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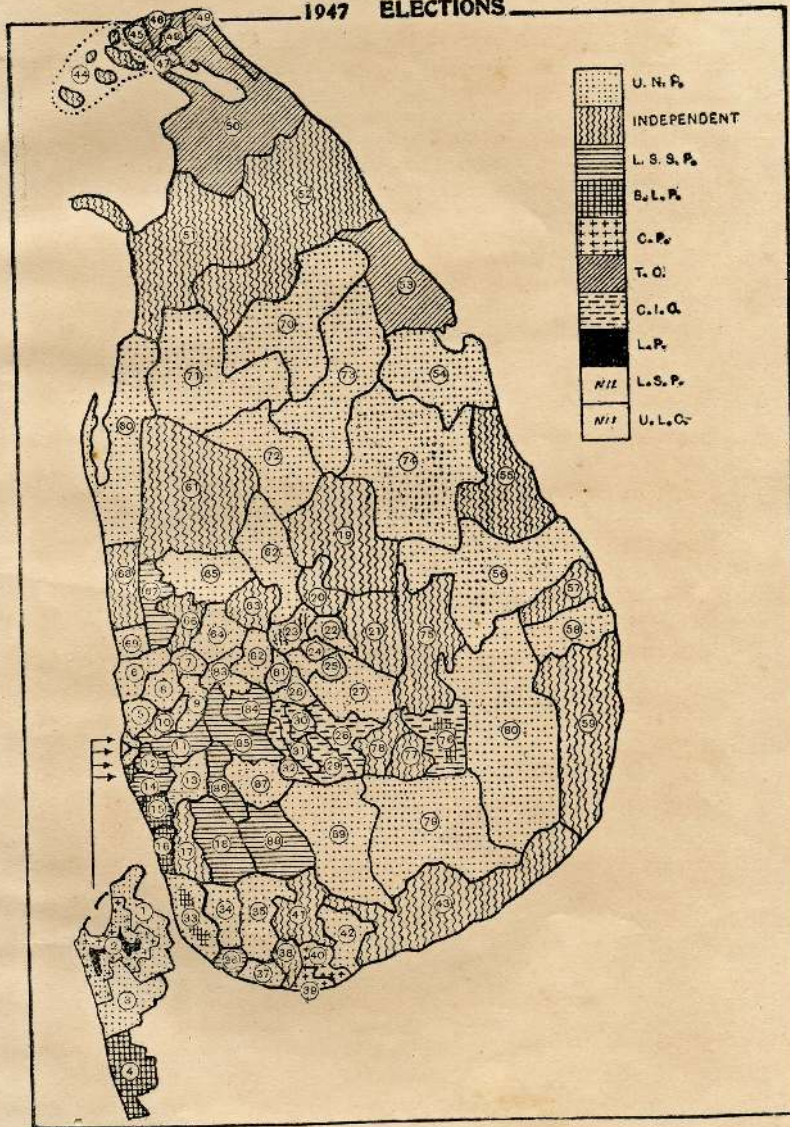
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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE following is a complete list, in alphabetical order, of the Members elected to the new House of Representatives. An asterisk denotes a Member of the last State Council at the time of its dissolution. Two asterisks denote a Member of the last State Council who had lost his seat before its dissolution.

The names of the six Appointed Members are included at the end of the list of elected Members.

A

| | | |
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| Abeagoonewardena, Harry D. (Matara) | ... | C.P. |
| *Abeywickrama, Simon (Baddegama) | ... | U.N.P. |
| Aboobucker, A. R. M. (Muttur) | ... | U.N.P. |
| Attygalle, C. E. (Ratnapura) | ... | U.N.P. |

B

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| **Banda, M. D. (Maturata) | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Bandaranaike, S. W. R. D. (Attanagalla) | ... | U.N.P. |
| Bauddhasara, P. L. (Polonnaruwa) | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Bulankulame Dissawe, P. B. | ... | U.N.P. |

C

| | | |
|---|-----|----------|
| Chandrasiri, Somawira (Moratuwa) | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Chelvanayakam, S. J. V. (Kankasanturai) | ... | T.C. |

D

| | | |
|--|-----|--------|
| *Dahanayake, W. (Galle) | ... | B.L.P. |
| Dasanayake, Ivan T. (Wariyapola) | ... | U.N.P. |
| De Mel, R. A. (Colombo South) | ... | U.N.P. |
| De Silva, Dr. Colvin R. (Wellawatte-Galkissa) | ... | B.L.P. |
| *De Silva, Geo. E. (Kandy) | ... | U.N.P. |
| *De Silva, Geo. R. (Colombo North) | ... | U.N.P. |
| De Silva, P. H. William (Ambalangoda-Balapitiya) | ... | B.L.P. |
| De Zoysa, G. Arthur (Ambalangoda-Balapitiya) | ... | U.N.P. |

E

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|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Ebrahim, M. M. (Pottuvil) | ... | Ind. |
| Ethirmannasingham, S. U. (Padiruppu) | ... | Ind. |

Mr. Geo. E. de Silva was unseated on the findings of an Election Judge against him, and Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne returned for the Kandy seat at the by-election in May 1948.

Mr. Simon Abeywickrama died in May 1948 and Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya was returned for Baddegama at the by-election in July 1948.

Mr. R. A. de Mel was also unseated on the findings of an Election Judge in August 1948.

F

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| Fernando, J. J. (Chilaw) ... | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Fernando, W. Leo (Buttala) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |

G

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|---|-----|-----|----------|
| **Goonesinha, A. E. (Colombo Central) ... | ... | ... | Lab. |
| **Gunawardena, D. P. R. (Avisawella) ... | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Gunawardena, D. B. R. (Kotte) ... | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Gunawardena, C. de F. (Kalutara) ... | ... | ... | B.L.P. |
| *Gunawardena, R. S. S. (Gampola) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Goonesekera, D. S. (Udugama) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |

H

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|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------|
| Herat, K. (Nikaweratiya) ... | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Hettiarachchi, D. F. (Niwitigala) ... | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |

I

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| Iriyagolle, I. M. R. A. (Dandagamuwa) ... | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Ismail, H. S. (Puttalam) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |

J

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|---|-----|-----|--------|
| *Jayah, T. B. (Colombo Central) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Jayasooriya, A. P. (Horana) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Jayasuriya, D. P. (Jaela) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Jayewardene, J. R. (Kelaniya) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Jayewickreme, Major W. G. Montague (Weligama) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |

K

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|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Kanagaratnam, K. (Vaddukkoddai) ... | ... | ... | T.C. |
| Kariapper, Gate Mudaliyar M. S. (Kalmunai) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Karunaratne, M. A. D. D. (Gampaha) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Keerthiratne, N. H. (Kegalla) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Keuneman, P. G. B. (Colombo Central) ... | ... | ... | C.P. |
| Kotalawela, J. C. T. (Badulla) ... | ... | ... | B.L.P. |
| *Kotelawala, Sir John L. (Dodangaslanda) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Kumarasiri, Premala! (Hakmana) ... | ... | ... | C.P. |
| Kumaraswamy, V. (Chavakachcheri) ... | ... | ... | T.C. |
| Kumaravelu, K. (Kotagala) ... | ... | ... | C.I.C. |

M

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Mahadiulwewa, S. H. (Kalawewa) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Mathew, E. W. (Balangoda) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Molamure, A. F. (Balangoda) ... | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Motha, G. R. (Maskeliya) ... | ... | ... | C.I.C. |

Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena was unseated on the findings of an Election Judge against him, and Mr. R. S. Pelpola returned for Gampola seat at the by-election in May 1948.

Mr. D. P. R. Gunawardena was unseated under Section 13 (3) (f) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council, and Mrs. Kusuma Gunawardena returned uncontested in April 1948, for Avisawella.

N

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|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Nadarajah, K. V. (Bandarawela) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| *Nalliah, V. (Kalkudah) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Nanayakkara, V. T. (Matale) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| *Nugawela, Major E. A. (Kadugannawa) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |

P

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|----------|
| Panabokke, T. B. (Galaha) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Pciris, M. H. (Panadura) | ... | ... | B.L.P. |
| *Perera, Dr. N. M. (Ruwanwella) | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Perera, R. A. A. R. (Dchiowita) | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Perera, Wilmot A. (Matugama) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Peris, P. P. A. F. (Nattandiya) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Poholiyadde, Dissawe T. B. (Horowupotana) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Ponnambalam, G. G. (Jaffna) | ... | ... | T.C. |
| Premachandra, H. R. U. (Kadugannawa) | ... | ... | Ind. |

R

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Rajalingam, K. (Nawalapitiya) | ... | ... | C.I.C. |
| *Rajapaksa, D. A. (Beliatte) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Rajapakse, Lakshman (Hambantota) | ... | ... | C.P. |
| Ramalingam, T. (Point Pedro) | ... | ... | T.C. |
| Ramanujam, D. (Alutnuwara) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Rambukpota, J. A. (Haputale) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Rambukwelle, Dissawe H. B. (Minipe) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| *Ratnayake, A. (Wattegama) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Ratnayaka, V. G. W. (Deniyaya) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| *Ratwatte, H. L. (Mawanella) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |

S

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|---|-----|-----|----------|
| *Senanayake, D. S. (Mirigama) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Senanayake, Dudley (Dedigama) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Senanayake, Mrs. Florence (Kiriella) | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Senanayake, Maithripala (Medawachchiya) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| *Senanayake, R. G. (Dambadeniya) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Silva, S. S. A. (Agalawatte) | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Sinnalebbe, A. (Batticaloa) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Siriwardena, H. de Z. (Negombo) | ... | ... | U.N.P. |
| Sittampalam, C. (Mannar) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Sivapalan, S. (Trincomalee) | ... | ... | T.C. |
| Sri Nissanka, H. (Kurunegala) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Subasinghe, T. B. (Bingiriva) | ... | ... | L.S.S.P. |
| Subbiah, S. M. P. (Badulla) | ... | ... | C.I.C. |
| Sugathadasa, K. V. Don (Welimada) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Suntharalingam, C. (Vavuniya) | ... | ... | Ind. |

T

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Tenne, H. B. (Dambulla) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Thambiyah, A. L. (Kayts) | ... | ... | Ind. |
| Thondaman, V. E. K. R. S. (Nuwara Eliya) | ... | ... | C.I.C. |

V

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Vanniasingham, C. (Kopai) ... | ... | T.C. |
| Velupillay, C. V. (Talawakele) | ... | C.I.C. |

W

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| Wickremasinghe, W. P. A. (Akuressa) ... | ... | C.P. |
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APPOINTED MEMBERS

- Gratiaen, E. F. N
- *Griffith, F. H.
- Martensz, J. A.
- **Oldfield, J. W.
- Pakeman, S. A.
- *Whitby, G. R

Mr. G. R. Whitby resigned owing to illness early in 1948 and Mr. E. E. Spencer was appointed to fill his place.

Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen resigned on being made a Puisne Judge, and Mr. Rosslyn Koch was appointed in his place.

THE FIRST CABINET 1947-1952

| MINISTRY | MINISTER AND PARLIAMENTARY SECY. |
|---|---|
| PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS | THE HON. MR. D. S. SENANAYAKE, M.P. |
| MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT— Minister Parliamentary Secretary | THE HON. MR. S. W. R. D. BANDARANAIKE, M.P. MR. V. NALLIAH, M. P. <i>Resigned</i> |
| * MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND FISHERIES— Minister Parliamentary Secretary | THE HON. MR. GEO. E. DE SILVA, M. P. MR. H. DE Z. SIRIWARDENA, M. P. |
| MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT— Minister Parliamentary Secretary | THE HON. SIR OLIVER GOONETILLEKE, K.B.E., K.C.M.G. MR. E. A. P. Wijeyeratne (from July 1948) GATE MUDALIYAR M. S. KARIAPPER, M.P. |
| † MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO | THE HON. MR. R. S. S. GUNAWARDENA, M.P. |
| MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SERVICES Minister Parliamentary Secretary | THE HON. MR. T. B. JAYAH, M. P. MR. A. E. GOONESINHA, M. P. MR. M. D. Banda (from May 1948) |
| MINISTRY OF FINANCE Minister | THE HON. MR. J. R. JAYEWARDENE, M. P. |

*Mr. George E. de Silva was unseated on an election petition and Mr. C. Sittampalam was appointed Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries in addition to his duties as Minister of Posts and Telecommunication.

†Later Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena was also unseated on an election petition and Mr. A. E. Goonesinha appointed to succeed him.

