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1951 to 1955.

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
General Election, 19th February 1955
and
By-Elections 1951, 1953 and 1954

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THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

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

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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

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

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

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

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

"DEADLOCKS" IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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

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

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

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

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

In three Divisions an Independent Candidate was nominated.

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DIVISIONS.

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

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

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

OFFICIAL OBSERVERS AT ELECTION.

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

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

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

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

C. A. BLAKNEY,

Chief Electoral Officer.

Appendix A.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENROLMENT.

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

	Enrolled for Division	Owners			Occupiers			R.S. Personnel			All Other Enrolments		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Buckingham	5,462	1,872	823	2,695	2,093	274	2,367	341	35	376	14	10	24
Cornwall	4,778	1,373	1,102	2,475	1,123	727	1,850	349	32	381	61	11	72
Derwent	4,133	1,606	451	2,057	1,228	110	1,338	704	34	738	—	—	—
Gordon	1,897	801	264	1,065	465	30	495	293	12	305	25	7	32
Hobart	4,355	1,117	898	2,015	1,197	546	1,743	428	18	446	128	23	151
Huon	4,320	2,424	783	3,207	484	143	627	412	13	425	46	15	61
Launceston	2,299	537	411	948	725	374	1,097	158	3	161	60	33	93
Macquarie	3,037	1,471	677	2,148	481	80	561	271	13	284	44	—	44
Meander	2,931	1,653	392	2,045	522	67	589	284	3	287	7	3	10
Mersey	5,004	2,239	1,192	3,431	912	250	1,162	350	34	384	15	12	27
Monmouth	1,615	868	263	1,131	272	32	304	140	3	143	23	14	37
Newdegate	5,215	1,769	1,303	3,072	966	544	1,510	540	36	576	35	22	57
Pembroke	4,833	2,227	1,034	3,261	932	135	1,067	496	51	547	8	—	8
Queenborough	4,516	1,482	1,199	2,681	785	458	1,243	520	40	560	20	12	32
Russell	2,459	1,300	438	1,798	401	32	433	214	5	219	13	6	19
South Esk	3,018	1,665	654	2,319	401	58	459	194	4	198	18	24	42
Tamar	2,429	1,335	589	1,924	189	30	209	251	12	263	19	14	33
West Devon	3,803	1,873	535	2,408	979	93	1,072	255	22	277	26	20	46
Westmorland	5,276	2,332	1,434	3,766	978	224	1,202	220	10	230	58	20	78
Totals	71,430	30,004	14,442	44,446	15,131	4,187	19,318	6,420	380	6,800	620	246	866

Appendix B.

PART XI. OF THE ELECTORAL ACT, 1907.

BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF DARWIN.

Resignation of Mr. J. H. Chamberlain.)

Consents due 2nd April, 1951.

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Loss	Total	Remarks
	Breheny	Langham	McFie, H.	O'Shannessey	Chamberlain, J. H.				
1	—	—	—	—	4,011	—	—	—	Distribution of Quota received by J. H. Chamberlain
2	1,622	860	1,441	32	—4,011	53	3	4,011	
3	1,622 13	860 4	1,441 —	32 —32	—	53 13	3 2	4,011 —	O'Shannessey excluded
4-5	1,635 358	864 —864	1,441 477	— —	— —	66 27	5 2	4,011 —	Langham excluded
	1,993	—	1,918	—	—	93	7	4,011	J. G. Breheny elected

BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF DENISON.

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

Consents due 24th October, 1953.

Count	Candidates							Exhaust	Loss	Total	Remarks
	Cazaly	Driscoll	Hay	Hope	McPartlan	Neville	Wedd				
103-149	348	406	694	481	1,880	105	3,978 —3,978	52	12	3,978	Distribution of Quota received by W. G. Wedd
150-162	348 2	406 1	694 3	481 83	1,880 4	105 —105	—	52 8	12 4	—	Neville excluded
163-177	350 —350	407 177	697 91	564 9	1,884 49	— —	— —	60 16	16 8	3,978 —	Cazaly excluded
178	— —	584 20	788 18	573 —243	1,933 87	— —	— —	76 118	24 —	3,978 —	Hope excluded
	—	804	806	330	2,020	—	—	194	24	3,978	Absolute Majority 1,881 L. V. McPartlan elected

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

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Loss	Total	Remarks
	Atkins	Beattie	Guy	McGowan	Orchard				
29	—	—	—	—	4,289	—	—	—	Distributors of Quota received by J. R. Orchard
30-38	40	2,158	961	1,108	4,289	20	2	—	
	40	2,158	961	1,108	—	20	2	4,289	Absolute majority 2,134 E. W. Beattie elected

Appendix C.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1951.

DIVISIONS OF MONMOUTH NEWDEGATE AND RUSSELL.

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

DIVISION OF MONMOUTH.

Electors enrolled, 1245. Electors who voted, 1010. Informal votes, 7. Percentage of electors who voted 81.1 per cent. Absolute majority, 502. Retiring Member: Hon G. H. Green.

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

* Forfeited Deposit

DIVISION OF NEWDEGATE.

Electors enrolled, 4606. Electors who voted, 3137. Informal votes, 27. Percentage of electors who voted, 68.1 per cent. Absolute majority, 1556. Retiring Member, Hon. D. G. Lonergan.

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

DIVISION OF RUSSELL.

Hon. A. B. Fenton returned unopposed.

BY-ELECTION—DIVISION OF LAUNCESTON.

(Death of Hon. A. E. E. Grounds.)

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

Electors enrolled, 2029. Electors who voted, 1320. Informal votes, 17. Percentage of electors who voted, 65.46 per cent. Absolute majority, 652.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1952

DIVISIONS OF GORDON, HOBART AND LAUNCESTON.

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

DIVISION OF GORDON.

Hon. T. G. D'Alton returned unopposed.

DIVISION OF HOBART.

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

Count	Candidates							Total	Informal	Exhaust	Remarks
	Arnold	Atkins *	Benjamin	Hickman	Layton *	Loneragan	Potter				
1	441	219	1,433	339	133	563	428	3,556	48	—	
2	11	15	31	24	—133	29	23	—	—	—	Layton excluded
3-4	452	234	1,464	363	—	592	451	3,556	—	—	
	80	—234	35	33	—	45	41	—	—	—	Atkins excluded
5-8	532	—	1,499	396	—	637	492	3,556	—	—	
	73	—	71	—396	—	116	133	—	—	3	Hickman excluded
605	606	—	1,570	—	—	753	625	3,556	—	3	
9-15	—606	—	145	—	—	177	251	—	—	32	Arnold excluded
16	—	—	1,715	—	—	930	876	3,556	—	35	
	—	—	93	—	—	297	—428	—	—	38	Potter excluded
	—	—	1,808	—	—	1,227	—	—	—	73	
	—	—	1,808	—	—	1,227	448	3,556	—	73	Hon. Phyllis J. Benjamin elected

* Forfeited deposit

DIVISION OF LAUNCESTON.

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

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1953.

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

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

DIVISION OF MEANDER.

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

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

DIVISION OF PEMBROKE.

Electors enrolled, 4137. Electors who voted, 3657. Informal votes, 34. Percentage of electors who voted, 88.3 per cent. Absolute majority, 1812. Retiring Member, Hon. A. C. Blacklow.

