	1975
12 December 1966--15 September 1972.	SC	North Okanagan	1979

Minister of Tourism  
11 January 1980--10 August 1982.

KRIPPS, Agnes (1925- )	SC	Vancouver South	1969
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Name	Party	Electoral District	Election <sup>1</sup>
McCARTHY, Grace Mary (1927- )	SC	Vancouver-Little Mountain	1966
	SC	Vancouver-Little Mountain	1969
	SC	Vancouver-Little Mountain	1975
Minister without Portfolio	SC	Vancouver-Little Mountain	1979
12 December 1966--15 September 1972.	SC	Vancouver-Little Mountain	1983
	SC	Vancouver-Little Mountain	1986
Minister of Recreation and Travel Industry 22 December 1975--29 October 1976.			
Provincial Secretary 22 December 1975--29 October 1976.			
Deputy Premier 22 December 1975--26 May 1983.			
Provincial Secretary and Minister of Travel Industry 29 October 1976--4 December 1978.			
Minister of Human Resources 4 December 1978--11 February 1986.			
Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services 11 February 1986-- August 1986.			
Deputy Premier 14 August 1986--6 November 1986.			
Minister of Economic Development 14 August 1986--6 November 1986. 6 November 1986--			

MacINNES, Winona Grace (1905- )	CCF	Vancouver-Burrard	1941
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MARZARI, Darlene R. (1943- )	NDP	Vancouver-Point Grey	1986
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MATHER, Camille Mildred (1912- )	CCF	Delta	1960
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ROLSTON, Tilly Jean (1887-1953)  Minister of Education <sup>4</sup> 1 August 1952--12 October 1953.	CONS.	Vancouver-Point Grey	1941
	COAL.	Vancouver-Point Grey	1945
	COAL.	Vancouver-Point Grey	1949
	SC	Vancouver-Point Grey	1952

SANFORD, Karen Elizabeth (1932- )	NDP	Comox	1972
	NDP	Comox	1975
	NDP	Comox	1979
	NDP	Comox	1983

SMALLWOOD, Joan Kathleen (1950- )	NDP	Surrey-Guildford-Whalley	1986
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SMITH, Helen Douglas (1886?-1955)	LIB.	Vancouver-Burrard	1933
	LIB.	Vancouver-Burrard	1937

SMITH, Mary Ellen <sup>5</sup> (1862-1933)  Minister without Portfolio <sup>6</sup> 24 March 1921--19 November 1921.	IND.	Vancouver City	1918
	LIB.	Vancouver City	1920
	LIB.	Vancouver City	1924

STEEVES, Dorothy Gretchen (1895-1978)	CCF	Vancouver Centre	1934 <sup>2</sup>
	CCF	Vancouver Centre	1937
	CCF	Vancouver Centre	1941

WALLACE, Barbara Brookman (1918- )	NDP	Cowichan-Malahat	1975
	NDP	Cowichan-Malahat	1979
	NDP	Cowichan-Malahat	1983

WEBSTER, Daisy (1911- )	NDP	Vancouver South	1972
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YOUNG, Phyllis Florence (1925-1984)	NDP	Vancouver-Little Mountain	1972
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Minister without Portfolio  
18 May 1973--8 November 1973.

Minister of Consumer Services  
8 November 1973--22 December 1975.

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1. Successful elections only and general election unless otherwise indicated.
  2. By-election.
  3. First woman Speaker in the Commonwealth.
  4. First woman Cabinet minister with portfolio in Canada.
  5. First woman elected to B.C. Legislature.
  6. First woman Cabinet minister in the British Empire.

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## Part Five

### Premiers of British Columbia 1871-1986<sup>1</sup>

Name/Party <sup>2</sup>	Dates <sup>3</sup>	Parliaments	Notes
John Foster McCreight	13 Nov 1871--20 Dec 1872	1st	Resigned after vote of non-confidence.
Amor De Cosmos (William Alexander Smith)	23 Dec 1872--9 Feb 1874	1st	Resigned to contest federal election. Vacated seat.
George Anthony Boomer Walkem	11 Feb 1874--27 Jan 1876	1st--2nd	Resigned after vote of non-confidence (had lost legislative support in fall 1875 election).
Andrew Charles Elliott	1 Feb 1876--25 Jun 1878	2nd	Resigned after personal electoral defeat and defeat of his supporters in the May 1878 election.
George Anthony Boomer Walkem	25 Jun 1878-- 6 Jun 1882	3rd	Resigned upon appointment to B. C. Supreme Court. Vacated seat.
Robert Beaven	13 Jun 1882--29 Jan 1883	4th	Resigned after vote of non-confidence.
William Smithe	29 Jan 1883--28 Mar 1887	4th--5th	Died.
Alexander Edmund Batson Davie	1 Apr 1887--1 Aug 1889	5th	Died.
John Robson	2 Aug 1889--29 Jun 1892	5th--6th	Died.