Sir Oliver left the Island in July 1948 to take up the appointment as the Ceylon's first High Commissioner in London and Senator E. A. P. Wijeyeratne was appointed in his place.

| MINISTRY | MINISTER AND PARLIAMENTARY SECY. |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND WORKS— | |
| Minister | THE HON. COL. J. L. KOTELAWALA, M. P. |
| Parliamentary Secretary | MR. S. ABEYWICKRAMA, M. P.* |
| MINISTRY OF EDUCATION— | |
| Minister | THE HON. MR. E. A. NUGAWELA, M. P. |
| Parliamentary Secretary | MR. H. E. JANSZ,† |
| MINISTRY OF JUSTICE | |
| Minister | THE HON. DR. L. A. RAJAPAKSE, K. C. |
| Parliamentary Secretary | MR. GEORGE R. DE SILVA, M. P. |
| MINISTRY OF FOOD AND COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKINGS— | |
| Minister | THE HON. MR. A. RATNAYAKE, M. P. |
| Parliamentary Secretary | MR. H. S. ISMAIL, M.P. |
| MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LANDS— | |
| Minister | THE HON. MR. DUDLEY SENANAYAKE, M. P. |
| Parliamentary Secretary | P. B. BULANKULAME DISSAWE, M. P. |
| MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELE-COMMUNICATION— | |
| Minister | THE HON. MR. C. SITTAMPALAM, M. P. |
| Parliamentary Secretary | MR. A. P. JAYASOORIYA, M. P. |
| MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND TRADE— | |
| Minister | THE HON. MR. C. SUNTHERALINGAM, M. P. |

*Mr. S. Abeywickrama died in May 1948.

†Dr. V. R. SCHOKMAN, who was the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education resigned owing to ill-health, and Mr. H. E. JANSZ was appointed to take his place.

Mr. Jansz was appointed in May 1948 to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

THE GENERAL ELECTION

THE General Election of 1947 for Ceylon's first House of Representatives ushered in the Soulbury Constitution which brought with it a full measure of internal self-government for the people of the Island after over 130 years of British rule. The third since the bestowal of universal suffrage by the Donoughmore Constitution of 1931, this General Election was long overdue.

The first State Council, which was the result of the Donoughmore Commission's recommendations, was constituted in 1931 and dissolved at the end of its life of 5 years to give room to the second State Council of 1936. Although this should normally have ceased to exist in 1941, the second State Council was not dissolved till 11 years after its inauguration. One of the reasons adduced for this prolongation of its life was that the exigencies of the Second World War did not permit of a General Election being held.

Meanwhile in 1943 the British Government had decided on its plan for the reform of Ceylon's Constitution, and a Commission consisting of Lord Soulbury (Chairman), Mr. (later Sir) Frederick Rees, and Mr. (later Sir) Frederick Burrows, came to Ceylon in December 1944 and issued its Report in September 1945 recommending the present Constitution, with its House of Representatives of 95 elected members and not more than 6 nominated members (to represent unrepresented or inadequately represented interests), and a Second Chamber, to be called the Senate, consisting of 30 Senators of whom 15 were to be elected by the House of Representatives, according to the principle of proportional representation, and the remaining 15 to be appointed by the Governor. The State Council accepted the Soulbury Constitution on November 8, 1945 and an Order in Council was enacted in due course bringing the Constitution into operation.

A few days before the dissolution of the Council, the Governor by special Proclamation summoned and addressed the Members and, in his now historic Declaration of June 18, 1947, announced that early steps would be taken by His Majesty's Government, as soon as the necessary agreements were negotiated with the new Ceylon Government, to confer upon this country "fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations".

With the dissolution of the State Council on July 4, the stage was set for the General Election which the public were looking forward to after years of enforced 'disenfranchisement'.

At first there were some fears that the polling may have to be postponed owing to delays in printing the electoral registers. These were subsequently overcome by getting part of the printing done in England and flying the registers back to Ceylon, just a few days before Nomination Day, in the Ceylon Government's own plane manned by its own pilots, Capt. Peter Fernando and Capt. David Peiris.

NOMINATION DAY

Nomination Day for the election of Members to the House of Representatives (to be known as Members of Parliament) was fixed for July 26, 1947, and this was proclaimed in a Gazette Extraordinary issued on July 9.

On Nomination Day only one Member was returned without a contest, that honour of being the first elected M.P. going to Mr. H. S. Ismail, Member for Puttalam.

A significant fact was that the Speaker of the State Council (Sir Waittialingam Duraiswamy) and all its Ministers were being contested. In 1936 the same Speaker and three of the same Ministers were returned unopposed. In the case of Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Leader of the State Council and the Minister of Agriculture and Lands, it was the first contest in his whole political career of over quarter of a century.

In all, 361 candidates handed in their nomination papers of whom half were Independent candidates, and the remainder the nominees of various political parties which had entered the fray for supremacy at the polls. The contestants were divided as follows :—

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|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| United National Party | ... | ... | 98 |
| Lanka Sama Samaja Party | ... | ... | 28 |
| Communist Party | ... | ... | 13 |
| Bolshevik-Leninist Party | ... | ... | 10 |
| Tamil Congress | ... | ... | 9 |
| Labour Party | ... | ... | 9 |
| Ceylon Indian Congress | ... | ... | 7 |
| Lanka Swaraj Party | ... | ... | 3 |
| United Lanka Congress | ... | ... | 2 |
| Independents | ... | ... | 181 |

Party nominations did not appear to have been systematically planned. There were cases of several left-wing candidates contesting the same seat.

On the other hand, in the U. N. P. ranks the comedy was enacted of more than one member of the Party fighting for the same seat. The classic example was the Polonnaruwa seat where, in a field of six, 5 were U. N. P. candidates, the sixth being the L.S.S.P. nominee. This unsystematic scheme of nominating candidates, no doubt, caused these parties some losses.

All, except 5, of the elected Members of the last State Council sought election to the House of Representatives. The five who did not come forward were : Sir Henry Kotalawala (Badulla), Mr. R. S. Tennekoon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, (Katugampola), Mr. S. P. Vythialingam (Talawakele), Dr. M. C. M. Kaleel (Colombo Central), and Mr. S. Dharmaretnam (Batticaloa South).

Two of the Nominated Members of that Council, Mr. T. B. Jayah and Mr. A. R. A. Razik, submitted their nominations for election.

Another Member of the Old State Council, Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe (Morawaka), was unable to contest a seat in Parliament as he was disqualified under Section 13(3) (f).

The 361 aspirants to Parliamentary honours represented a wide range of interests. A large number of them were lawyers, while the others included agriculturists, business men, teachers, and professional politicians. The only representative of the medical profession was Dr. A. Ratnapala, who came forward for the Wellawatte-Galkissa seat.

There were three women contestants : Mrs. Florence Senanayake for Kiriella, Mrs. Ayesha Rauff for Colombo Central, and Mrs. Srimathie Abeygoonewardena for Ambalangoda-Balapitiya. The first was an L.S.S.P. nominee, the second an Independent who was backed by the Ceylon Indian Congress, and the third a Communist Candidate. This was the first occasion that three women came forward to contest Seats to the legislature, although previously two of them had sat in the State Council, the first Mrs. A. F. Molamure being elected for Ruwanwella at a by-election in 1931, and the other the late Mrs. Naysum Saravanamuttu being returned for Colombo North, first at a by-election in 1932, and later at the General Election of 1936.

Nomination Day also presented the spectacle of one old State Councillor, Dr. A. P. de Zoysa, the Member for Colombo South, handing in his nomination papers for two seats, the Colombo North and Wellawatte-Galkissa Seats.

THE ELECTIONS

The elections to the House of Representatives were scheduled to begin on August 23 and continue till September 20. Friday was avoided as a polling day on account of it being the weekly day of prayer of the Muslims. In all there were 19 days of polling during this election period, as certain days had to be avoided owing to the Kandy Perahera, and some other religious festivals.

A week before the elections were due to commence an unprecedented major flood occurred completely disorganising the life of the community, and it was thought that the postponement of the elections would be inevitable. This difficulty passed as the floods subsided as quickly as they came, and only the Nuwara Eliya, Gampola, and Kotagala polls had to be put off for a few days. But these too were held during the period August 23—September 20.

The General Election of 1947 was in many ways different to that of 1936, or 1931.

Several innovations had been introduced. The most important, perhaps, was the new system of voting by symbols which superseded the highly-abused colour system of earlier General Elections. In earlier elections, owing to the inability of illiterate voters to read the names of candidates printed on the ballot papers, colours were allotted to candidates and ballot boxes corresponding to these colours, were provided. All that the voter had to do was to take the ballot paper and deposit it in secret in the ballot box bearing the colour of the candidate of his or her choice, which was placed with the boxes of other colours of the respective contestants in an enclosed cubicle. This led to grave abuses, and voters instead of depositing the ballot papers brought them back concealed in their clothing and sold them to the highest bidder among the agents of candidates who were willing to buy them, or at a price to the agents of certain candidates.

Representations against this malpractice were made to the Soulbury Commission and although they had, "no reason to doubt that it has been a not uncommon practice for a voter to receive his paper, proceed to the ballot box, conceal his paper in his clothing and, instead of putting it into the box, leave the booth and sell it to an agent of one of the candidates who arranges for another voter to put it into the relevant ballot box", the Commission thought "it better not to disturb the present procedure but to rely upon stricter supervision and heavier penalties in the event of detection".

When the Ceylon (Parliamentary Elections) Order in Council was gazetted in September 1946, it was, however, discovered that provision had been made for voting by a set of approved symbols which were to be printed on the ballot paper opposite the candidate's name. The determination of the approved symbol to be allotted to each candidate was to be made by lot by the Returning Officer on Nomination Day.

Twenty-four approved symbols were gazetted on July 18, 1947 for this purpose. They were the Elephant, Hand, Bicycle, House, Butterfly, Key, Pair of Spectacles, Bird, Cart Wheel, Star, Pair of Scales, Umbrella, Omnibus, Cup, Clock, Lamp, Chair, Tree, Pineapple, Eye, and Spoon.



Although it was thought that a common symbol like one of the above printed against the name of the candidate who drew it would facilitate illiterate voters to put their mark (X) on the ballot paper for the candidate they wished to vote for, the large number of spoilt ballot papers during the elections told a different story.

There were in all nearly 45,000 spoil ballot papers, the largest numbers being in the multi-member constituencies of Balangoda where 3,899 votes were rejected on this score, and in Colombo Central where the rejected votes totalled 3,489. The total of 45,000 spoil votes was a colossal figure and reflected poorly on the voters in general.

The other important innovation in the 1947 General Election was the Party system. While it was true that in the 1931 General Election there were the National Congress, the Liberal Party, Labour, Unionists, Independent Labour, and Independents, it was equally true that these parties had no clear cut programmes and most of them vanished after the elections with the result that a feature of the 1936 elections was the complete absence of party politics. The Soulbury Constitution did not allow the continuance of this no-party system, and the creation of parties, as well as the working of the Constitution on Party lines became a necessary ingredient of the successful administering of the system of Cabinet Government which had been granted to the country.

The United National Party, with Mr. D. S. Senanayake as leader included the majority of Ex-State Councillors and was formed by the merger of the National Congress and the Sinhala Maha Sabha and the adhesion of other political elements willing to support its policy. The Labour Party, the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, the Bolshevik-Leninist Party, the Communist Party, and the Ceylon Indian Congress put up candidates on their own. There was also the communal group of the Tamil Congress which was started for the avowed purpose of pressing home the fifty-fifty demand. Its candidates were nominated for the Northern Province and a few Eastern Province seats.

The Lanka Swaraj Party put forward 3 candidates for the elections, all of whom failed to poll the requisite one-eighth of the votes cast and consequently forfeited their deposits of Rs. 1000 each.

The number of candidates nominated by each of these parties for election is given on page 8.

Among the casualties of the 1947 General Election were the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the last State Council, three of its Ministers, and 17 other Members.

THE POLLING

Ten constituencies polled on the first day of the elections, (Saturday, August 23), and the results which were announced on Sunday, brought in Mr. D. S. Senanayake for the Mirigama Seat with a convincing majority of 16,089 against his left-wing opponent Mr. Edmund Samarakkody, who polled 10,673 votes. The first day's elections also saw the defeat of the Speaker, and of the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce. The one and only woman M.P., Mrs. Florence Senanayake was elected on the same day for the Kiriella Seat.