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

DIVISION OF QUEENBOROUGH.

Electors enrolled, 4267. Electors who voted, 3399. Informal votes, 50. Percentage of electors who voted, 79.66 per cent. Absolute majority, 1675. Retiring member, Hon. H. S. Baker.

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

DIVISION OF WEST DEVON.

Electors enrolled, 3645. Electors who voted, 3110. Informal votes, 35. Percentage of electors who voted, 80.9 per cent. Absolute majority, 1535. Retiring member, Hon. A. W. Tattersall.

Count	Candidates					Total	Informal	Exhaust	Remarks
	Best	Bryan	Davis	Leary	* Swann				
1	293	901	1,267	475	139	3,075	35	—	
2	25	20	57	37	—139	—	—	—	Swann excluded
3-4	318 —318	921 138	1,324 95	512 85	—	—	—	—	Best excluded
5-8	—	1,059 251	1,419 340	597 —597	—	—	—	6	
	—	1,310	1,759	—	—	3,075	—	6	Hon. W. J. T. Davis elected

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1954.

DIVISIONS OF CORNWALL, HUON, AND MERSEY.

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

DIVISION OF CORNWALL.

Electors enrolled, 5076. Electors who voted, 4218. Informal votes, 64. Percentage of electors who voted, 83.1 per cent. Absolute majority, 2072. Retiring Member Hon. E. G. Record.

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Total	Informal	Remarks
	Flach	Holmes	Orchard	* Reid	* Yeates				
1	1,549	477	1,788	149	191	—	4,164	64	
2	49	43	36	—149	21	—	—	—	Reid excluded
3-4	1,598 72	520 69	1,824 71	—	212 —212	—	4,164	—	Yeates excluded
5	1,670 158	589 —477	1,895 307	—	—	12	4,164	—	Holmes excluded
	1,828	112	2,202	—	—	12	4,164	—	Hon. J. R. Orchard elected

* Forfeited deposit

DIVISION OF HUON.

Electors enrolled, 4327. Electors who voted, 3519. Informal votes, 29. Percentage of electors who voted, 81.3 per cent. Absolute majority, 1746. Retiring Member, Hon. R. H. Brown.

Table with columns: Count, Candidates (Brown, Dillon, * Pitt, Worsley), Total, Informal, Remarks. Rows show counts 1, 2, 3-4 and results for R. H. Brown.

* Forfeited deposit

DIVISION OF MERSEY.

Electors enrolled, 4876. Electors who voted, 4069. Informal Votes, 39. Percentage of electors who voted, 83.4 per cent. Absolute majority, 1963. Retiring member, Hon. A. Lillico.

Table with columns: Count, Candidates (Henry, Horton, Kildey, Lakin, McFie, Viney), Total, Informal, Exhaust, Remarks. Rows show counts 1, 2, 3, 4-5, 6-8 and results for Hon. G. M. Lakin.

* Forfeited deposit

BY-ELECTIONS—DIVISION OF MERSEY.

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

Issue of Writ ... 23rd July, 1954.
Nominations ... 9th August, 1954
Poll ... 4th September, 1954
Return of Writ ... 8th September, 1954

Electors enrolled, 5076. Electors who voted, 4599. Informal votes, 34. Percentage of electors who voted, 90.7 per cent. Absolute majority, 2220.

Table with columns: Count, Candidates (Edwards, Henry, Holman, McFie, Moore, Rockliff, Williams P., Williams W. M.), Exhaust, Total, Informal, Remarks. Rows show counts 1, 2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-11, 12-16, 17-22 and results for Hon. H. McFie.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 1955.

DIVISIONS OF DERWENT, TAMAR AND WESTMORLAND.

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

DIVISION OF DERWENT.

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

Count	Candidates					Exhaust	Total	Informal	Remarks
	Bisdee	Cullen	Dixon	Marriott	Shoobridge				
1	808	875	1,498	905	1,151	—	5,237	65	
2	—808	165	287	48	308	—	—	—	Bisdee excluded
3-4	—	1,040	1,785	953	1,459	—	5,237	—	Marriott excluded
	—	610	208	—953	135	—	—	—	
5-8	—	1,650	1,993	—	1,594	—	5,237	—	Shoobridge excluded
	—	397	1,089	—	—1,594	108	—	—	
	—	2,047	3,082	—	—	108	5,237	—	Hon. J. H. Dixon elected

DIVISION OF TAMAR.

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

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

DIVISION OF WESTMORLAND.

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

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

Appendix D.

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF STATE INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.

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

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

Proposed Division—	No.	Name.	Number of Electors.	Total.
Metropolitan	3	Denison	38,749	38,749
Extra-Metropolitan	1	Bass	35,177	
	2	Darwin	34,054	
	4	Franklin	30,570	
	5	Wilmot	34,506	
				<u>134,307</u>
				<u>173,056</u>

Summary of Proposed Divisions.

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

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

Proposed Division 3 (Denison).

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

Proposed Division 1 (Bass).

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

Proposed Division 2 (Darwin).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Darwin (No alteration)	34,054

Proposed Division 4 (Franklin).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Franklin	40,400
Minus—	
Part of Subdivision of Nelson	3,583
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Metropolitan Division (1)	38,749	38,749
Extra-Metropolitan Divisions (4)	134,307	33,577

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

Proposed Division 3 (Denison).

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

Proposed Division 1 (Bass).

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

Proposed Division 2 (Darwin).

How Constituted—	Number of Electors.
Existing Division of Darwin (No alteration)	34,054

Proposed Division 4 (Franklin).

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

The census of 1954 showed the proportion of adults to be 600 per 1000 of the total population of Tasmania. The franchise was extended to certain classes of persons (minors) who had experienced war service which was mainly responsible for the increase in the number of voters per 1000 of population to 626 in 1946 and 609 in 1948. By 1950, however, the effect of this concession was no longer apparent due to the effluxion of time and movement in population.

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

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

The number of counts (235) was the lowest recorded for many years, while the greatest number of counts in a division (Denison) (81) was the highest recorded on this occasion but was considerably below the highest recorded at the previous election.

Although males comprise a majority of population, male electors were slightly in a minority (49.4 per cent), also, as voters, they were in a minority (49.9 per cent).

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

	Electors on Roll—Male.					Voters—Male.				
	1955	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.
Bass.....	16,300	15,729	14,769	14,362	12,486	15,417	15,156	14,011	12,982	11,083
Darwin.....	17,545	15,935	16,833	17,494	15,708	16,413	15,334	16,054	15,674	13,872
Denison.....	13,255	14,694	14,791	14,774	12,786	12,318	13,763	13,459	13,340	11,311
Franklin.....	19,704	16,532	18,425	17,526	14,943	19,315	15,902	17,425	16,224	13,501
Wilmot.....	18,637	17,333	14,726	14,274	13,135	17,716	16,362	13,748	13,194	11,713
Total.....	85,491	80,228	79,544	78,420	69,058	81,179	76,517	74,697	71,414	61,480