Theodore Davie	2 Jul 1892--2 Mar 1895	6th--7th	Resigned to take up position as Chief Justice of B.C. Vacated seat.
John Herbert Turner	4 Mar 1895--8 Aug 1898	7th	Dismissed by Lieutenant-Governor following apparent electoral defeat. <sup>4</sup>
Charles Augustus Semlin	15 Aug 1898--27 Feb 1900	8th	Dismissed by Lieutenant-Governor due to perceived lack of legislative support <sup>5</sup> .
Joseph Martin	28 Feb 1900--14 Jun 1900	8th	Insufficient legislative support remained after June 1900 election; the Lieutenant-Governor called upon Dunsmuir to form a new Ministry.
James Dunsmuir	15 Jun 1900--21 Nov 1902	9th	Resigned.
Edward Gawler Prior	21 Nov 1902--1 Jun 1903	9th	Dismissed by Lieutenant-Governor for conflict of interest <sup>6</sup> .
Richard McBride Conservative	1 Jun 1903--15 Dec 1915	9th--13th	Resigned to become Agent-General. Vacated seat.
William John Bowser Conservative	15 Dec 1915--23 Nov 1916	13th	Resigned after party defeat in September 1916 election but waited until November because of delay in counting soldiers' votes.
Harlan Carey Brewster Liberal	23 Nov 1916--1 Mar 1918	14th	Died.
John Oliver Liberal	6 Mar 1918--17 Aug 1927	14th--16th	Died. Personally defeated in June 1924 election although party won; regained seat in August 1924 by-election.
John Duncan MacLean Liberal	20 Aug 1927--20 Aug 1928	16th	Resigned after personal and party defeat in July 1928 election.
Simon Fraser Tolmie Conservative	21 Aug 1928--15 Nov 1933	17th	Resigned after personal and party defeat in November 1933 election.

Thomas Dufferin Pattullo Liberal	15 Nov 1933--9 Dec 1941	18th--20th	Resigned as party leader rather than participate in a Coalition government.
John Hart Coalition	9 Dec 1941--29 Dec 1947	20th--21st	Resigned as party leader.
Byron Ingemar Johnson Coalition	29 Dec 1947--1 Aug 1952	21st--22nd	Resigned after personal and party defeat in June 1952 election.
William Andrew Cecil Bennett Social Credit	1 Aug 1952--15 Sep 1972	23rd--29th	Resigned after party defeat in August 1972 election.
David Barrett New Democratic Party	15 Sep 1972--22 Dec 1975	30th	Resigned after personal and party defeat in December 1975 election.
William Richards Bennett Social Credit	22 Dec 1975--6 Aug 1986	31st--33rd	Resigned as party leader.
William Nick Vander Zalm Social Credit	6 Aug 1986-	33rd-	Did not hold seat until after October 1986 election.

1. Although British Columbia entered Confederation 20 July 1871 the first premier was not chosen until later, after the first general election. An interim cabinet was chosen and the Lieutenant-Governor acted as head of government.
2. Party government was not introduced to British Columbia until 1903 when McBride became Premier. Prior to that time "group government" existed, that is to say, loose alliances of MLAs formed around various leaders.
3. Derived for the most part from the Oath Book, The B.C. *Gazette* and/or Orders-in-Council, and the B.C. *Journals*.
4. See B.C. *Sessional Papers* 1899, pp. 879-895.
5. See Canada *Sessional Papers* 1900 no. 174, pp. 6-12.
6. See B.C. *Journals* 1903, pp. 63-65; *Victoria Times* 1 June 1903, p. 1.





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## Sessions<sup>1</sup> of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly 1871--1987

### 1st Parliament

Election: 16 October--15 December 1871		25 Members
1st Session	15 February 1872	11 April 1872
2nd Session	17 December 1872	21 February 1873
3rd Session	18 December 1873	2 March 1874
4th Session	1 March 1875	22 April 1875
Dissolution: 30 August 1875		

### 2nd Parliament

Election: 11 September--25 October 1875		25 Members
1st Session	10 January 1876	19 May 1876
2nd Session	21 February 1877	18 April 1877
3rd Session	7 February 1878	10 April 1878
Dissolution: 12 April 1878		