Politics in the North had reached a high stage of tension owing to the rivalry between the U.N.P., and the Tamil Congress and all eyes were turned during the second week of the elections on what came to be popularly called, "The Battle of Jaffna", where the two Tamil leaders of the two different

schools of political thought, Messrs. A. Mahadeva, Minister of Home Affairs, and G. G. Ponnambalam, the President of the Tamil Congress, were to meet in conflict for the Jaffna seat. The election was fixed for September 4. Mr. Mahadeva fought on the flank of a common platform with the majority community, and Mr. Ponnambalam stuck to his communal ticket. Jaffna preferred Mr. Ponnambalam who beat his Ministerial opponent by a majority of 9,100 votes.

Other elections which caused unusual interest were the one at Galle in which Mr. W. Dahanayake beat his erstwhile colleague, Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya, and the one at Matugama where the Minister of Education who had held that office for sixteen years and sponsored the "free education" scheme, was defeated by over 3,000 votes.

Colombo went to the polls with 8 other electorates on the last day of the General Election, September 20, which was a Saturday. Three of the Left-wing leaders, Dr. N. M. Perera (L.S.S.P.), Dr. Colvin R. de Silva (B.L.P.), and Mr. Pieter Kunceman (C.P.) were elected on this day, as was also Mr. A. E. Goonesinha, the President of the Labour Party. The most interesting contest of the day was that at Colombo Central where 15 candidates contested the three seats in this multi-member constituency. The results of this election were announced only on Monday after a whole day's counting which began at 8-30 a.m. and concluded at 4-30 in the evening.

In all, 131 candidates forfeited their deposits and thereby the Crown gained to the extent of Rs. 131,000.

The position of the Parties at the end of the General Election was as follows :—

| U.N.P. | L.S.S.P. | T.C. | C.I.C. | B.L.P. | C.P. | Lab. | Ind. |
|--------|----------|------|--------|--------|------|------|------|
| 42 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 21 |

The Lanka Swaraj Party and the United Lanka Congress failed to gain any seats. The Communist Party's number increased from 3 to 5, as a few days after the election it was announced that Messrs. W. P. A. Wickremasinghe and Laksman Rajapakse, who had contested and won as Independent candidates, had joined the C.P. The number of Independents thus decreased to 19.

Immediately after the elections the Independents formed themselves into what was called the Sri Lanka Swadhin Party, but its future appears to be precariously in the balance.

The number of votes cast for each Party was as follows :—

| | | | | | |
|----------|-----|---------|--------|-----|---------|
| U.N.P. | ... | 751,432 | C.I.C. | ... | 72,230 |
| L.S.S.P. | ... | 204,020 | Lab. | ... | 38,932 |
| B.L.P. | ... | 113,193 | U.L.C. | ... | 3,953 |
| T.C. | ... | 82,499 | Swaraj | ... | 1,393 |
| C.P. | ... | 70,331 | Ind. | ... | 543,389 |

The total number of votes polled amounted to 1,881,372, and the total number of voters was 3,052,814. In other words 61.6 per cent of the voters came to the polls.

The largest number of votes polled in a single-member constituency was at Attanagalla where Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike obtained 31,463

highly repeated

votes. Mr. Bandaranaike also obtained the largest majority of any winning candidate, the figure being 26,854.

The smallest majority was 22 votes being that of Mr. K. Don Sugathadasa at Welimada.

Mr. Stephen Senewiratne polled the least number of votes being able to get only 45 at Polonnaruwa.

The best polling was at Matugama where 77.5 per cent cast their votes, and the worst at Bingiriya where it was 35.8 per cent.

GOVERNOR CALLS MR. SENANAYAKE

A few days after the General Election was completed, His Excellency the Governor* called upon Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the leader of the United National Party, which was the single Party that had won the largest number of seats at the elections, to form the Government.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1947, in response to the Governor's behest, Mr. Senanayake drove to King's Pavilion, Kandy, where the Governor had come from Nuwara Eliya, and accepted the office of Prime Minister. It was appropriate that Kandy, the ancient capital of Ceylon, should have been chosen for this ceremony of the return of freedom to this country as it was in this same place that this freedom was handed over to the British in 1815 with the fall of the Kandyan kingdom, the last stronghold of the Kings of Ceylon.

After seeing the Governor, Mr. Senanayake proceeded to the Dalada Maligawa for a religious ceremony and the offering of flowers at the Maligawa shrine.

The same night Mr. Senanayake broadcast a message to the nation as Prime Minister in which he stressed the need in this country to modify Abraham Lincoln's famous dictum and to say that "we will have a Government of all the people by all the people for all the people".

THE CABINET

The theme now was Cabinet-making and everyone looked forward to the announcement of Mr. Senanayake's Cabinet. The public had not long to wait and on Friday, September 26, the following names were announced as being members of Ceylon's first Cabinet :

MR. D. S. SENANAYAKE, Prime Minister.

MR. S. W. R. D. BANDARANAIKE, Minister of Health and Local Government.

MR. GEORGE E. DE SILVA, Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries.

COLONEL J. L. KOTELAWALA, Minister of Transport and Works.

MR. J. R. JAYEWARDENE, Minister of Finance.

SIR OLIVER GOONETILLEKE, Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development.

*Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore.

MR. T. B. JAYAH, Minister of Labour and Social Services.

MAJOR E. A. NUGAWELA, Minister of Education.

MR. DUDLEY SENANAYAKE, Minister of Agriculture and Lands.

MR. C. SUNTHERALINGAM, Minister of Commerce and Trade.

MR. A. RATNAYAKE, Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings.

MR. C. SITTAMPALAM, Minister of Posts and Telecommunication.

DR. L. A. RAJAPAKSE, Minister of Justice.

MR. R. S. S. GUNAWARDANA, Minister Without Portfolio.

The same evening this Cabinet of 14 were sworn-in at Queen's House, Colombo.

The following list of Parliamentary Secretaries was also announced with the Cabinet :

MR. GEORGE R. DE SILVA, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Justice.

MR. M. S. KARIAPPER, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development.

MR. A. E. GOONESINHA, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Services.

MR. P. B. BULANKULAME, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

MR. H. U. M. S. ISMAIL, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food and Co-operative Undertakings.

MR. H. DE Z. SIRIWARDANA, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries.

MR. SIMON ABEYWICKREMA, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Works.

MR. A. P. JAYASOORIYA, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication.

The name of Mr. V. Nalliah was added to this 4 days later as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health and Local Government.

The Parliamentary Secretaries were sworn-in at Queen's House on October 2.

On his appointment to the Senate, Dr. V. R. Schokman was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education in November. Dr. Schokman, however, resigned from the Senate owing to ill-health and Mr. H. E. Jansz succeeded him as Parliamentary Secretary.

In May 1948 Mr. M. D. Banda was made Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and Social Services, and Mr. H. E. Jansz, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. A. E. Goonesinha was appointed Minister without Portfolio and Chief Government Whip in succession to Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardana who was unseated on the findings of an Election Judge.

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke left the Island in July 1948, to take up the appointment as Ceylon's first High Commissioner in London and Senator E. A. P. Wijeyeratne was appointed in his place.

ELECTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The first meeting of the House of Representatives took place on Tuesday, October 14, 1947, the main business being the election of a Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Deputy Chairman of Committees, and 15 Senators.

The first item was the Speaker's election, and Mr. C. Sittampalam, Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, proposed, and Mr. S. U. Ethirimannasingham (Paddiruppu) seconded that Mr. A. F. Molamure (First Balangoda) do take the chair of the House as its Speaker.

Mr. Wilmot A. Perera (Matugama) proposed, and Mr. A. L. Thambiyah (Kayts) seconded that Mr. H. Sri Nissanka, K.C. (Kurunegala) do take the chair of the House as Speaker.

A ballot was then taken and the voting was as follows :

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|----------|
| Mr. Molamure | ... | ... | 58 votes |
| Mr. Sri Nissanka | ... | ... | 41 votes |
| Majority | ... | ... | 17 votes |

Two Members declined to vote.

Mr. Molamure, the new Speaker then adjourned the House for half an hour and left to present himself to His Excellency the Governor.

On resumption Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike (Leader of the House) on behalf of the Government congratulated the Speaker.

He was followed by the leaders of the Opposition Parties beginning with Dr. N. M. Perera (Ruwanwella) on behalf of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, and followed by Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam (Jaffna) on behalf of the Tamil Congress, Mr. V. S. Thondaman (Nuwara Eliya) the Ceylon Indian Congress, Dr. Colvin R. de Silva (Wellawatte-Galkissa) the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India (Ceylon Unit), Mr. Pieter Keuneman (Third Colombo Central) the Communist Party, Mr. Wilmot A. Perera (Matugama) the Swadhina Party, and Major J. W. Oldfield (Appointed) on behalf of the Appointed Members.

Mr. Molamure replied.

The Members then took their oaths of allegiance, and the House adjourned till 2-30 p.m. for the other elections.

When the House resumed Mr. V. Kumaraswamy (Chavakachcheri) proposed the name of Mr. Wilmot Perera (Matugama) as Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Harry Abeygoonewardena (Matara) seconded.

Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike (Leader of the House) proposed Mr. R. A. de Mel (Colombo South) as Deputy Speaker.

Mr. A. Sinnalebbe (Batticaloa) seconded.

The voting was :

| | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|----------|
| Mr. de Mel | ... | ... | 52 votes |
| Mr. Perera | ... | ... | 47 votes |
| Majority | ... | ... | 5 votes |

*Mr. de Mel was declared elected Deputy Speaker.

Mr. J. A. Rambukpota (Haputale) arrived a few minutes late and could not take part in the voting.

Mr. J. L. Kotelawala (Minister of Transport and Works) then proposed, and Mr. C. Suntheralingam (Minister of Trade and Commerce) seconded that Mr. J. A. Martensz (Appointed) be elected Deputy Chairman of Committees.

This was adopted unanimously and Mr. Martensz was elected.

The Speaker at this stage announced that nomination papers for the election of Senators would be received by the Clerk of the House till 10 a.m. the next day (October 15) and adjourned the House till 10-30 a.m. on that day.

When the House reassembled on October 15 the Speaker read out the names of the following as having been nominated for election to the Senate :

Mr. Falil A. Caffoor
Mr. S. B. L. Dharmakirti
Mr. L. B. de Mel
Mr. R. F. S. de Mel
Mr. S. de S. Jayasinghe
Mr. Cyril de Zoysa
Mr. D. D. M. Guneratne
Mr. H. M. U. Ismail
Mr. L. B. Jayasena
Mr. W. K. Jinadasa
Mr. C. W. Kanagasabey
Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara
Mr. M. A. L. Kariapper
Mr. Justin Kotelawala
Mrs. Adeline Molamure
Mr. S. Nadesan
Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan
Mr. D. W. J. Perera
Dr. M. G. Perera
Mr. C. V. Ranawake
Mr. H. B. Rambukwelle
Mr. A. R. A. Razik
Barnes Ratwatte Dissawe
Mr. D. J. Senaratne
Mr. W. A. B. Soysa
Mr. R. Sivagurunather
Mr. Peri Sunderam
Mr. R. S. Tennekoon
Mr. J. Tyagaraja
Mr. Sarath Wijesinghe

*Mr. R. A. de Mel was unseated on the findings of an Election Judge in August 1948.

As only 15 Senators had to be elected and there were 30 aspirants, the Speaker put off the voting for October 16.

The balloting next day resulted in the following being elected Senators :

Mr. R. F. S. de Mel
Mr. Cyril de Zoysa
Mr. L. B. Jayasena
Mr. W. K. Jinadasa
Mr. Justin Kotelawala
Mrs. Adeline Molamure
Mr. S. Nadesan
Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan
Mr. D. W. J. Perera
Dr. M. G. Percra
Barnes Ratwatte Dissawe
Mr. A. R. A. Razik
Mr. W. A. B. Soysa
Mr. Peri Sunderam
Mr. Sarath Wijesinghe

POLLS AND BIOGRAPHIES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GENERAL ELECTION

AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 20, 1947

In the pages that follow are the full results of the General Election to the House of Representatives with the dates of the respective elections, the symbols, and Parties of the candidates, and the percentage votes polled.

The 89 electoral districts have been dealt with according to the Provinces in which they are situated, beginning with the Western Province.

Short biographical notes of the winning candidates are also provided.

The following abbreviations have been used to indicate the political parties :

U.N.P.—United National Party.