	Electors on Roll—Female.					Voters—Female.				
	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.
Bass.....	17,070	17,192	15,995	15,484	13,982	16,476	16,077	13,603	14,152	13,036
Darwin.....	16,511	14,872	15,583	15,482	13,648	15,497	13,851	14,600	14,024	12,688
Denison.....	15,337	17,122	17,416	17,422	15,781	14,114	15,936	15,561	15,633	14,737
Franklin.....	21,151	16,281	18,380	17,367	14,480	19,179	15,429	17,132	16,045	13,613
Wilmot.....	17,005	15,955	14,170	13,581	12,285	16,192	14,975	12,990	12,406	11,480
Total.....	87,674	81,422	81,544	79,336	70,176	81,458	76,268	73,891	72,260	65,554

	Electors on Roll—Both Sexes.					Voters—Both Sexes.				
	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.
Bass.....	33,970	32,921	30,764	29,836	26,468	31,893	31,233	27,619	27,134	24,119
Darwin.....	34,056	30,807	32,416	32,976	29,356	31,910	29,185	30,654	29,698	26,560
Denison.....	28,592	31,816	32,207	32,196	28,567	26,432	29,699	29,020	28,973	26,048
Franklin.....	40,855	32,813	36,805	34,893	29,423	48,494	31,331	34,557	32,269	27,114
Wilmot.....	35,692	33,293	28,896	27,855	25,420	33,908	31,337	26,733	25,600	23,193
Total.....	173,165	161,650	161,088	157,756	139,234	162,637	152,785	148,588	143,674	127,784

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

General Election.		Percentage of Electors Voting.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.
State, 25.3.1916.....		70.1	71.0	73.6
Federal, 5.5.1917.....		82.0	70.0	76.0
State, 31.5.1919.....		69.6	62.6	66.1
Federal, 31.12.1919.....		65.1	52.3	58.7
State, 10.6.1922.....		70.0	56.3	63.1
Federal, 16.12.1922.....		58.4	38.0	45.6
State, 3.6.1925.....		72.9	61.8	67.3
Federal, 14.11.1925.....		89.5	88.0	88.7
State, 30.5.1928.....		84.9	78.9	81.9
Federal, 12.10.1929.....		96.3	94.2	95.2
State, 9.5.1951.....		96.0	94.0	95.0
Federal, 19.12.1931.....		96.5	96.2	96.4
State, 9.6.1934.....		95.0	94.0	94.5
Federal, 15.9.1934.....		96.2	95.3	95.8
State, 20.2.1937.....		94.8	93.6	94.3
Federal, 23.10.1937.....		96.1	95.9	96.0
State, 21.9.1940.....		94.1	95.4	94.8
Federal, 13.12.1941.....		89.1	93.4	91.2
State, 21.8.1943.....		99.4	94.8	97.0
Referendum, 19.8.1944.....		99.3	94.7	97.0
Federal, 28.9.1945.....		95.0	92.5	93.7
State, 23.11.1946.....		91.0	91.1	91.1
Federal, 28.9.1946.....		95.0	92.5	93.7
Referendum, 29.5.1948.....		93.2	90.9	92.1
State, 21.8.1948.....		93.9	90.6	92.2
Federal, 10.12.1949.....		96.9	95.1	96.0
State, 6.5.1950.....		95.4	93.7	94.5
Federal, 28.4.1951.....		97.2	96.1	96.6
Referendum, 22.9.1951.....		96.8	95.5	96.2
Federal, 9.5.1953.....		96.5	95.8	96.1
Federal, 29.5.1954.....		96.6	96.0	96.3
State, 19.2.1955.....		95.0	92.9	93.9

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

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES.

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

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

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

TABLE 5.—Party Strength as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1955.

	Labour.	Liberal.	Independent.	Total.
Bass	16,364	14,074	160	30,598
Darwin	16,470	14,412	...	30,882
Denison	12,914	10,811	1,699	25,424
Franklin	18,491	17,232	1,299	37,022
Wilmot	18,123	14,430	...	32,553
Total	82,362	70,959	3,158	156,479

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

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

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

Any remainder is ignored.

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

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

TABLE 6.—Party Strength in Divisions as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1955.

Division.	Labour.			Liberal.			Independent.		
	First Preferences.	No. of Quotas.	Seats Won.	First Preferences.	No. of Quotas.	Seats Won.	First Preferences.	No. of Quotas.	Seats Won.
Bass.....	16,364	3.74	3	14,074	3.22	3	160	0.04	...
Darwin....	16,470	3.73	3	14,412	3.27	3	...	...	...
Denison...	12,914	3.55	3	10,811	2.98	3	1699	0.47	...
Franklin...	18,491	3.50	3	17,232	3.26	3	1299	0.24	...
Wilmot....	18,123	3.90	3	14,430	3.10	3	...	...	...
Total ...	82,362	18.42	15	70,959	15.83	15	3158	0.75	...

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

Party.	Quotas Allotted.	Seats Won.
Labour	18.42	15
Liberal	15.83	15
Independent	0.75	—

From the above table it will be seen that there were 3.42 quotas of Labour votes made up of unrepresented fractions of 15 members elected, Liberal votes were under-represented by .83 quotas for 15 members elected, while Independent candidates polled 0.175 quotas of unrepresented votes.

The following table shows the party strength as indicated by the quotas of No. 1 preferences, and the seats actually won by Labour and Non-Labour groups at each general election since 1941. Independent votes have been distributed as described elsewhere in the context, and the total for the State is the aggregate of the results for the five divisions.

TABLE 7.—Party Strength as Indicated by No. 1 Preferences, 1941-1955.

Division.	1941		1946			1948			1950			1955		
	Non-Labour.	Labour.	Nationalists.	Labour.	Independent.	Liberal.	Labour.	Independent.	Liberal.	Labour.	Independent.	Labour.	Liberal.	Independent.
Bass—														
Quotas	2.50	4.50	2.23	4.05	0.72	3.09	3.91	...	3.21	3.79	...	3.74	3.22	0.04
Seats won ...	2	4	2	4	0	3	3	...	3	3	...	3	3	...
Darwin—														
Quotas	2.90	4.10	3.34	3.46	0.20	3.20	3.84	0.46	3.67	3.27	0.06	3.73	3.27	...
Seats won ...	2	4	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	...
Denison—														
Quotas	2.20	4.80	1.35	3.17	2.48	1.46	3.12	2.42	3.09	3.24	.67	3.55	2.98	0.47
Seats won ...	2	4	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	3	1	3	3	...
Franklin—														
Quotas	2.88	4.62	2.46	3.61	0.93	2.37	3.35	1.23	3.27	3.12	0.61	3.10	3.26	0.24
Seats won ...	2	4	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	3	0	3	3	...
Wilmot—														
Quotas	3.02	3.98	2.54	3.58	0.88	3.20	3.62	0.18	3.42	3.58	...	3.90	3.10	...
Seats won ...	2	4	4	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	...	3	3	...
Total—														
Quotas	13.0	22.0	11.92	17.87	5.21	13.32	17.34	4.34	16.66	17.00	1.34	18.42	15.83	0.75
Seats won ...	10	20	12	16	2	12	15	3	14	15	1	15	15	...

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

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

	No. 1 Preferences.	Seats in Proportion.	Seats Won.
Labour	82,362	15.79	15
Liberal	70,959	13.60	15
Independent	3,158	0.61	....