### 3rd Parliament

Election: 22 May 1878		25 Members
1st Session	29 July 1878	2 September 1878
2nd Session	29 January 1879	29 April 1879
3rd Session	5 April 1880	8 May 1880
4th Session	24 January 1881	25 March 1881
5th Session	23 February 1882	21 April 1882
Dissolution: 13 June 1882		

**4th Parliament**

Election: 24 July and 7 August 1882

25 Members

1st Session	25 January 1883	12 May 1883
2nd Session	3 December 1883	18 February 1884
3rd Session	12 January 1885	9 March 1885
4th Session	25 January 1886	6 April 1886

Dissolution: 3 June 1886

**5th Parliament**Election: 7 July 1886<sup>2</sup>

27 Members

1st Session	24 January 1887	7 April 1887
2nd Session	27 January 1888	28 April 1888
3rd Session	31 January 1889	6 April 1889
4th Session	23 January 1890	26 April 1890

Dissolution: 10 May 1890

**6th Parliament**Election: 13 June and 1 September 1890<sup>3</sup>

33 Members

1st Session	15 January 1891	20 April 1891
2nd Session	28 January 1892	23 April 1892
3rd Session	26 January 1893	12 April 1893
4th Session	18 January 1894	11 April 1894

Dissolution: 2 June 1894

**7th Parliament**

Election: 7 July--10 September 1894

33 Members

1st Session	12 November 1894	21 February 1895
2nd Session	23 January 1896	17 April 1896
3rd Session	8 February 1897	8 May 1897
4th Session	10 February 1898	20 May 1898

Dissolution: 7 June 1898

**8th Parliament**

Election: 9 July and 6 August 1898<sup>4</sup>

38 Members

1st Session

5 January 1899

27 February 1899

2nd Session

4 January 1900

1 March 1900

Dissolution: 10 April 1900

**9th Parliament**

Election: 9 June 1900

38 Members

1st Session

19 July 1900

31 August 1900

2nd Session

21 February 1901

11 May 1901

3rd Session

20 February 1902

21 June 1902

4th Session

2 April 1903

4 June 1903

Dissolution: 16 June 1903

**10th Parliament**

Election: 3 October 1903

42 Members

1st Session

26 November 1903

10 February 1904

2nd Session

9 February 1905

8 April 1905

3rd Session

11 January 1906

12 March 1906

Dissolution: 24 December 1906

**11th Parliament**

Election: 2 February 1907

42 Members

1st Session

7 March 1907

25 April 1907

2nd Session

16 January 1908

7 March 1908

3rd Session

21 January 1909

12 March 1909

Dissolution: 20 October 1909

**12th Parliament**

Election: 25 November 1909

42 Members

1st Session

20 January 1910

10 March 1910

2nd Session

12 January 1911

1 March 1911

3rd Session

11 January 1912

27 February 1912

Dissolution: 27 February 1912

### 13th Parliament

Election: 28 March 1912

42 Members

1st Session	16 January 1913	1 March 1913
2nd Session	15 January 1914	4 March 1914
3rd Session	21 January 1915	6 March 1915
4th Session	2 March 1916	31 May 1916

Dissolution: 31 May 1916

### 14th Parliament

Election: 14 September 1916

47 Members

1st Session	1 March 1917	17 August 1917
2nd Session	7 February 1918	23 April 1918
3rd Session	30 January 1919	29 March 1919
4th Session	29 January 1920	17 April 1920

Dissolution: 23 October 1920

### 15th Parliament

Election: 1 December 1920

47 Members

1st Session	8 February 1921	2 April 1921
2nd Session	18 October 1921	3 December 1921
3rd Session	30 October 1922	16 December 1922
4th Session	29 October 1923	21 December 1923

Dissolution: 10 May 1924

### 16th Parliament

Election 20 June 1924

48 Members

1st Session	3 November 1924	19 December 1924
2nd Session	2 November 1925	19 December 1925
3rd Session	16 December 1926	7 March 1927
4th Session	24 January 1928	14 March 1928

Dissolution: 7 June 1928

**17th Parliament**

Election	18 July 1928	48 Members
1st Session	22 January 1929	20 March 1929
2nd Session	28 January 1930	25 March 1930
3rd Session	11 February 1931	1 April 1931
4th Session	17 February 1932	13 April 1932
5th Session	23 February 1933	7 April 1933

Dissolution: 1 August 1933

**18th Parliament**

Election:	2 November and 27 November 1933	47 Members (48 after 28 February 1934)
1st Session	20 February 1934	29 March 1934
2nd Session	12 February 1935	23 March 1935
3rd Session	25 February 1936	1 April 1936
4th Session	27 October 1936	20 November 1936