L.S.S.P.—Lanka Sama Samaja Party.

B.L.P.—Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India (Ceylon Unit).

C.P.—Communist Party.

T.C.—Tamil Congress.

C.I.C.—Ceylon Indian Congress.

Lab.—Labour Party.

Swaraj—Lanka Swaraj Party.

U.L.C.—United Lanka Congress.

Ind.—Independents.

The multi-member constituencies and the number of members returned by them are shown.

WESTERN PROVINCE

COLOMBO NORTH

Total No. of voters : 30,848

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Mr. Geo. R. de Silva (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | ... | 7,501 |
| Mr. Lionel Cooray (Elephant)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 6,130 |
| *Mr. E. C. H. Fernando (Cup)—Ind. | ... | 501 |
| *Dr. A. P. de Zoysa (House)—Ind. | ... | 429 |
| *Mr. H. C. Abeyewardena (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 178 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 189 |
| Majority | ... .. | 1,371 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 14,928 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 48.4 |

*Forfeited deposits

MR. GEO. R. DE SILVA represented Colombo North in the last State Council having been returned at a by-election in 1942.

An old boy of St. Thomas' College he entered Cambridge University after his school career, obtaining his B.A., and LL.B. Returning to Ceylon he joined the Bar as an Advocate but gave up law for politics before long.

Mr. de Silva has been a Member of the Colombo Municipal Council for a continuous period of nearly 10 years, and was once the Mayor of Colombo. He was also for a short time a member of the old Legislative Council.

In the present Government he is Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Justice.



COLOMBO CENTRAL—(Three Members)

Total No. of voters : 53,285 (3 votes each) Election : Sept. 20, 1947

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| { Mr. A. E. Goonesinha (Bicycle)—Lab. | ... | 23,470 |
| { Mr. T. B. Jayah (Cart Wheel)—U.N.P. | ... | 18,439 |
| { Mr. Pieter Keuneman (Umbrella)—C.P. | ... | 15,435 |
| Mr. M. H. M. Munas (House)—Ind. | ... | 8,600 |
| Mrs. Ayesha Rauff (Tree)—Ind. | ... | 8,489 |
| Mr. W. James Perera (Elephant)—I.S.S.P. | ... | 5,950 |
| Mr. V. A. Sugathadasa (Lamp)—Ind. | ... | 4,898 |
| Mr. G. W. H. de Silva (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 4,141 |
| *Mr. V. A. Kandiah (Clock)—Ind. | ... | 3,391 |
| *Mr. S. Saravanamuttu (Chair)—Ind. | ... | 2,951 |
| *Mr. P. Givendrasinghe (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 1,569 |
| *Mr. K. Dahanayake (Cup)—Ind. | ... | 997 |
| *Mr. K. Wcceriah (Key)—Ind. | ... | 352 |
| *Mr. K. C. F. Deen (Star)—Ind. | ... | 345 |
| *Mr. N. R. Perera (Butterfly)—Ind. | ... | 259 |
| Spoilt | ... | 3,489 |

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Majority of 1st over 2nd | 5,031 |
| 2nd .. 3rd | 3,004 |
| 3rd .. 4th | 6,835 |

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Total Polled | ... | 102,775 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 64.3 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. A. E. GOONESINHA, the originator of the Labour Party in Ceylon, has been in active politics for over 25 years. He entered the first State Council in 1931 as Member for Colombo Central and was re-elected for the same seat in the 1936 Council. In 1942, however, he was unseated on the findings of an Election Judge against him in connection with the Colombo North election petition against his brother-in-law. He was out of the State Council for 5 years as a result of this bar but obtained a pardon under the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council 1947 and was returned for Colombo Central again under the Soulbury Constitution.

Mr. Goonesinha has been a live wire in Municipal politics for about 20 years now and was for a period the Mayor of Colombo. An old boy of St. Joseph's College he started life as an employee in the C.G.R.

He has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and Social Services in the present Government.

In May 1948 Mr. Goonesinha was appointed Minister without Portfolio and Chief Government whip in succession to Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena.

COLOMBO CENTRAL

MR. T. B. JAYAH is the Principal of Zahira College. His political career began in the days of the old Legislative Council, to which he was elected in 1924 as the Muslim representative. He contested seats unsuccessfully in 1931 and 1936, but was nominated to the 1936 Council by the Governor to represent the Muslims. He has been President of the Ceylon Muslim League and of the Ceylon Teachers' Association. He is a graduate of the London University and had his early education at St. Thomas' College.



With his election to the House of Representatives, Mr. Jayah was appointed Minister of Labour and Social Services.

MR. PIETER KEUNEMAN, the General Secretary of the Ceylon Communist Party and one of its pioneers, is the leader of his Party in the House of Representatives. Educated at Royal College, he entered the University College, Colombo, and later proceeded to Cambridge, joining Gray's Inn as well. While at Cambridge he had the rare distinction of being President of the Union.

On his return to Ceylon, he joined the Editorial Staff of the "Ceylon Daily News". After a few years in journalism he left to give his full-time to politics. Before his entry into Parliament he unsuccessfully contested a seat in the Colombo Municipal Council on two occasions.

In December 1947 Mr. Keuneman was elected to the Colombo Municipal Council at the by-election for the Kotahena Ward.



COLOMBO SOUTH

Total No. of voters : 32,036

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. R. A. de Mel (Key)—U.N.P. | ... | 6,452 |
| Mr. P. Saravanamuttu (Flower)—Ind. | ... | 5,812 |
| Mr. Bernard Soysa (Chair)—B.L.P. | ... | 3,774 |
| *Mr. M. G. Mendis (Hand)—C.P. | ... | 1,936 |
| *Mr. W. Justin de Soysa (Cup)—Ind. | ... | 95 |
| Spoilt | ... | 149 |
| Majority | ... | 640 |
| Total Polled | ... | 18,218 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 57.1 |
| *Forfeited deposits | | |



MR. R. A. DE MEL is known best in Municipal politics having been a member of the Colombo Municipal Council since 1940 and Mayor of Colombo for 2 periods.

After his early education at Richmond College, Galle, he proceeded to England and completed his studies at Gonville, and Caius College, Cambridge, where he took Law. He was called to the Bar from the Middle Temple.

Returning to Ceylon Mr. de Mel was enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme Court but he took up a business career. It was during his term as Mayor of Colombo that the Municipality purchased the Colombo Electric Tramways.

Mr. de Mel was elected Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In August 1948, Mr. de Mel was unseated on the findings of an Election Judge.

WELLAWATTE-GALKISSA

Total No. of voters : 38,917

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Dr. Colvin R. de Silva (Key)—B.L.P. | ... | 11,606 |
| Mr. Gilbert Perera (Cart Wheel)—Ind. | ... | 4,170 |
| Major L. V. Gooneratne (Star)—Ind. | ... | 4,121 |
| *Dr. A. Ratnapala (Scales)—U.N.P. | ... | 1,327 |
| *Mr. S. J. F. Dias Bandaranaike (Lamp)— Swaraj | ... .. | 224 |
| *Dr. A. P. de Zoysa (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 103 |
| *Mr. Thomas de Silva (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 72 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 127 |
| Majority | ... .. | 7,436 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 21,750 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 55.9 |
| *Forfeited deposits | | |

DR. COLVIN R. DE SILVA, the leader of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India (Ceylon Unit), is an Advocate with a lucrative practice. He is a Ph. D. (Lond.), and was called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn), and is the Founder President of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party. Active in the Marxist movement since his return from England in 1933, Dr. de Silva was arrested and detained under the Defence Regulations in June 1940 but escaped from Bogambara gaol with other detainees. He remained in hiding till the withdrawal of the detention order in November 1945. In April 1947 he was arrested again in Madras in connection with the Buckingham and Carnatic Mill Strike and released 2 weeks later.

Dr. de Silva is the author of "Ceylon under British Occupation" (2 vols.), and other books.



AGALAWATTE

Total No. of voters : 35,825

Election : August 23, 1947

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| Mr. S. S. A. Silva (Chair)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 4,135 |
| Mr. D. D. Athulathmudali (Bicycle)—U.N.P. | ... | 3,356 |
| Mr. A. A. Perera (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 3,295 |
| Mr. P. A. Wijegoonewardena (Elephant)— | | |
| Ind. | ... | 1,877 |
| *Mr. D. M. Athulathmudali (Clock)—Ind. | ... | 828 |
| *Mudaliyar W. M. P. Corea (House)—Ind. | ... | 644 |
| Spoilt | ... | 620 |
| Majority | ... | 779 |
| Total Polled | ... | 14,755 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 41.2 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. S. S. A. Silva was for some years a Government Servant. He joined the Lanka Sama Samaja Party and was returned as that Party's candidate for the Agalawatte Seat in the House of Representatives.

ATTANAGALLA

Total No. of voters : 55,949

Election : August 26, 1947

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike (Hand)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 31,453 |
| Mr. Chandrapala Gunasekera (Elephant)— | | | |
| L.S.S.P. | ... | ... | 4,609 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 417 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 26,854 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 36,489 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 65.2 |

MR. S. W. R. D. BANDARANAIKE is the Minister of Health and Local Government in Mr. Senanayake's Government. One of the ablest speakers in the country he received his education at St. Thomas' College from where he proceeded to Oxford for higher studies. At Oxford, where he had among his contemporaries several leading British politicians of today, he was elected Secretary of the Oxford Union defeating Mr. Malcolm Macdonald. After graduating he was called to the Bar and on his return to Ceylon set himself up in practice as an Advocate.

His first experience at elections was when he contested and won a seat in the Colombo Municipal Council. In 1931 Mr. Bandaranaike was returned uncontested for the Veyangoda seat in the first State Council, and was re-elected uncontested for the same seat in 1936. In the second State Council he was elected Minister of Local Administration and during the 11 years of that Council he also acted as Leader of the House during the absence of Mr. D. S. Senanayake in 1945.

Mr. Bandaranaike is the founder and President of the Sinhala Maha Sabha but joined the U.N.P., of which he is a Vice-President, for the purpose of the present General Election. Earlier he was a member of the Ceylon National Congress.



AVISSAWELLA

Total No. of voters : 50,009 Election : August 26, 1947

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|---|--------|
| *Mr. D. P. R. Gunawardena (Hand)—L.S.S.P. | 17,598 |
| Mr. Bernard Jayasuriya (Elephant)—U.N.P. | 5,676 |
| Spoilt | 259 |
| Majority | 11,922 |
| Total Polled | 23,533 |
| Percentage Polled | 47.1 |

BY-ELECTION

(April 1948)

Mrs. Kusuma Gunawardena (uncontested).



MR. D.P.R. GUNAWARDENA was with Dr. N. M. Perera and Dr. Colvin R. de Silva, one of the founders of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party in 1935. After his early education at Ananda and Trinity Colleges, Mr. Gunawardena left for America to prosecute his studies and was in that Continent for 10 years. He then went to Europe where he was in the Marxist movement. Returning to Ceylon about 1934, he contested the Avissawella Seat in the second State Council of 1936 and was elected. In 1940 he was arrested and detained under the Defence Regulations. In 1942 Mr. Gunawardena, with other detenees, broke gaol and escaped, and consequently lost his seat in Council.

*Mr. Gunawardena lost his seat under Section 13 (3) (f) of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council following a conviction involving a term of 3 months' imprisonment, and his wife, Mrs. Kusuma Gunawardena, was returned uncontested, in April 1948, to succeed him.

Note—Mrs. Kusuma Gunawardena, wife of Mr. Philip Gunawardena, has been an active member of Sama Samaja Party. She was arrested and imprisoned in Bombay along with her husband in July, 1943 and released in December of same year.

GAMPAHA

Total No. of voters : 54,520

Election : September 18, 1947

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| Mr. D. D. Karunaratne (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 11,786 |
| Mr. C. A. Mathew (Star)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 8,416 |
| Mr. A. G. Seneviratne (Lamp)—Ind. | ... | 5,640 |
| *Mr. W. Charles L. Perera (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 2,740 |
| *Mr. F. A. Obeyesekere (Bicycle)—U.N.P. | ... | 1,333 |
| *Mr. R. Deshapriya (Cart Wheel)—C.P. | ... | 529 |
| *Mr. A. E. O. Weerasinghe (Chair)—Ind. | ... | 181 |
| Spoilt | ... | 358 |
| Majority | ... | 3,370 |
| Total Polled | ... | 30,933 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 56.8 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. D. D. KARUNARATNE, a mill owner of Gampaha is known throughout his electorate as a generous benefactor. Notable among his gifts have been a large building for the Gampaha hospital, and an English school for girls. In recognition of his services he was made a Justice of the Peace a few years ago.