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

A comparison between the number of seats due to parties, on the basis of No. 1 preferences and seats actually won, is given for all elections held since 1925 in the following table:—

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

		Non-Labour.	Labour.			Non-Labour.	Labour.
1925.....	Proportionate share	14.42	15.58	1941.....	Proportionate share	11.11	18.89
	Actually won	14	16		Actually won	10	20
1928.....	Proportionate share	14.85	15.15	1946.....	Proportionate share	†	15.29
	Actually won	16	14		Actually won .....	...	16
1931.....	Proportionate share	18.39*	10.98	1948.....	Proportionate share	**	14.82
	Actually won	19	10		Actually won	**	15
1934.....	Proportionate share	14.64	14.39	1950.....	Proportionate share	††	14.59
	Actually won	13	15		Actually won	††	15
1937.....	Proportionate share	11.94	18.06	1955.....	Proportionate share	13.60*	15.79
	Actually won	12	18		Actually won	15	15

* Omitting the votes for an Independent candidate.

† Liberal Proportionate share 10.27; Actually Won 12.

Independent Proportionate share 4.44; Actually Won 2.

** Liberal Proportionate share 11.35; Actually Won 12.

Independent Proportionate share 3.83; Actually Won 3.

†† Liberal Proportionate share 14.27; Actually Won 14.

Independent Proportionate share 1.14; Actually Won 1.

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

BASS.

There were 12 candidates in this division, of whom six were Labour, six Liberal, and one Independent. Valid votes numbered 30,598, of which 16,364 were recorded for Labour, 14,074 for Liberal, and 160 for the Independent Candidate. Labour Candidates secured 3.74 quotas and gained three seats, and Liberals gained three seats for 3.22 quotas. In all, 33 counts were necessary for the complete election. There was little cross-voting.

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

DARWIN.

Twelve candidates—six Labour; and six Liberal candidates nominated for Darwin. Labour polled 16,470 votes, 3.73 quotas for three seats; Liberals, 14,412 votes, 3.27 quotas for three seats.

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

DENISON.

The Denison Division attracted thirteen candidates, of whom six were Liberal, six Labour, and one Independent. Labour polled 12,914 votes for 3.55 quotas and three seats; Liberal 10,811 votes, 2.98 quotas for three seats; and Independents, 1699 votes, 0.47 quotas for no seat. One Labour and one Liberal candidate were elected at the first count, but 81 counts were needed before the last candidate was elected.

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

FRANKLIN.

Thirteen candidates contested the election for Franklin. Six were Liberal; six Labour; and one Independent. Labour candidates polled 18,491 votes, 3.50 quotas for three seats; Liberals 17,232 votes, 3.26 quotas for three seats; Independents 1299 votes for no seat. Little cross-voting took place in this division. One Liberal and one Labour candidate forfeited their deposits.

WILMOT.

For this division there were six Liberal and six Labour candidates. Of the 32,553 valid votes, 18,123, 3.90 quotas went to Labour for three seats and 14,430, 3.10 quotas to Liberal for three seats. One candidate was elected on the first preferences and only 31 counts were required to complete the election.

ABSENT VOTES, POSTAL VOTES, AND SECTION 116A.

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

The number of absent votes was 12,913, but these included a number whose names were not, in fact, on the roll, and 1255 were rejected on this account. A further 517 were rejected for informalities, leaving 11,141 valid absent votes.

Taking together the claims under Section 116A and attempts to vote under provisions for electors absent from their usual subdivisions, the number of votes disallowed were:—1955, 1255; 1950, 1749; 1948, 1650; 1946, 1448; 1941, 2283; 1937, 1897; 1934, 1687; 1931, 2086. These disallowed votes are not counted either as votes recorded or as informal votes.

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

Division.	Votes under Section 116A.				Absent Votes.			
	Papers Received.			Admitted to Scrutiny.	Papers Received.			Admitted to Scrutiny.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.	
Bass.....	50	47	97	84	1236	1141	2377	2160
Darwin.....	47	50	97	29	1343	1101	2444	2285
Denison.....	74	70	144	63	1073	1018	2091	1774
Franklin.....	97	60	157	29	1636	1428	3064	2752
Wilmot.....	89	44	133	25	1657	1280	2937	2687
Total.....	357	271	628	180	6945	5968	12,913	11,658

TABLE 10.—Valid Postal Votes in Parties.

Division.	Labour.	Liberal.	Independent.	Total.
Bass.....	561	445	3	1009
Darwin.....	247	316	...	563
Denison.....	558	485	33	1076
Franklin.....	309	545	31	885
Wilmot.....	354	365	...	719
Total.....	2029	2156	67	4252

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

	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1934.
Valid Absent Votes	11,141	9576	8766	8856	9253	8086	5989
Valid Votes under Section 116a	171	117	176	173	290	353	367
Valid Postal Votes.....	4252	4641	4666	4897	3135	2603	2270

INFORMAL BALLOT-PAPERS.

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

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

TABLE 12.—*Percentage of Informal Ballot-Papers, 1912-1955.*

	Bass.	Darwin.	Denison.	Franklin.	Wilmot.	All Divisions.
1912	2·63	2·97	2·67	2·78	3·26	2·85
1913	2·49	3·07	3·35	3·17	2·89	2·91
1916	3·88	5·49	5·63	6·52	5·53	5·66*
1919	3·33	4·36	3·02	3·34	0·06	3·96*
1922	2·05	2·56	2·58	2·86	3·20	2·63
1925	1·82	2·51	2·12	2·25	2·40	2·22
1928	3·36	3·28	2·64	2·83	4·12	3·24
1931	3·10	3·27	3·45	3·05	2·87	3·44
1934	3·44	2·95	3·10	2·76	3·83	3·19
1937	2·33	2·60	2·00	2·26	2·88	2·41
1941	6·16	4·70	4·97	5·43	3·62	4·90
1946	10·95	7·96	11·01	10·48	10·07	10·08
1948	3·21	4·51	4·49	4·09	3·28	3·95
1950	3·88	3·82	6·25	4·21	4·28	4·48
1955	4·06	3·22	3·81	3·82	4·00	3·79

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

TABLE 13.—Elections held in Tasmania, 1912-1955—Informal Ballot-Papers.