Dissolution: 12 April 1937

**19th Parliament**

Election:	1 June 1937	48 Members
1st Session	26 October 1937	10 December 1937
2nd Session	25 October 1938	9 December 1938
3rd Session	31 October 1939	30 November 1939
4th Session	8 May 1940	10 May 1940
5th Session	29 October 1940	6 December 1940

Dissolution: 21 July 1941

**20th Parliament**

Election:	21 October 1941	48 Members
1st Session	4 December 1941	12 February 1942
2nd Session	2 February 1943	18 March 1943
3rd Session	1 February 1944	15 March 1944

4th Session

6 February 1945

28 March 1945

Dissolution: 31 August 1945

**21st Parliament**

Election: 25 October 1945

48 Members

1st Session

21 February 1946

11 April 1946

2nd Session

11 February 1947

3 April 1947

3rd Session

2 March 1948

28 April 1948

4th Session

7 July 1948

9 July 1948

5th Session

8 February 1949

24 March 1949

Dissolution: 16 April 1949

**22nd Parliament**

Election: 15 June 1949

48 Members

1st Session

14 February 1950

30 March 1950

2nd Session

20 February 1951

18 April 1951

3rd Session

25 October 1951

27 October 1951

4th Session

19 February 1952

26 March 1952

Dissolution: 10 April 1952

**23rd Parliament**

Election: 12 June 1952

48 Members

1st Session

3 February 1953

27 March 1953

Dissolution: 27 March 1953

**24th Parliament**

Election: 9 June 1953

48 Members

1st Session

15 September 1953

17 October 1953

2nd Session

16 February 1954

14 April 1954

3rd Session

25 January 1955

15 March 1955

4th Session

17 January 1956

2 March 1956

Dissolution: 13 August 1956

**25th Parliament**

Election: 19 September 1956

52 Members

1st Session	7 February 1957	28 March 1957
2nd Session	23 January 1958	20 March 1958
3rd Session	22 January 1959	20 March 1959
4th Session	28 January 1960	18 March 1960

Dissolution: 3 August 1960

**26th Parliament**

Election: 12 September 1960

52 Members

1st Session	26 January 1961	27 March 1961
2nd Session	1 August 1961	3 August 1961
3rd Session	25 January 1962	29 March 1962
4th Session	24 January 1963	27 March 1963

Dissolution: 21 August 1963

**27th Parliament**

Election: 30 September 1963

52 Members

1st Session	23 January 1964	20 March 1964
2nd Session	21 January 1965	26 March 1965
3rd Session	27 January 1966	1 April 1966

Dissolution: 5 August 1966

**28th Parliament**

Election: 12 September 1966

55 Members

1st Session	24 January 1967	23 March 1967
2nd Session	25 January 1968	6 April 1968
3rd Session	23 January 1969	2 April 1969

Dissolution: 21 July 1969

**29th Parliament**

Election: 27 August 1969

55 Members

1st Session	22 January 1970	3 April 1970
2nd Session	21 January 1971	2 April 1971
3rd Session	20 January 1972	30 March 1972

Dissolution: 24 July 1972

### 30th Parliament

Election: 30 August 1972		55 Members
1st Session	17 October 1972	27 October 1972
2nd Session	25 January 1973	18 April 1973
3rd Session	13 September 1973	7 November 1973
4th Session	31 January 1974	17 February 1975
5th Session	18 February 1975	7 October 1975

Dissolution: 3 November 1975

### 31st Parliament

Election: 11 December 1975		55 Members
1st Session	17 March 1976	13 January 1977
2nd Session	13 January 1977	29 March 1978
3rd Session	30 March 1978	21 March 1979
4th Session	22 March 1979	3 April 1979

Dissolution: 3 April 1979

### 32nd Parliament

Election: 10 May 1979		57 Members
1st Session	6 June 1979	28 February 1980
2nd Session	29 February 1980	3 December 1980
3rd Session	4 December 1980	23 November 1981
4th Session	23 November 1981	7 October 1982

Dissolution: 7 April 1983

### 33rd Parliament

Election 5 May 1983		57 Members
1st Session	23 June 1983	9 February 1984



2nd Session	13 February 1984	21 February 1985
3rd Session	4 March 1985	10 March 1986
4th Session	11 March 1986	17 June 1986

Dissolution: 24 September 1986

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## 34th Parliament

Election: 22 October 1986

69 Members

1st Session

9 March 1987

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1. Note that not all days during a session were sitting days.
  2. Polling in Cassiar and Kootenay took place about a week later.
  3. Date of polling in Cassiar may have been at different times in September.
  4. Polling took place 30 July in one of the Cassiar polling divisions.

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