HORANA

Total No. of voters : 51,222

Election : August 26, 1947

| | |
|---|--------|
| Mr. A. P. Jayasooriya (Elephant)—U.N.P. ... | 15,828 |
| Mr. M. T. Perics (Umbrella)—L.S.S.P. ... | 15,163 |
| *Mr. Anagarika Dharmapriya (Lamp)—C.P. | 3,187 |
| Spoilt | 687 |
| Majority | 665 |
| Total Polled | 34,865 |
| Percentage Polled | 68.1 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. A. P. JAYASOORIYA who was Member for Horana in the last State Council also, retained his seat though by a small majority. A Barrister-at-Law he practised for some years at Panadura and Kalutara before entering politics. It was Mr. Jayasooriya who was one of the first to move a motion in the last State Council asking for Dominion Status for Ceylon.

In the present Government he has received the appointment of Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication.

JAELA

Total No. of voters : 51,274

Election : September 15, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Mudl. D. P. Jayasuriya (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 11,133 |
| Mr. N. P. Siriwardhana (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | ... | 8,406 |
| *Mr. Stanley Mendis (Elephant)—C.P. | ... | 1,913 |
| *Mr. Francis Nethesinha (House)—Lab. | ... | 777 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 393 |
| Majority | ... .. | 2,727 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 22,622 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 44.1 |

*Forfeited deposits



Mudl. D. P. JAYASURIYA was a Member of the State Council since its inception in 1931, and even before that he was in domestic politics in his area as Chairman of the Kanuwana Village Committee. It has been his proud claim that during the 16 years that he was a State Councillor he attended every meeting of the House and was the only Member who was never absent.

Mudl. Jayasuriya was educated at St. Joseph's College and became a planter after his school career. He received the rank of Mudaliyar in 1948.

KALUTARA

Total No. of voters : 51,121

Election : August 30, 1947

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Mr. C. de F. Gunawardena (Key)—B.L.P. | ... | 13,797 |
| Mr. Upali Batuwantudawa (Elephant)— U.N.P. | ... .. | 11,827 |
| *Mr. H. O. W. Obeyesekere (Cup)—Ind. | ... | 2,888 |
| *Mr. T. R. P. Perera (Flower)—Ind. | ... | 539 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 575 |
| Majority | ... .. | 1,970 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 29,626 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 57.9 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. C. DE F. GUNAWARDENA is a Proctor practising his profession at Kalutara. He received his early education at St. Thomas' College. From his law student days he was an active member of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party. He first entered the politics of his home town and was for 5 years a member of the Kalutara Urban Council being elected in 1941. He is one of the youngest M.'P.s in the House of Representatives.

KELANIYA

Total No. of voters : 47,638

Election : September 18, 1947

| | |
|--|--------|
| Mr. J. R. Jayewardene (Elephant)—U.N.P.... | 17,246 |
| Mr. Bodhipala Waidyasekera (Hand)— | |
| L.S.S.P. | 10,206 |
| Spoilt | 390 |
| Majority | 7,040 |
| Total Polled | 27,842 |
| Percentage Polled | 58.4 |

MR. J. R. JAYEWARDENE, the Minister of Finance in the present Government, was the Member for Kelaniya in the last State Council, having been elected in 1943 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sir Baron Jayatilaka. Earlier he sat in the Colombo Municipal Council for 3 years, having been elected in 1940.

A son of the late Mr. Justice E. W. Jayewardene, after a bright career at Royal College, Mr. Jayewardene became an Advocate and practised for some years at Colombo. He began his political life by joining the Ceylon National Congress which he assisted to reorganise during his term as its Secretary.

While in the State Council Mr. Jayewardene was elected Chairman of the Council's Select Committee on National Languages and issued a comprehensive report outlining the plan for making Sinhalese and Tamil the national languages of the country.



KOTTE

Total No. of voters : 45,754

Election : August 23, 1947

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. D. B. R. Gunawardena (Elephant)— | | | |
| L.S.S.P. | ... | ... | 11,955 |
| Mr. Rajah Hewavitarne (Cart Wheel)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 7,753 |
| *Mr. W. G. Ratnayake (Hand)—Ind. | ... | ... | 928 |
| *Mr. D. F. Galhena (Star)—Ind. | ... | ... | 362 |
| *Mr. C. A. Botejue (House)—Ind. | ... | ... | 215 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 359 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 4,202 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 21,572 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 47.1 |
| *Forfeited deposits | | | |



MR. D. B. R. GUNAWARDENA is the younger brother of Mr. D. P. R. Gunawardena who has followed closely in the footsteps of his elder brother. A forceful speaker he has been the 'strong man' of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party and has been active in its program for the past several years. He enters the legislature for the first time having beaten the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce, of the last State Council, in his contest at Kotte.

MATUGAMA

Total No. of voters : 48,430

Election : September 11, 1947

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. Wilmot A. Perera (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 19,753 |
| Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara (Star)—U.N.P. | ... | 16,139 |
| *Mr. D. R. Munasinghe (Lamp)—Ind. | ... | 1,091 |
| Spoilt | ... | 535 |
| Majority | ... | 3,614 |
| Total Polled | ... | 37,518 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 77.5 |

*Forfeited deposit

MR. WILMOT A. PERERA is a proprietary planter. He was a member of the original Rubber Research Advisory Board, a member of the Kandy Committee of the P. A. of Ceylon, and various other agricultural committees.

Educated at the Royal College, Mr. Perera was among the earliest rural reconstruction workers. His outstanding work, however, is "Sri Palee", Ceylon's first multilateral residential school, which he founded, and the foundation stone of which was laid by Rabindranath Tagore in 1934. His publications include "Problems of Rural Ceylon," and "A Socio-Economic Survey of the Raigam Korale".



MIRIGAMA

Total No. of voters : 55,474

Election : August 23, 1947

| | |
|--|--------|
| Mr. D. S. Senanayake (Elephant)—U.N.P. ... | 26,762 |
| Mr. Edmund Samarakkody (Lamp)—B.L.P. ... | 10,673 |
| Spoilt | 462 |
| Majority | 16,089 |
| Total Polled | 37,897 |
| Percentage Polled | 68.3 |



MR. D. S. SENANAYAKE, the first Prime Minister of Ceylon, was Leader of the last State Council, and Minister of Agriculture and Lands. Educated at St. Thomas' College, Mr. Senanayake began his political activities before any of the politicians of today and suffered imprisonment during the 1915 riots in the pursuance of his political convictions. With the 1921 Reforms he came to the forefront of the country's politics and was elected to the 1924 Legislative Council as Member for the Negombo District. Since then he has been in the Legislature having been returned uncontested on every occasion, except the present.

In the 1931 State Council Mr. Senanayake was unanimously elected Minister of Agriculture and Lands, and re-elected in the same capacity in the 1936 Council. As Minister he has been responsible for vast agricultural schemes for the benefit of the people. He was elected Leader of the last State Council in 1942 on the resignation of Sir Baron Jayatilaka.

Much of the present political progress of Ceylon is due to the efforts of Mr. Senanayake whose statesmanship has made a tremendous impression on all those who came in contact with him.

A practical agriculturist, he was in politics one of the stalwarts of the Ceylon National Congress and resigned from it when Communists entered it a few years ago. He is now the leader of the United National Party.

MORATUWA

Total No. of voters : 57,723

Election : September 13, 1947

| | |
|--|--------|
| Mr. Somawira Chandrasiri (Hand)—I.S.S.P. | 13,464 |
| Mr. Thos. Amarasuriya (Chair)—U.N.P. ... | 9,547 |
| Mr. Darrell J. J. Peries (Lamp)—U.L.C. ... | 3,523 |
| *Mr. H. Watson Fernando (Star)—C.P. ... | 722 |
| *Mr. A. C. W. Peiris (Spoon)—Ind. ... | 494 |
| *Mr. H. G. L. Perera (Elephant)—Ind. ... | 210 |
| Spoilt | 467 |
| Majority | 3,917 |
| Total Polled | 28,427 |
| Percentage Polled | 49.1 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. SOMAWIRA CHANDRASIRI is a journalist who has been editing some of the Sinhalese newspapers of his Party. A few weeks before the Moratuwa election he was charged with contempt of the Magistrate's Court and sentenced to a term of imprisonment and was discharged on the completion of his term 3 days before the date of the Moratuwa election, at which he was successful.

NEGOMBO

Total No. of voters : 55,642

Election : September 15, 194

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. H. de Z. Siriwardena (Butterfly)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 10,174 |
| Mr. Santiago Fernando (Elephant)— | | | |
| L.S.S.P. | ... | ... | 9,218 |
| Mr. A. L. J. Croos Raj Chandra (Star)—Ind. | | | 6,169 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 390 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 956 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 25,951 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 46.6 |



MR. H. DE Z. SIRIWARDENA is a Proctor by profession who has been in Negombo politics for many years. In 1934 he was elected a Member of the Negombo Urban Council and became its Vice-Chairman in 1939. Earlier he was a Member of the Dunagaha Pattu Village Committee.

Mr. Siriwardena was a Member of the last State Council having been returned to it in 1942 at the Negombo by-election. In the present Parliament he has received the appointment of Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries.

PANADURA

Total No. of voters : 53,517

Election : September 16, 1947

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. M. Henry Peiris (Lamp)—B.L.P. | ... | 16,435 |
| Mr. D. Susanta de Fonseka (Umbrella) | — | |
| U.N.P. | ... | 13,889 |
| Mr. D. C. W. Kannangara (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 6,729 |
| *Mr. R. E. Weeramana (Butterfly)—Lab. | ... | 406 |
| Spoilt | ... | 433 |
| Majority | ... | 2,546 |
| Total Polled | ... | 37,892 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 70.8 |

*Forfeited deposit

MR. HENRY PEIRIS is an old boy of St. Aloysius College, Galle, and is a founder member of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, being at present the Editor of its organ, "The Samasamajaya". On the arrest of the Sama Samajist leaders and the banning of the Party during the last War, Mr. Peiris went "underground" and continued to publish the party paper.

He is now also the Editor of the weekly "Jathiyanthara Samasamajaya."



SOUTHERN PROVINCE

GALLE

Total No. of voters : 48,265

Election : September 6, 1947

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Mr. W. DAHANAYAKE (Star)—B.L.P. | ... | 16,588 |
| Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya (Elephant)—U.N.P. | ... | 14,092 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 214 |
| Majority | ... .. | 2,496 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 30,894 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 64.0 |



MR. W. DAHANAYAKE, the Member for Bibile in the last State Council, received his education at Richmond College, Galle, and at St. Thomas' College. He passed out as a Trained Teacher and joined the staff of St. Aloysius' College, Galle, but abandoned teaching for politics. He has been a member of the Galle Municipal Council since 1939 and was the first elected Mayor of Galle under the Reformed Municipal Constitution of 1939, retaining the Mayoralty for three successive years.

During the last War he was detained under the Defence Regulations but released after a period.

Mr. Dahanayake entered the State Council in 1944 as a result of a by-election at Bibile.

AKURESSA

Total No. of voters : 45,994

Election : September 15, 1947

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. W. P. A. Wickremasinghe (Elephant)— | | | |
| C.P. | ... | ... | 13,458 |
| Mr. David Wanigasekera (Cart Wheel)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 6,132 |
| *Mr. H. David Karunaratne (Hand)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,453 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 546 |
| | | | 7,326 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 7,326 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 21,589 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 46.9 |
| *Forfeited deposit | | | |



MR. W. P. A. WICKREMASINGHE is a Proctor of Matara and a brother of Dr. S. A. Wickremasinghe, the Communist Party President, who was disqualified from contesting a seat in Parliament.

Having contested on an Independent ticket, Mr. Wickremasinghe joined the Communist Party after his election to Parliament.