General Elections.		Electors Contested.	Date of Election.	Total Number of Ballot-papers.	Number of Informal Papers.	Percentage of Informal Papers.	Method of Marking Paper.
Federal.	State.						
...	Assembly	5	30. 4. 1912	76,052	2166	2.85	Preference 1, 2, 3
...	Assembly	5	23. 1. 1913	70,812	2035	2.87	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1	31. 5. 1913	86,398	4927	6.13	× opposite three names
Representatives.....	...	5					
Senate (Dissolution)	...	1	5. 9. 1914	82,253	3871	4.71	× opposite six names
Representatives.....	...	5					
Representatives.....	...	4	25. 3. 1916	65,103	1549	2.38	× opposite name
...	Assembly	5					
Senate.....	...	1	5. 5. 1917	78,984	4348	5.51	Preference 1, 2, 3
Representatives.....	...	4					
Representatives.....	...	4	31. 5. 1919	82,608	3075	3.72	× opposite three names
...	Assembly	5					
Senate.....	...	1	13. 12. 1919	65,873	2021	3.07	× opposite name
Representatives.....	...	4					
Representatives.....	...	4	10. 6. 1922	71,064	2757	3.88	Preference 1, 2, 3
...	Assembly	5					
Senate.....	...	1	16. 12. 1922	6364	9.68	Preference 1 to 7	
Representatives.....	...	4					
Representatives.....	...	5	3. 6. 1925	65,716	3804	5.03	Preference 1, 2, 3
...	Assembly	5					
Senate.....	...	1	14. 11. 1925	69,752	1834	2.63	Preference 1, 2, 3
Representatives.....	...	5					
Representatives.....	...	5	30. 5. 1928	51,220	8904	6.45	Preference 1, 2, 3
...	Assembly	5					
Senate.....	...	1	17. 11. 1928	77,281	1714	2.22	Preference 1, 2, 3
Representatives.....	...	5					
Representatives.....	...	5	12. 10. 1929	102,742	11,578	11.27	Preference 1 to 9
...	Assembly	5					
...	Assembly	5	9. 5. 1931	91,679	2973	3.24	Preference 1, 2, 3
...	Assembly	5					
...	Assembly	5	9. 6. 1934	106,153	16,694	15.73	Preference 1 to 6
...	Assembly	5					
Representatives.....	...	5	19. 12. 1931	(a)	(a)	(a)	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	15. 9. 1934	123,801	4840	3.91	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	23. 10. 1937	128,679	3613	2.81	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	21. 9. 1940	180,786	16,258	12.63	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1					
...	Assembly	5	13. 12. 1941	127,694	6344	4.99	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Representatives.....	...	5					
Senate.....	...	1	21. 8. 1943	189,116	4975	3.58	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Referendum.....					
Representatives.....	...	5	19. 8. 1944	189,411	2256	1.62	Preference 1, 2
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	28. 9. 1946	144,879	3706	2.56	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1					
Referendum.....	23. 11. 1946	143,674	14,484	10.08	Preference 1, 2, 3
Representatives.....	...	5					
Referendum.....	29. 5. 1948	145,135	2853	1.97	Preference 1, 2
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	21. 8. 1948	148,588	5866	3.95	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	10. 12. 1949	155,061	4065	2.62	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	6. 5. 1950	152,785	6841	4.48	Preference 1, 2, 3
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	28. 4. 1951	158,568	4966	3.13	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
Senate.....	...	1					
Referendum.....	22. 9. 1951	158,586	3093	1.95	Preference 1, 2
Senate.....	...	1					
Representatives.....	...	5	9. 5. 1953	162,061	8256	5.09	Preference 1, 2, 3 etc. for all candidates
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Representatives.....	...	5	29. 5. 1954	166,179	1597	.96	Preference 1, 2, 3
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Representatives.....	...	5	19. 2. 1955	162,637	6158	3.79	Preference 1, 2, 3
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TABLE 14.—Votes Lost by Exhaustion.

	1955.	1950.	1948.	1946.	1941.	1937.	1934.	1931.	1928.	1925.
Bass.....	602	29	163	817	1097	974	1384	114	278	485
Darwin.....	790	753	1830	1490	420.	194	687	428	331	914
Denison.....	503	718	1329	1175	575	1025	1944	412	321	224
Frauklin.....	1798	633	2523	2058	915	323	859	463	466	918
Wilmot.....	326	521	1006	1875	186	311	1096	1043	1152	518
Total.....	4019	2654	6851	7415	3193	2827	5350	2460	2548	3059
Percentage of Total Votes.....	2.57	1.74	4.61	5.16	2.6	2.3	4.6	2.3	2.9	4.0

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

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

Year.	Adult Persons (Estimated).	Estimated Mean Population.	Elected Parliamentary Representatives.	Electoral Divisions.	Constituencies.			Electors Enrolled.			Lower Range of Electors' Qualification to Franchise in Possession of—
					One-Member.	Two-Member.	Six-Member.	No.	Per Cent. to—		
									Total Pop.	Adult Pop.	
1870...	48,210	100,038	30	30	...	...	11,171*	11.17	23.17	A.—Adult Males.
1871...	48,830	101,393	32	32	...	...	13,801*	13.61	28.27	Property value of £7
1872...	49,980	102,467	32	32	...	...	14,001*	13.67	28.35	Ditto
1881...	55,750	116,280	32	32	...	...	15,659*	13.47	28.09	Salary £80 annually
1891...	78,260	147,969	36	28	20	8	25,932*	17.53	35.40	Ditto	
1901...	86,490	172,525	38	29	20	9	39,002*	22.61	45.09	Salary or wage £60	
1902...	87,810	175,173	35	35	35	...	39,495*	22.54	44.98	Ditto	
1904...	92,370	184,272	35	35	35	...	89,029	48.31	96.38	Manhood Suffrage	
1905...	98,980	187,485	35	35	35	...	86,361	46.07	91.89	B.—Adult Suffrage	
1909...	100,070	190,227	30	5	...	...	98,230	51.64	98.18	Ditto
1911...	99,960	190,120	30	5	...	...	102,326	53.82	102.40	Ditto
1912...	100,750	190,769	30	5	...	...	103,513	54.26	103.74	Ditto
1918...	108,050	194,361	30	5	...	...	105,292	55.24	102.17	Ditto
1916...	104,180	194,265	30	5	...	...	107,321	54.17	103.01	Ditto
1919...	111,100	204,959	30	5	...	...	107,541	52.47	96.72	Ditto
1922...	118,320	215,379	30	5	...	...	110,549	51.63	93.43	Ditto
1925...	120,360	215,552	30	5	...	...	114,901	53.30	95.46	Ditto
1928...	122,250	215,471	30	5	...	...	111,956	51.96	91.58	Ditto
1931...	123,600	224,311	30	5	...	...	118,730	52.81	91.61	Ditto
1934...	132,382	229,289	30	5	...	...	127,681	55.69	96.01	Ditto
1937...	135,321	234,463	30	5	...	...	132,001	56.30	97.55	Ditto
1941...	138,933	240,389	30	5	...	...	139,234	57.92	100.22	Ditto
1946...	145,800	252,192	30	5	...	...	157,756	62.55	108.20	Ditto
1948...	156,000	264,604	30	5	...	...	161,088	60.88	103.26	Ditto
1950...	†	280,000	30	5	...	...	161,650	57.73	†	Ditto
1954...	186,800	311,159	30	5	...	...	173,165	55.65	92.70	Ditto

* Male only.

† Not available.

VOTING IN SUBDIVISIONS.

The following tables, 16 to 20, give for each division the number of first ordinary vote choices for each candidate in each subdivision, and in absent votes, votes under Section 116A, and postal votes. The number of electors on the roll, and electors who voted, by sexes, and the number of informal papers, are also given for the same subdivisions. The candidates are grouped in parties, and the total votes are given for the groups. Although the Independent candidates are grouped together, they need not necessarily be considered as a political party group.