AMBALANGODA BALAPITIYA

(Two Members)

Total No. of voters : 104,843 (2 votes each) Election : Aug. 30, 1947

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----|---------|
| { Mr. P. H. William de Silva (Umbrella)— | | | |
| B.L.P. ... | ... | ... | 37,650 |
| { Mr. G. Arthur de Zoysa (Eye)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 26,764 |
| Mr. P. de S. Kularatne (House)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 17,520 |
| * Mr. P. A. Premadasa (Spoon)—Ind. | ... | ... | 9,086 |
| * Mr. Stanley de Zoysa (Scales)—Ind. | ... | ... | 3,927 |
| * Mrs. Srimathie Abeygoonewardene (Cart | | | |
| Wheel)—C.P. ... | ... | ... | 3,105 |
| * Mr. K. T. E. de Silva (Flower)—Ind. | ... | ... | 2,000 |
| * Mr. D. J. Prémattilleke (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,002 |
| Spoilt ... | ... | ... | 2,724 |
| | Majority of 1st over 2nd | | 10,886 |
| | Majority of 2nd over 3rd | | 9,244 |
| | Total Polled | ... | 103,778 |
| | Percentage Polled | ... | 49.5 |
| * Forfeited deposits | | | |



MR. P. H. WILLIAM DE SILVA after his school career at Richmond College left for England to study law and became an active member of the Marxist movement in England taking a leading part in the work of the British Trotskyist Party, and the Workers' International League. In 1937, he was elected President of the Ceylon Students' Association in England, and returned to Ceylon in 1940 after being called to the Bar. Returning to Ceylon he continued his Marxist activities, and a warrant was issued in 1943 for his arrest under the Defence Regulations for the part he played in strikes during the War. He went "underground" and evaded arrest for some time but was roped in in September 1943 and detained at the Badulla Prison till June 1945. Since his release he has been active again in the Bolshevik-Leninist section of the L.S.S.P.

MR. G. ARTHUR DE ZOYSA started life as a teacher. He received his education at Royal College, and then taught at St. Thomas' College, Trinity, and Ananda. Later he proceeded to England and joined the London School of Economics and Political Science. Returning to Ceylon he became Export Manager of Messrs. G. Robert de Zoysa & Co.

Mr. de Zoysa was elected to the first State Council as Member for Balapitiya in succession to his brother at the by-election in 1935. He was, however, defeated at the 1936 General Election for the same seat.



BADDEGAMA

| | | | |
|---|--------|------------|--------------------|
| Total No. of voters : | 38,457 | Election : | September 13, 1947 |
| Mr. Simon Abeywickrama (Star)—U.N.P. ... | 11,899 | | |
| Mr. Fred Gunatileke (Key)—C.P. ... | 5,056 | | |
| Mr. Mervyn C. B. de Silva (Hand)—Ind. ... | 3,431 | | |
| *Mr. Vincent Abeywickrama (Elephant)— | | | |
| Ind. ... | 784 | | |
| Spoilt ... | 284 | | |
| Majority ... | 6,843 | | |
| Total Polled ... | 21,454 | | |
| Percentage Polled ... | 55.8 | | |

*Forfeited deposit

BY-ELECTION

(July 1948)

| | |
|---|--------|
| Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya (Elephant)—U.N.P. | 11,414 |
| Mr. Henry Abeywickrama (Umbrella)—Ind. S. ... | 4,769 |
| Mr. F. Gunatileke (Key)—C.P. ... | 4,574 |
| *Mr. Vincent Abeywickrama (Star)—Ind. ... | 798 |
| Spoilt ... | 336 |
| Majority ... | 6,645 |



MR. SIMON ABEYWICKRAMA was elected to the last State Council as Member for Udugama at the 1940 by-election. He is a member of the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia Urban Council and was its Chairman from 1943—46. He is at present Chairman of the Southern Province Planters' Association, and Chairman of the Baddegama Village Committee. In the Senanayake Government he has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Works.

Mr. Abeywickrama died suddenly on May 3, 1948.

Note—Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya is a landed proprietor and is the Chairman of the Low-Country Products' Association and a Vice-Chairman of the Ceylon Planters' Association. He was also President of the Ceylon National Congress and a member of the Congress Delegation to England in 1938 on Constitutional Reforms. Last year Mr. Amarasuriya was Ceylon's chief delegate to the Manila Conference. At the last General Elections at Galle, Mr. Amarasuriya was defeated by Mr. W. Dahanayake. He represented Udugama in 1931.

†Forfeited his deposit.

BELIATTA

Total No. of voters : 41,587

Election : September 9, 1947

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mr. D. A. Rajapaksa (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 14,007 |
| Mr. D. P. Atapattu (Chair)—U.N.P. | ... | 5,985 |
| Mr. A. H. E. Fernando (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 4,885 |
| *Mr. P. James de Silva (Star)—Ind. | ... | 362 |
| *Mr. P. D. S. Wickramasinghe (Key)— | | |
| Ind. | ... .. | 270 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 433 |
| Majority | ... .. | 8,022 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 25,942 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 62.4 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. D. A. RAJAPAKSA was Member for Hambantota in the last State Council having been returned uncontested at the by-election in 1945 in succession to his brother who died suddenly.

A farmer and land owner, Mr. Rajapaksa was educated at Richmond College where he captained the cricket and football teams.

DENIYAYA

Total No. of voters : 29,542

Election : August 27, 1947

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. V. G. W. Ratnayake (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 4,510 |
| Mr. D. W. S. Ratnayake (Cup)—Ind. | ... | 3,793 |
| Mr. Roy Rajapakse (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 2,938 |
| Mr. D. C. Hettige (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 2,282 |
| *Mr. G. E. Abeynaike (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 667 |
| Spoilt | ... | 504 |
| Majority | ... | 717 |
| Total Polled | ... | 14,694 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 49.7 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. V.G.W. RATNAYAKE is a proprietary planter of Deniyaya and is at present the Chairman of the Morawak Korale Planters' Association. His family has been connected with the electoral area he now represents in Parliament, his father also having

been a planter in the same district for many decades.

HAKMANA

Total No. of voters : 44,414

Election : September 11, 1947

| | | |
|--|-----|--------|
| Mr. Premalal Kumarasiri (Hand)—C.P. | ... | 9,958 |
| Mr. C. A. Dharmapala (Elephant)—U.N.P. | ... | 6,152 |
| Mr. P. A. Wickremasuriya (Star)—Ind. | ... | 5,056 |
| *Mr. A. F. Wijemanne (Chair)—U.N.P. | ... | 2,365 |
| *Mr. C. J. Ranatunga (Cup)—U.N.P. | ... | 816 |
| *Mr. P. L. D. W. Silva (Key)—Ind. | ... | 404 |
| Spoilt | ... | 476 |
| Majority | ... | 3,866 |
| Total Polled | ... | 25,227 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 56.8 |

*Forfeited deposits

MR. PREMALAR KUMARASIRI is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and one of its popular speakers and writers in Sinhalese. He entered the political fray for the first time when he contested a seat in the Colombo Municipal Council in 1946 against the then Mayor of Colombo (Mr. R. A. de Mel), and lost.

Early in 1947, Mr. Kumarasiri went to England as a delegate of the Communist Party of Ceylon to the Conference of Communist Parties of countries in the British Empire.



HAMBANTOTA

Total No. of voters : 31,841

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. Lakshman Rajapakse (Star)—Ind. | ... | ... | 8,740 |
| Mr. C. F. H. Edirisuriya (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 8,340 |
| *Mr. G. K. W. Perera (Cart Wheel)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,301 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 295 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 400 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 18,676 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 58.7 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. LAKSHMAN RAJAPAKSE is the son of the late Mr. D. M. Rajapakse, former Member for Hambantota in the second State Council. The youngest among the present Members of Parliament, Mr. Rajapakse left school only a few years ago and contested the seat which his father had represented for 9 years in the last State Council.

Like Mr. W. P. A. Wickremasinghe, Mr. Rajapakse also joined the Communist Party after his return to Parliament.

MATARA

Total No. of voters : 39,930

Election : August 23, 1947

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. Harry D. Abeygoonewardena (Pineapple) | | | |
| —C.P. | ... | ... | 11,970 |
| Mr. Wilfred Gunasekera (Umbrella)—Ind. | | | 5,279 |
| Mr. George Weeratunga (Scales)—Ind. | ... | | 2,661 |
| *Mr. K. K. D. Silva (Cart Wheel)—Ind. | ... | | 442 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 535 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 6,691 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 20,887 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 52.3 |
| *Forfeited deposit | | | |

MR. HARRY D. ABEYGOONEWARDENA, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, has been a teacher for some years and taught at Ananda Sastralaya, Kotte, and at Rahula and Rohana Vidyalayas, Matara. As an active worker of the Communist Party he has been responsible for the formation of Students' Unions, Trade Unions, and Peasants' Unions.



UDUGAMA

Total No. of voters : 35,795

Election : September 18, 1947

| | | |
|--|-----|--------|
| Mr. D. S. Goonesekera (Star)—U.N.P. | ... | 8,957 |
| Mr. W. Neal de Alwis (Clock)—Ind. | ... | 3,493 |
| Mr. D. E. Hettiarachchi (Key)—U.N.P. | ... | 3,148 |
| *Mr. P. L. N. Raddalgoda (Tree)—Ind. | ... | 2,003 |
| *Mr. B. Kulasinghe (Eye)—Ind. | ... | 783 |
| *Mr. G. E. Bertram de Silva (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 719 |
| *Mr. H. G. Hendrick de Silva (Flower)—Ind. | ... | 423 |
| Spoilt | ... | 354 |
| Majority | ... | 5,464 |
| Total Polled | ... | 19,880 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 55.5 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. D. S. GOONESEKERA, a former Mayor of Galle, is a licensed surveyor and landed proprietor. Educated at Mahinda College, Galle, he was elected a member of the Galle Municipal Council in 1939 and in 1944 was elected Mayor. He is still a Municipal Councillor, and in addition has since 1927 been Chairman of the Kodagoda Village Committee.

WELIGAMA

Total No. of voters : 50,622

Election : August 25, 1947

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|---|-----|-----|--------|
| Major Montague Jayewickreme (Umbrella)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 11,255 |
| Mr. Edward Senaratne (Star)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 7,468 |
| Mr. A. B. Sencviratne (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | ... | 5,212 |
| *Mr E. Y. D. Abeygoonewardene (Key)— | | | |
| Ind. | ... | ... | 1,422 |
| *Mr. D. L. Senaratne (Hand)—Ind. | ... | ... | 413 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 433 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 3,787 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 26,203 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 51.7 |

*Forfeited deposits



MAJOR MONTAGUE JAYEWICKREME began his political career at the early age of twenty-three when he was elected Chairman of the Weligama Urban Council. He continued as Chairman for 6 years when he was called up for Military Service during the War. He is a Major in the C.L.I.

Major Jayewickreme is a proprietary planter, and a Director and Manager of the India General Construction Corporation Ltd.

CENTRAL PROVINCE

KANDY

| | | | |
|---|--------|------------|-----------------|
| Total No. of voters : | 32,160 | Election : | August 23, 1947 |
| Mr. Geo. E. de Silva (Elephant)—U.N.P. | ... | 7,942 | |
| Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 7,737 | |
| Mr. A. Godamunc (Flower)—Ind. | ... | 2,350 | |
| *Mr. D. B. Wadugodapitiya (Cart Wheel)— | | | |
| Ind. | ... | 172 | |
| Spoilt | ... | 332 | |
| Majority | ... | 205 | |
| Total polled | ... | 18,533 | |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 57.6 | |

*Forfeited deposit

Note:—Mr. de Silva was unseated in February 1948, on the findings of an Election Judge against him.

BY-ELECTION

The results of the by-election held on May 18, 1948, was as follows:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 10,365 |
| Mr. Fred de Silva (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 6,508 |
| *Mr. D. B. Wadugodapitiya (Cup)—Ind. | ... | 153 |
| Spoilt | ... | 240 |
| Majority | ... | 3,857 |



MR. GEO. E. DE SILVA, who was the second M.P. to be elected, was Minister of Health in the last State Council. Elected in 1931 to the State Council he has represented Kandy since that time in the first and second State Councils. In his home town's politics he has been an old stager, having been a member of the Kandy Municipal Council for nearly quarter of a century. A leading Kandy Proctor for many years, Mr. de Silva was in politics once a Labour man, and then changed over to the Ceylon National Congress becoming its President also. He is now a member of the U.N.P.

In 1942 he was elected Minister of Health in succession to the late Mr. W. A. de Silva, and has been made Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, in Mr. Senanayake's Cabinet.

Note:—Mr. Ilangaratne was the President of the General Clerical Service Union who resigned from service after the June 1947 strike of Public Servants to contest the Kandy seat. He was attached to the Kandy Kachcheri for many years.

DAMBULLA

Total No. of voters : 26,398

Election : September 17, 1947

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mr. H. B. Tenne (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 6,846 |
| Mr. Edward de Silva (Star)—Ind. | ... | 3,909 |
| *Mr. A. G. G. Perera (Key)—Ind. | ... | 861 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 278 |
| Majority | ... .. | 2,937 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 11,894 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 45.0 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. H. B. TENNE started life after his schooling at Trinity College, as a clerk in the Matale Kachcheri in 1916. In 1925 he was appointed President, Village Tribunal, Matale South, and became Ratmahatmaya of Matale North in 1936. In 1940 he rose to be Land Officer of the Matale District and later retired from Government Service. He is a Justice of the Peace.

GALAHA

Total No. of voters : 37,866

Election : September 13, 1947

| | | |
|--|-----|--------|
| Mr. T. B. Panabokke (Scales)—U.N.P. | ... | 7,638 |
| Mr. M. P. M. Jayasena (Star)—Ind. | ... | 5,289 |
| Mr. G. R. Rajapreyar (Cart Wheel)—Ind. | ... | 5,143 |
| Mr. C. A. S. Marikar (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 4,399 |
| *Mr. W. A. B. Soysa (Elephant)—U.N.P. | ... | 3,169 |
| *Mr. B. H. Dunuwille (House)—Lab. | ... | 1,345 |
| Spoilt | ... | 718 |
| Majority | ... | 2,349 |
| Total Polled | ... | 27,701 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 73.2 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. T. B. PANABOKKE was educated at Royal College and started practice as a Proctor in 1936 in partnership with his father, Sir Tikiri Banda Panabokke. He has been a member of the Gampola Urban Council for the last 5 years and has officiated both as Vice-Chairman, and Chairman, at various times during this period. He has also been Chairman of the Gampola Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd. for a term of 3 years.

GAMPOLA

| | | | |
|---|--------|------------|--------------------|
| Total No. of voters : | 36,350 | Election : | September 18, 1947 |
| *Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena (Hand)—U.N.P. | 10,434 | | |
| Mr. R. S. Pelpola (Umbrella)—Ind. | 10,047 | | |
| Spoilt | 527 | | |
| Majority | 387 | | |
| Total Polled | 21,008 | | |
| Percentage Polled | 57.8 | | |

*Mr. Gunawardena was unseated in February 1948 on the findings of an Election Judge against him.

BY-ELECTION—(May 28, 1948)

| | |
|--|-------|
| Mr. R. S. Pelpola (House)—Ind. | 7,912 |
| Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena (Elephant)—U.N.P. | 7,137 |
| Mr. A. Jayasinha (Key)—Ind. | 2,592 |
| †Mr. E. Gunasekara (Flower)—L.S.S.P. | 1,080 |
| †Mr. E. S. Ratnaweera (Eye)—C.P. | 396 |
| Spoilt | 467 |
| Majority | 775 |

Note:—Mr. R. S. Pelpola is a member of the Gampola U.C. and J.P. for Kandy. He was educated at Trinity College, Kandy.

MR. R. S. S. GUNAWARDENA, Minister without Portfolio in the Senanayake Government, and the U.N.P. whip in Parliament, was educated at St. Thomas' College, and after graduating became Principal of Sri Sumangala College, Panadura. In 1926 he passed out as an Advocate and commenced his practice at the Bar.

After serving his political apprenticeship in the Ceylon National Congress, being its Secretary for 9 years, Mr. Gunawardena unsuccessfully contested the Gampola seat in the State Council in 1931, and also came forward for the Ruwanwella by-election the same year, without success. In 1936, however, he was returned as Member for Gampola in the last Council. As a State Councillor he acted for a period as Minister of Local Administration during the absence in Australia of Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike.



†Forfeited their deposits.

KADUGANNAWA

(Two Members)

Total No. of voters : 63,285 (2 votes each) Election : Sept. 8, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Major E. A. Nugawela (Scales)—U.N.P. | ... | 26,147 |
| Mr. H. R. U. Premachandra (Key)—Ind. | ... | 16,854 |
| Mr. S. A. Rajapakse (Spoon)—C.P. | ... | 11,268 |
| *Mr. Vernon H. Gunasekera (House)— L.S.S.P. | ... .. | 7,682 |
| *Mr. J. N. Jincndradasa (Lamp)—U.N.P. | ... | 7,497 |
| *Mr. H. B. Nikatenne (Star)—Lab. | ... | 5,170 |
| *Mr. P. B. Ranarajah (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 2,094 |
| *Mr. M. B. W. Sri Walgampaya (Chair)— Ind. | ... .. | 1,827 |
| *Mr. T. B. Tennekoon (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 1,674 |
| *Mr. A. P. Mirando (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 748 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 3,865 |
| Majority of 1st over 2nd | | 9,293 |
| Majority of 2nd over 3rd | | 5,586 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 84,826 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 67.0 |

*Forfeited deposits



MAJOR E. A. NUGAWELA, who is Minister of Education in the present cabinet, is an Advocate, and received his early education at Royal and Trinity. He was elected Member for Galagedera in the last State Council and acted as Minister of Health for a short period in 1945.

Major Nugawela was mobilised for service in the last War and rose to be a Major in the C.L.I.

It is worth recording that it was a motion of Major Nugawela's in the State Council in 1936 that led to the appointment of the Special Committee on Education, although his proposal in reality was for the appointment of a Commission under the Chairmanship of an educational expert from abroad.



MR. H. R. U. PREMACHANDRA is a senior Proctor of the Kandy Bar and received his education at Dharmaraja College, Kandy, and Nalanda Vidyalaya, Colombo. He was elected to the Kandy Municipal Council in 1938 and remained a member of that Council for 8 years.

KOTAGALA

Total No. of voters : 17,379

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. K. Kumaravelu (Elephant)—C.I.C. | ... | 6,722 |
| Mr. U. Jayasundera (Cart Wheel)—Ind. | ... | 3,179 |
| *Mr. T. Edwards (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 1,175 |
| *Mr. E. Wanigasckera (Key)—U.N.P. | ... | 782 |
| *Mr. S. Chelliah (Star)—B.L.P. | ... | 251 |
| Spoilt | ... | 455 |
| Majority | ... | 3,543 |
| Total Polled | ... | 12,564 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 72.3 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. K. KUMARAVELU is a young man who is a newcomer to politics of the Ceylon Indian Congress. He has pledged himself to work for the interests of Indian labour in the years ahead.

MASKELIYA

Total No. of voters : 24,425

Election : September 17, 1947

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. G. R. Motha (Spectacles)—C.I.C. | ... | 9,086 |
| Mr. B. D. W. Gunapala (House)—Ind. | ... | 3,949 |
| *Mr. K. Natesa Iyer (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 918 |
| *Mr. T. M. Solomons (Hand)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 598 |
| Spoilt | ... | 569 |
| Majority | ... | 5,137 |
| Total Polled | ... | 15,120 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 61.9 |

*Forfeited deposits

Mr. G. R. MOTHAS is a Proctor who is an old hand in the field of Indian labour politics. He has been a member of the Board of Indian Immigrant Labour since 1932, Secretary of the Ceylon Indian Association for 10 years, and Secretary of the Ceylon Indian Congress for a few years.

In 1945 Mr. Motha went to the United Kingdom in connection with the Soulbury Scheme of Reforms for Ceylon, and also attended the British Trade Union Congress as an international visitor.



MATALE

Total No. of voters : 37,550

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. V. T. Nanayakkara (Eye)—Ind. | ... | 11,530 |
| Mr. B. H. Aluwihare (Star)—Ind. | ... | 9,525 |
| *Mr. T. B. Wegodapola (Lamp)—Ind. | ... | 2,373 |
| Spoilt | ... | 285 |
| Majority | ... | 2,005 |
| Total Polled | ... | 23,713 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 63.1 |
| *Forfeited deposit | | |



MR. V. T. NANAYAKKARA, the Principal of Vijaya College, Matale, had his education at Richmond College, from where he entered the Ceylon University College and graduated in 1927. He became an Advocate in 1931 but joined the teaching profession becoming Principal of Vijaya College. The college has progressed rapidly under his administration.

MATURATA

Total No. of voters : 28,518

Election : September 13, 1947

| | | |
|--|-----|--------|
| Mr. M. D. Banda (Star)—U.N.P. | ... | 12,438 |
| Mr. S. Somasunderam (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 3,572 |
| *Mr. I. C. S. Goonetilleke (Eye)—Ind. | ... | 798 |
| *Mr. E. W. A. de Silva (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 422 |
| *Mr. E. Goonewardena (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 404 |
| *Mr. I. B. Mani (Key)—Ind. | ... | 229 |
| Spoilt | ... | 580 |
| Majority | ... | 8,886 |
| Total Polled | ... | 18,443 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 64.7 |

*Forfeited deposit

MR. M. D. BANDA was once a popular Divisional Revenue Officer but resigned very early in his career and contested the Nuwara Eliya seat in the last State Council after the resignation of the late Mr. E. W. Abeygoonesekera in 1943 following the findings of the Bribery Commission. He was returned on that occasion but was unseated on an election petition against him. Mr. Banda would normally have been disqualified from contesting a seat in Parliament this time owing to the findings of the Election Judge but a pardon given him under the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council has removed the bar to his entry into the legislature.



In May 1948 Mr. Banda was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Social Services in succession to Mr. A. E. Goonesinha.

MINIPE

Total No. of voters : 28,295

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| H. B. Rambukwelle Dissawe (Elephant) | | | |
| —Ind. | ... | ... | 12,290 |
| Mr. S. P. Situnayake (Hand)—Ind. | ... | ... | 3,650 |
| *Mr. K. B. Mediwake (Star)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,437 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 477 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Majority | ... | ... | 8,640 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 17,854 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 63.1 |
| *Forfeited deposit | | | |



RAMBUKWELLE DISSAWE received his education at St. Thomas' College, and at Trinity, and joined the Kandy Kachcheri under the Herbert Wace Scheme for training as a Ratemahatmaya. He finally retired as R.M., Uda Dumbara.

The restoration of the Minipe Ela is largely due to the Dissawe. He started this work on his own and devoted much time and energy to it till the Government took it over.

NAWALAPITIYA

Total No. of voters : 22,584

Election : September 15, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|----|
| Mr. K. Rajalingam (Cart Wheel)—C.I.C. | 7,933 | |
| Mr. R. E. Jayatilaka (Umbrella)—Lab. ... | 6,491 | 43 |
| *Mr. A. H. de Silva (Elephant)—Ind. ... | 787 | |
| *Mr. S. N. Ponniah (Hand)—Ind. ... | 336 | |
| Spoilt | 450 | |
| Majority | 1,442 | |
| Total Polled | 15,997 | |
| Percentage Polled | 70.9 | |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. K. RAJALINGAM is an old boy of St. Anthony's College, Kandy, who founded the Saraswathic Vidyalaya, Pussellawa. He has for a considerable period interested himself with Indian labour problems, and has been Secretary of the Ceylon Indian Congress, and General Secretary of the Ceylon Indian Congress Labour Union.

NUWARA ELIYA

Total No. of voters : 24,368

Election : September 16, 1947

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. V. E. K. R. S. Thondaman (Star)— | | | |
| C.I.C. ... | ... | ... | 9,386 |
| Mr. James T. Rutnam (Hand)—Ind. | ... | ... | 3,251 |
| *Mr. Lorenz Perera (Elephant)—B.L.P. | ... | ... | 1,124 |
| Spoilt ... | ... | ... | 313 |
| Majority ... | ... | ... | 6,135 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 14,074 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 57.7 |

*Forfeited deposit

man 5.262
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of Knavesmire Estate.

MR. V. E. K. R. S. THONDAMAN is the President of the Ceylon Indian Congress. In recent years he has been in the forefront of this organisation. A wealthy land owner in his constituency, he has spent much in the pursuance of his political ideals, especially in connection with the hartals that followed the Government purchase

TALAWAKELLE

Total No. of voters : 19,298

Election : September 9, 1947

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mr. C. V. Velupillay (Hand)—C.I.C. | ... | 10,645 |
| *Mr. P. M. Veluchamy (Star)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 935 |
| *Mr. H. V. Ram Iswera (Bicycle)—Ind. | ... | 801 |
| *Mr. T. Sandanam (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 684 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 469 |
| Majority | ... .. | 9,710 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 13,534 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 70.1 |
| *Forfeited deposits | | |



MR. C. V. VELUPILLAY was at one time a teacher on an estate school. He was later employed by the Ceylon Indian Congress. In his work on estates he has been identifying himself with the interests of Indian labour.