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

Subdivision	PRIMARY VOTES										Total						
	Group A.—Labour					Group B.—Liberal					Ungrupp'd		Votes				
	Atkins	Barnard	Fraser (d)	McGee	Madgen	Tuphill	Total Labour	Beattie *	Fry	Jay (e)	McGowen	Margjott *Steer	Total Liberal	Total Un-grupp'd	Total Valid	In-formal	
Flinders	270	229	499	222	176	398	182	118	6	19	40	12	193	1	370	22	388
George Town	1,605	1,522	1,127	498	11	398	50	115	20	21	5	115	377	2	1,883	29	1,912
Launceston Central	2,034	3,415	6,049	2,261	1,790	5,050	1,099	1,006	150	24	113	214	568	19	4,887	183	5,070
Launceston North	2,266	2,821	4,587	1,934	1,966	3,900	2,240	293	404	144	190	221	390	29	3,708	192	3,900
Launceston South	1,890	2,068	3,858	2,411	2,420	4,831	1,456	398	272	89	195	1,706	6	18	3,140	110	3,250
Launceston West	1,189	1,086	2,255	1,003	894	1,897	2,182	212	388	125	274	377	683	32	4,383	78	4,461
Pordland	429	382	811	365	257	622	187	989	122	22	37	124	329	2	1,661	31	1,692
Ringarooma	983	870	1,653	821	88	909	324	442	33	23	7	99	651	4	1,649	60	1,709
St. Leonards	1,861	1,843	3,704	1,755	1,421	3,176	1,641	1,577	268	71	84	249	1,118	93	2,743	47	2,790
Societies	581	543	1,124	755	1,630	3,184	658	703	25	26	2	23	810	6	1,475	47	1,522
Absent Votes Under Sec. 116A	—	—	—	1,122	1,098	2,220	1,044	224	140	57	75	247	950	6	2,080	130	2,210
Postal Votes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	16,300	17,670	33,970	15,417	16,476	31,893	16,384	3,366	2,155	793	1,295	3,656	14,074	160	30,598	1,295	31,893

(a) Forfeited deposit

* Elected

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

Subdivision	PRIMARY VOTES										Total						
	Group A.—Labour					Group B.—Liberal					Ungrupp'd		Votes				
	Aviatt *	Brambush *	Durkin	Reece *	Richardson	Ward	Total Labour	Byrheny *	Fidler *	Frampton	Gaby	Iane	Lyon	Total Liberal	Total Un-grupp'd	Total Valid	In-formal
Chenlar Head	117	93	51	284	13	910	1,885	908	463	0	143	534	81	1,793	3,373	148	3,521
Devonport	334	184	730	854	47	1,62	2,470	376	240	122	576	29	1,233	2,576	4,996	186	5,182
Germanston	881	587	254	1,107	411	290	3,470	505	1,562	62	160	62	446	2,548	3,10	18	3,113
King Island	20	3	8	163	12	12	432	149	64	31	44	11	170	479	962	50	1,012
Leven	269	125	244	846	35	160	1,672	529	322	747	93	29	375	2,285	3,967	110	4,077
Quensalwyn	309	32	59	277	12	68	632	229	319	157	96	14	108	1,046	1,909	76	1,985
Strahan	405	81	127	1,101	62	39	1,459	271	8	11	11	9	62	3,285	2,899	6	3,291
Table Cape	34	2	6	128	33	127	1,719	430	596	113	96	149	282	1,605	3,255	154	3,409
Zeehan	147	84	57	508	51	16	819	66	45	6	6	80	188	1,407	1,807	95	1,902
Absent Votes Under Sec. 116A	—	—	—	507	46	101	1,900	254	240	71	82	35	231	2,313	2,313	72	2,385
Postal Votes	—	—	—	10	1	24	22	3	1	20	24	13	76	316	568	2	585
TOTAL	17,546	10,511	34,056	15,413	15,497	31,910	16,470	4,024	3,467	1,340	1,452	912	3,237	14,412	30,882	1,028	31,910

* Elected

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

Subdivision	PRIMARY VOTES												Votes											
	Electorates						Group A.—Labour						Group B.—Liberal						Total Valid Votes	Informal Total				
	Electorates Who Voted			Electorates Who Did Not Vote			Group A.—Labour			Group B.—Liberal			Group A.—Labour			Group B.—Liberal								
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	Bower	Osgrove	Gaha	Hammon	Maher	White	Total Labour	Hodgman	Lipcombe	Solomon	Stanton	Strutt	Townley	Total Liberal	Wadd	Total Un-grouped		
Hobart Central	1,378	1,264	2,642	1,059	2,085	284	655	183	43	64	237	1,336	61	85	88	7	17	335	493	130	189	1,093	137	9,085
Hobart North	1,557	1,432	2,989	1,082	2,164	86	1,265	361	41	82	151	1,698	104	14	14	7	25	238	452	48	68	1,093	156	7,283
Hobart South	1,457	1,440	2,897	1,305	2,610	287	1,265	359	44	82	126	1,597	104	174	92	37	56	1,260	1,678	482	304	1,468	146	4,614
Hobart West	2,015	2,300	4,315	1,976	3,952	292	1,016	148	60	110	226	1,332	114	108	70	27	37	1,269	1,948	351	281	1,629	169	4,600
Hobart East	1,067	1,284	2,351	1,061	2,122	371	1,043	210	67	104	208	1,258	220	115	154	51	86	2,050	2,885	395	315	2,270	210	3,947
Queensborough	1,068	1,285	2,353	1,057	2,114	239	408	78	23	91	132	809	86	50	65	15	57	644	917	129	129	1,855	80	1,935
Absent Votes Under Sec. 116A	—	—	—	892	882	1,774	78	457	73	32	39	803	75	42	31	21	30	599	798	114	114	1,715	59	1,774
Postal Votes	—	—	—	378	707	1,085	94	17	48	18	23	192	1	8	1	2	28	363	485	33	33	1,076	9	1,085
TOTAL	18,295	18,397	36,692	12,318	14,114	26,432	1,920	6,194	1,146	509	858	12,914	1,021	514	687	181	447	7,061	10,811	1,699	1,699	26,424	1,008	26,432

(a) Forfeited deposit

* Elected

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

Subdivision	PRIMARY VOTES												Votes												
	Electorates						Group A.—Labour						Group B.—Liberal						Total Valid Votes	Informal Total					
	Electorates Who Voted			Electorates Who Did Not Vote			Group A.—Labour			Group B.—Liberal			Group A.—Labour			Group B.—Liberal									
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	Crawford	Dwyer	Hand	Jacobson	Malone	Neilson	Total Labour	Clark	Hayes	Jackson	Miller	Peayhall	Rayner	Total Liberal	McPurhan	Total Un-grouped			
Ulverstone	3,103	3,250	6,353	3,103	6,353	—	528	511	428	237	30	1,306	216	125	286	809	631	636	2,748	220	220	6,093	270	6,363	
Glenorchy	1,560	1,650	3,210	1,352	2,702	—	166	360	433	280	200	219	178	113	301	146	52	19	1,070	68	45	1,478	50	1,528	
Huon	1,457	1,440	2,897	1,305	2,610	—	106	340	100	41	239	148	174	44	220	297	293	166	1,070	68	80	2,680	94	2,774	
Kingborough	1,067	1,284	2,351	1,061	2,122	—	104	685	165	44	58	688	130	45	220	449	739	86	1,083	109	160	2,360	122	2,482	
Nelson	2,297	2,296	4,593	1,946	3,892	—	296	1,206	1,015	896	92	1,743	613	295	130	460	1,203	465	634	3,087	313	313	4,400	185	4,585
Port Cygnet	783	739	1,522	678	1,357	—	33	461	43	5	75	246	673	124	30	268	1,257	547	131	2,998	243	243	3,241	40	3,281
Stamford	906	488	1,394	459	888	—	23	30	851	10	20	488	253	80	50	63	115	10	385	45	45	1,210	61	1,271	
Sydney Bay	354	318	672	313	626	—	33	172	130	25	11	184	54	119	131	161	196	43	704	30	30	1,192	33	1,225	
Tasman	318	292	610	272	544	—	29	101	29	5	8	300	202	13	24	67	69	24	250	19	19	560	23	583	
Absent Votes Under Sec. 116A	—	—	—	1,448	1,304	2,752	197	412	248	65	60	315	1,308	177	63	228	414	292	99	1,243	85	85	2,636	116	2,752
Postal Votes	—	—	—	20	9	29	29	84	55	14	17	110	309	2	25	102	106	55	545	31	31	2,727	7	2,734	
TOTAL	19,704	21,151	40,855	19,315	19,179	38,494	2,137	5,483	3,406	1,078	880	4,958	18,491	2,049	959	3,018	5,619	1,030	17,233	1,299	1,299	37,022	1,472	38,494	

(a) Forfeited deposit

* Elected

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

Subdivision	Electorate										PRIMARY VOTES										Votes		
	Electors Enrolled					Electors Who Voted					Group A.—Labour					Group E.—Liberal					Total Liberal	Total Valid Informal	Total
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	Fisher	Heas	McNeil	Spurr	Total Labour	Best, A. M.	Best, C. E.	Bethune	Boucher	Montgoy	Thompson						
Broomfield	1,449	1,354	2,803	1,490	1,593	2,983	890	638	1,528	122	297	377	465	298	268	115	214	1,490	3,129	135	3,264		
Brighton	1,410	898	2,308	1,283	807	2,090	2,558	46	1	6	12	277	34	6	10	10	381	4,698	1,544	19	1,563		
Cambridge Town	1,051	899	1,950	842	738	1,580	2,242	134	13	6	62	277	34	22	22	13	47	413	1,344	53	1,397		
Delaware	1,438	1,494	2,932	1,274	1,284	2,558	1,52	238	1,32	1,14	2,282	879	60	61	56	46	46	1,254	1,554	44	1,598		
Edenham	1,827	1,746	3,573	1,274	1,284	2,558	271	418	1,87	1,17	3,048	289	24	24	8	20	20	313	2,449	116	2,565		
Finlay	1,395	824	2,219	1,274	649	1,923	80	271	48	7	53	20	43	55	4	4	55	313	1,811	54	1,865		
Glenmorgan	1,395	824	2,219	1,274	649	1,923	80	271	48	7	53	20	43	55	4	4	55	313	1,811	54	1,865		
Hamilton	1,395	824	2,219	1,274	649	1,923	80	271	48	7	53	20	43	55	4	4	55	313	1,811	54	1,865		
Leamington	1,395	824	2,219	1,274	649	1,923	80	271	48	7	53	20	43	55	4	4	55	313	1,811	54	1,865		
Longford	1,395	824	2,219	1,274	649	1,923	80	271	48	7	53	20	43	55	4	4	55	313	1,811	54	1,865		
New Norfolk	1,395	824	2,219	1,274	649	1,923	80	271	48	7	53	20	43	55	4	4	55	313	1,811	54	1,865		
Northampton	1,395	824	2,219	1,274	649	1,923	80	271	48	7	53	20	43	55	4	4	55	313	1,811	54	1,865		
Westbury	1,315	1,238	2,553	1,075	1,054	2,129	138	240	98	79	213	192	114	117	56	139	193	1,932	2,084	96	2,180		
Absent Votes	—	—	—	—	—	—	397	519	190	143	200	222	248	251	94	113	125	1,058	2,547	140	2,687		
Postal Votes	—	—	—	—	—	—	75	144	41	2	2	57	115	67	24	44	34	365	710	5	715		
TOTAL	18,687	17,006	35,693	17,716	16,192	33,908	4,324	5,988	2,722	878	1,664	2,727	4,037	2,780	1,396	1,789	1,831	14,490	32,858	1,366	34,224		

* Elected

TABLE 22.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF DARWIN.
Electors on Roll, 34,048. Valid Votes, 30,882; Quota, 4,412; Informal Papers 1,028.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES														Exhaust	Loss by Preference	Total Valid Votes	Remarks
	Group A.—Labour							Group B.—Liberal										
	Aylett	Bramich	Durkin	Reece	Richardson	Ward	Total Group A	Brebney	Fidler	Frampton	Gaby	Lane	Lyons	Total Group B				
1	3,072	2,372	1,898	8,184	715	1,978	10,470	4,084	3,467	1,840	1,432	913	8,287	14,412	—	—	30,882	Reece elected
2	740	618	322	-2,072	158	160	2,016	15	13	4	4	2	10	46	—	—	—	Reece's surplus distributed
3-4	3,812	2,887	2,180	4,412	913	2,159	16,413	4,089	3,480	1,344	1,438	914	3,247	14,402	—	—	30,882	Richardson excluded
5-7	4,140	3,011	2,282	4,412	—	2,274	16,390	4,041	3,487	1,345	1,439	915	3,248	14,472	—	—	30,882	Lane excluded
8-11	4,147	3,190	2,282	4,412	—	2,285	16,430	4,006	3,504	1,382	1,613	—	3,454	14,449	—	—	30,882	Frampton excluded
12	4,148	3,209	2,284	4,412	—	2,288	16,441	4,788	3,880	—	1,877	—	1,022	14,426	—	—	30,882	Brebney elected
13-19	4,148	3,209	2,284	4,412	—	2,288	16,441	4,412	4,159	—	1,931	—	8,990	14,428	—	—	30,882	Gaby excluded
20	4,240	3,258	2,308	4,412	—	2,456	16,678	4,412	4,929	—	1,921	—	4,563	13,904	—	—	30,882	Fidler and Lyons elected
21	4,292	3,296	2,318	4,412	—	2,481	16,832	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,563	13,987	—	—	30,882	Fidler's surplus distributed
22-24	4,245	3,295	2,321	4,412	—	2,480	16,979	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,236	—	—	30,882	Lyons's surplus distributed
25	4,245	3,295	2,321	4,412	—	2,480	16,979	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,236	—	—	30,882	Durkin excluded
26-34	4,245	3,295	2,321	4,412	—	2,480	16,979	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,236	—	—	30,882	Aylett and Bramich elected
35	4,245	3,295	2,321	4,412	—	2,480	16,979	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,236	—	—	30,882	Aylett's surplus distributed
36	4,245	3,295	2,321	4,412	—	2,480	16,979	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,236	—	—	30,882	Bramich surplus distributed
37	4,245	3,295	2,321	4,412	—	2,480	16,979	4,412	4,412	—	—	—	4,412	13,236	—	—	30,882	

TABLE 28.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF DENISON.
Electors on Roll, 28,592. Valid Votes, 25,424; Quota, 3,683; Informal Papers, 1,008.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES														Total Valid Votes	Loss by Fractions	Exhaust	Remarks		
	Group A.—Labour							Group B.—Liberal											Unrouped Independent	
	Bower	Cosgrove	Gaha	Hannon	Maher	White	Total Group A	Hodgman	Lipscombe	Solomon	Stanton	Strutt	Townley	Total Group B						Weld	Total Unrouped
1	1,090	6,194	1,146	509	958	2,227	12,014	1,021	514	687	181	447	7,961	10,811	1,669	1,099	25,424	—	—	Townley and Cosgrove elected Townley's surplus distributed. T.V. 5486
2	11	—	30	8	8	30	96	802	471	737	279	1,726	—4,325	4,015	211	—	—	—	—	—
3	1,691	6,194	1,135	517	866	2,317	13,010	1,823	985	1,424	400	2,178	8,633	10,498	1,910	1,910	25,424	—	—	Cosgrove's surplus distributed. T.V. 4134
4-6	2,327	3,683	2,323	606	996	3,687	12,923	1,835	937	1,431	401	2,172	8,633	10,320	1,962	1,962	25,424	—	—	Stanton excluded
7-11	2,697	3,683	2,323	365	986	3,683	12,928	1,927	1,089	1,510	—	2,344	8,633	10,500	1,951	1,951	25,424	—	—	Hannon excluded
12-18	2,446	3,683	2,450	—	1,138	3,190	12,887	1,924	1,090	1,512	—	2,348	8,633	10,517	1,968	1,968	25,424	—	—	Lipscombe excluded
19-22	2,449	3,683	2,438	—	1,143	3,195	12,912	2,814	—	1,836	—	2,643	8,633	10,426	2,042	2,042	25,424	—	—	Maher excluded
33	2,734	3,683	2,932	—	—	2,652	12,852	2,315	—	1,644	—	2,668	8,633	10,463	2,060	2,060	25,424	—	—	White elected White's surplus distributed
34-34	2,740	3,683	2,945	—	—	3,683	12,951	2,318	—	1,644	—	2,668	8,633	10,463	2,060	2,060	25,424	—	—	Solomon excluded
55-79	2,744	3,683	2,957	—	—	3,683	12,967	3,205	—	1,644	—	2,681	8,633	10,369	2,100	2,100	25,424	—	—	Weld excluded
80	3,113	3,683	3,426	—	—	3,683	13,805	3,664	—	—	—	3,992	8,633	11,269	—	—	25,424	—	—	Strutt and Hodgman elected Strutt's surplus distributed
81	3,165	3,683	3,517	—	—	3,683	13,845	3,684	—	—	—	3,683	8,633	10,990	—	—	25,424	—	—	Hodgman's surplus distributed
	3,171	3,683	3,523	—	—	3,683	13,900	3,683	—	—	—	3,683	8,633	10,899	—	—	25,424	—	—	Bower excluded Gaha elected

TABLE 24.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF FRANKLIN.
Electors on Roll, 40,856. Valid Votes, 37,022; Quota, 5,289; Informal Papers, 1,472.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES												Total Valid Votes	Loss by Fractions	Exhaust	Remarks				
	Group A.—Labour						Group B.—Liberal										Unpaired Independent			
	Crawford	Dwyer	Hand	Jacobson	Malone	Nelson	Total Group A	Clark	Hayes	Jackson	Miller	Pearson					Rayner	Total Group B	McParthan	Total Unpaired
1	2,137	5,433	3,405	1,678	880	4,953	18,431	2,049	820	3,013	5,610	3,843	1,939	17,232	1,290	1,290	37,022	6	—	Miller and Dwyer elected Miller's surplus distributed
2	31	—	—	—	13	45	10	87	24	83	330	113	42	308	6	6	—	—	—	—
3	2,139	5,433	3,410	1,679	890	4,961	18,501	2,088	983	3,111	5,289	3,700	1,981	17,210	1,805	1,805	37,022	9	—	Dwyer's surplus distributed
4-5	2,169	5,289	3,497	1,690	843	5,004	18,492	2,086	963	3,112	5,289	3,761	1,981	17,212	1,805	1,805	37,022	13	—	Malone excluded
6	2,232	5,289	3,784	1,769	—	5,319	18,443	2,101	938	3,123	5,289	3,708	1,935	17,253	1,312	1,312	37,022	14	—	Nelson elected Nelson's surplus distributed
7-9	2,256	5,289	3,785	1,769	—	5,289	18,439	2,101	938	3,122	5,289	3,768	1,935	17,253	1,312	1,312	37,022	18	—	Hayes excluded
10-13	2,292	5,289	3,811	1,784	—	5,289	18,465	2,227	938	3,127	5,289	3,999	2,099	17,213	1,320	1,320	37,022	22	—	McParthan excluded
14-22	2,459	5,289	4,059	1,879	—	5,289	18,945	2,642	—	3,692	5,289	4,277	2,244	18,044	—	—	37,022	24	—	Jacobson excluded
23	2,023	5,289	5,830	—	—	5,289	18,831	2,657	—	3,006	5,289	4,311	2,294	18,137	—	—	37,022	28	—	Hand elected Hand's surplus distributed
24-32	2,054	5,289	5,289	—	—	5,289	18,831	2,660	—	3,006	5,289	4,311	2,294	18,137	—	—	37,022	32	—	Rayner excluded
33	3,016	5,289	5,289	—	—	5,289	18,833	3,118	—	4,167	5,289	5,499	—	18,013	—	—	37,022	33	—	Pearson elected Pearson's surplus distributed
34-54	3,017	5,289	5,289	—	—	5,289	18,834	3,144	—	4,285	5,289	5,289	—	18,007	—	—	37,022	37	—	Crawford excluded Jackson elected
	—	5,289	5,289	—	—	5,289	18,837	4,291	—	4,446	5,289	5,289	—	—	—	—	37,022	42	—	Clark excluded Jackson elected

TABLE 26.—RESULT OF FINAL COUNT—DIVISION OF WILMOT.
Electors on Roll, 35,692; Valid Votes, 32,553; Quota; 4,651; Informal Papers, 1,355.

No. of Count	CANDIDATES														Total Valid Votes	Loss by Fractions	Exhaust	Remarks
	Group A.—Labour							Group B.—Liberal										
	Cashion	Fagan	Fisher	Hass	McNell	Spurr	Total Group A	Best, A.M.	Best, C.R.	Bethune	Boucher	Homfray	Thompson	Total Group B				
1	4,224	5,983	2,722	276	1,064	2,652	18,123	2,727	4,037	2,760	1,386	1,730	1,381	14,450	32,553	6		Fagan elected
2	599	1,332	104	70	216	385	1,312	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	6		Fagan's surplus distributed
3	4,323	4,051	2,016	948	1,779	2,985	18,102	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	6		Cashion elected
4-6	4,651	4,651	3,026	950	1,700	3,021	18,098	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	0		Cashion's surplus distributed
7-9	4,651	4,651	3,491	—	2,016	3,268	18,077	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	0		Has excluded
10-12	4,651	4,651	3,429	—	2,019	3,279	18,099	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Donohoe excluded
13	4,651	4,651	3,514	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	15		Donohoe excluded
14-21	4,651	4,651	3,514	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	15		Homfray elected
22-29	4,651	4,651	4,855	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Best, C. R. elected
30	4,651	4,651	4,809	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Best's surplus distributed
31	4,651	4,651	4,870	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		McNell excluded
	4,651	4,651	4,452	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Thompson excluded
	4,651	4,651	4,452	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Besthuse elected
	4,651	4,651	4,452	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Besthuse's surplus distributed
	4,651	4,651	4,452	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Best, A. M. elected
	4,651	4,651	4,452	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Best's surplus distributed
	4,651	4,651	4,452	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Fisher excluded
	4,651	4,651	4,452	—	2,021	3,291	18,128	2,731	4,041	2,782	1,388	1,730	1,384	14,445	32,553	18		Spurr elected