WATTEGAMA

Total No. of voters : 32,008

Election : August 25, 1947

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mr. A. Ratnayake (Elephant)—U.N.P. | ... | 14,788 |
| Mr. B. P. P. Perera (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 3,477 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 519 |
| Majority | ... .. | 11,311 |
| Total Polled | ... | 18,784 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 85.7 |



MR. A. RATNAYAKE, the Minister of Food and Co-operative Undertakings, is a graduate of the London University, and an Advocate by profession. For some years he worked as Principal of the Mahabodhi College, and Dharmarama College, Mt. Lavinia, and entered the State Council in 1931 as Member for Dumbara. In 1936 he was returned for the same seat and during the life time of this Council acted as Minister of Education for a brief period in 1943 when he inaugurated the All-Ceylon Literacy Drive and Adult Education Campaign.

Mr. Ratnayake will be remembered as the one who was responsible for the resolution that led the way to the introduction of the proposal by the Special Committee on Education for imparting free education from the Kindergarten to the University.

NORTHERN PROVINCE

JAFFNA

Total No. of voters : 42,549

Election : September 4, 1947

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam (Bicycle)—T.C. | ... | ... | 14,324 |
| Mr. A. Mahadeva (Elephant)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 5,224 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 133 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 9,100 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 19,681 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 46.2 |

MR. G. G. PONNAMBALAM is a leading Advocate and President of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress, of which he was both architect and builder, and which was formed to demand communal representation on a fifty : fifty basis for minorities.

An old boy of St. Joseph's College he won the English University Scholarship and entered Cambridge University where he took the Natural Science Tripos. After being called to the Bar he returned to Ceylon and started practice in Colombo.

Mr. Ponnambalam contested the Mannar-Mullaitivu seat in the State Council at the 1931 General Election but was beaten. After the lifting of the Jaffna boycott of the State Council in 1934, he again contested and was returned for Point Pedro, which seat he retained at the 1936 Election also. One of the ablest debaters of the last State Council, Mr. Ponnambalam acted for a brief period as Minister of Communications and Works.

In August 1948 he was appointed Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries.



CHAVAKACHCHERI

Total No. of voters : 28,377

Election : August 26, 1947

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. V. Kumaraswamy (Scales)—T.C. | ... | 11,813 |
| Mr. C. R. Thambiah (House)—U.N.P. | ... | 2,002 |
| Spoilt | ... | 186 |
| Majority | ... | 9,811 |
| Total Polled | ... | 14,001 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 49.3 |



Mr. V. KUMARASWAMY is a "final year" law student and is another of the younger Members of Parliament. He is a graduate of the London University and served for a short period during the War as an Assistant Food Controller at Vavuniya. Joining Law College as an Advocate student he was elected President of the Law Students' Union.

KANKESANTURAI

Total No. of voters : 38,875

Election : September 16, 1947

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam, K. C. (Key)— | | | |
| T.C. | ... | ... | 12,126 |
| Mr. P. Nagalingam (Hand)—L.S.S.P. | ... | ... | 5,164 |
| Mr. S. Natesan (Scales)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 4,605 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 534 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 6,962 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 22,420 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 57.7 |

MR. S. J. V. CHELVANAYAKAM is another leading Colombo Advocate. After his school education at St. John's College, Jaffna, and St. Thomas', he passed his B.Sc.(London) examination and entered on his professional studies after teaching for some time at St. John's College. As an Advocate Mr. Chelvanayakam has enjoyed a good practice on the civil side. He was made a K.C. in 1947.

Mr. Chelvanayakam came into politics recently with the formation of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress of which he is one of the promoters and leaders.



KAYTS

Total No. of voters : 33,045

Election : August 23, 1947

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. A. L. Thambiyah (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 5,552 |
| Mr. A. V. Kulasingham (Hand)—T.C. | ... | 5,230 |
| Mr. K. Ambalavanar (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 3,701 |
| Sir Waitilingam Duraiswamy (Bicycle)— | | |
| Ind. | ... | 2,438 |
| *Mr. J. C. Amarasingham (Lamp)—Ind. | ... | 981 |
| Spoilt | ... | 502 |
| Majority | ... | 322 |
| Total Polled | ... | 18,404 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 55.7 |

*Forfeited deposit



Tamil Congress candidate.

MR. A. L. THAMBIAYAH is a Colombo business man and company director. In winning the Kayts seat Mr. Thambiyah beat among others, the Speaker of the last State Council, and also a former Crown Advocate of Jaffna, who was the

KOPAI

Total No. of voters : 33,001

Election : September 1, 1947

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mr. C. Vanniasingam (Elephant)—T.C. | ... | 9,619 |
| Mr. S. Rajaratnam (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 5,266 |
| *Mr. C. Ragunathan (Cart Wheel)—Ind. | ... | 1,447 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 276 |
| Majority | ... .. | 4,353 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 16,608 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 50.3 |

*Forfeited deposit

MR. C. VANNIASINGAM is an Advocate by profession. He was nominated as the Tamil Congress candidate for Kopai only a few days before Nomination Day and took the place of Mr. P. G. Thambyappah, the original nominee for the seat, who collapsed and passed away while electioneering.



Mr. Vanniasingam is a Graduate of the London University.

MANNAR

Total No. of voters : 14,588

Election : September 13, 1947

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mr. C. Sittampalam (Key)—Ind. | ... | 5,877 |
| Mr. J. Tyagaraja (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | ... | 3,381 |
| *Mr. S. Vrasapillai (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 542 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 71 |
| Majority | ... .. | 2,496 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 9,871 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 67.7 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. C. SITTAMPALAM is a retired Civil Servant. A graduate of Cambridge, a Barrister-at-law of the Middle Temple, he was appointed to the Civil Service in 1923. After serving in various judicial and revenue capacities during which time he officiated as Assistant Government Agent, District Judge, and Magistrate of his present constituency, he resigned from Government, and began practice as an Advocate.

Mr. Sittampalam is Minister for Posts and Telecommunication in the present Cabinet.

After the unseating of Mr. Geo. E. de Silva, Mr. Sittampalam was appointed Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, in addition to his duties as Minister for Posts and Telecommunication.

POINT PEDRO

Total No. of voters : 41,682

Election : August 28, 1947

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| Mr. T. Ramalinkam (Scales)—T.C. | ... | 10,396 |
| Mr. S. Tharmakulasingham (Eye)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 6,108 |
| Mr. V. Suppiah (Spoon)—Ind. | ... | 3,897 |
| Mr. P. Kandiah (Hand)—C.P. | ... | 3,492 |
| Spoilt | ... | 446 |
| Majority | ... | 4,288 |
| Total Polled | ... | 24,339 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 58.4 |



MR. T. RAMALINKAM is an Advocate of Point Pedro. A few years ago he accepted a post on the Bench but after serving as a Magistrate for a short time he resigned and returned to the Bar.

VADDUKKODDAI

Total No. of voters : 37,352

Election : September 18, 1947

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. K. Kanagaratnam (Elephant)—T.C. | ... | ... | 11,721 |
| *Mr. V. Veerasingam (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | ... | 2,234 |
| *Mr. S. H. Perimbanayagam (Omnibus)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,716 |
| *Mr. V. Paramanayagam (Hand)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,540 |
| *Mr. K. Chanmugam (Scales)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,100 |
| *Mr. P. Ragupathy (Lamp)—Ind. | ... | ... | 827 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 274 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 9,487 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 19,412 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 52.0 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. K. KANAGARATNAM is the retired Deputy Auditor-General. After a period of service in the General Clerical Service which he joined in 1911, he was appointed in 1925 as Chief Audit Examiner. Twenty years later he had risen to be Deputy Auditor-General, and was acting for the permanent Auditor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke.

Mr. Kanagaratnam sent in his papers and retired after the appointment of Mr. E. Allen Smith as Auditor-General in succession to Sir Oliver, who was appointed Financial Secretary.

He was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education in August 1948.

VAVUNIYA

Total No. of voters : 11,099

Election : September 8, 1947

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|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mr. C. Suntharalingam (Tree)—Ind. | ... | 4,026 |
| Mr. T. M. Sabaratnam (Spoon)—T.C. | ... | 2,018 |
| Spoilt | | 132 |
| Majority | ... .. | 2,008 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 6,176 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 55.6 |

MR. C. SUNTHARALINGAM, the Minister for Commerce and Trade, has had a varied career.

After his early education at St. Joseph's College, and St. John's, Jaffna, Mr. Suntharalingam left for England where after his B.Sc. (Maths.) Honours at the University College, London, he won a scholarship to Oxford. While at Balliol College, Oxford, he represented his University against Cambridge at Chess.

In 1919 he was selected for the I.C.S., but returning to Ceylon joined the C.C.S. from which he resigned after 1½ years' work. In 1922 he became Professor of Mathematics at the Ceylon University College, and retired in 1940, from which time he has been practising as an Advocate having been called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1920.

In 1943 and '44 Mr. Suntharalingam unsuccessfully contested two by-elections for the Mannar-Mullaitivu seat in the State Council.



EASTERN PROVINCE

BATTICALOA

Total No. of voters : 27,489

Election : September 1, 1947

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. A. Sinnalebbe (Tree)—U.N.P. | ... | 4,740 |
| Mr. K. V. M. Subramaniam (Key)—Ind. | ... | 3,395 |
| Mr. R. B. Kadramer (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 2,313 |
| Mr. N. S. Rasiah (Cup)—Ind. | ... | 2,236 |
| *Mr. E. Rasiah (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 714 |
| Spoilt | ... | 324 |
| Majority | ... | 1,345 |
| Total Polled | ... | 13,722 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 49.9 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. A. SINNALEBBE is the retired Vanniah Mudaliyar of Pottuvil. After his education at St. Michael's College, Batticaloa, he went through agricultural training at Peradeniya, and set himself up in business. Later he entered Government Service, and after serving for a period as Udayar rose to be Vanniah Mudaliyar.

KALKUDAH

Total No. of voters : 22,167

Election : September 17, 1947

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| Mr. V. Nalliah (Hand)—Ind. ... | ... | 5,559 |
| Mr. K. W. Dewanayagam (Bird)—Ind. ... | ... | 3,176 |
| Mr. A. Meeralebbe (House)—Ind. ... | ... | 2,411 |
| *Mr. M. A. C. M. Saleh (Key)—U.N.P. ... | ... | 935 |
| Spoilt ... | ... | 220 |
| Majority ... | ... | 2,383 |
| Total Polled ... | ... | 12,301 |
| Percentage Polled ... | ... | 55.5 |
| *Forfeited deposit | | |



MR. V. NALLIAH was a Member of the last State Council having been elected at the 1943 by-election to the Trincomalee-Batticaloa seat.

A trained graduate, he was earlier a teacher at the Ramakrishna Mission School at Batticaloa, and at a later period Principal of the Government Men's Training School in the Batticaloa district. He has also been a member of the Batticaloa Urban Council for some years.

Mr. Nalliah is at present the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health and Local Government.

KALMUNAI

Total No. of voters : 22,935

Election : September 15, 1947

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|--------|
| Gate Mudaliyar M. S. Kariapper (Key)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 6,886 |
| Mr. K. Kanapathy Pillai (Elephant)—Ind. ... | | | 3,592 |
| Mr. M. A. L. Kariapper (Hand)—U.N.P. ... | | | 2,978 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 406 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 3,294 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 13,862 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 60.4 |



GATE MUDALIYAR M. S. KARIAPPER is the only Muslim Gate Mudaliyar. After a period of years under Government he retired in 1946 from the post of Chief Headman of Kalmunai.

A wealthy paddy farmer and coconut planter, Gate Mudaliyar Kariapper represented the farmers of his constituency on the Central Board of Agriculture, and is also a member of the Paddy Advisory, and Fisheries Advisory Boards.

He was appointed to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development in the present Government.

MUTUR

Total No. of voters : 16,649

Election : August 27, 1947

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-------|
| Mr. A. R. A. M. Aboobucker (Elephant)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 3,480 |
| Mr. M. E. H. Mohamed Ali (Scales)—C.P. | | | 1,760 |
| Mr. A. C. Chellarajah (Umbrella)—Ind. | .. | | 1,118 |
| Mr. E. Sockalingam (Star)—Ind. | ... | | 1,555 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 228 |
| Majority* | ... | ... | 1,720 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 8,141 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 48.9 |

MR. A. R. A. M. ABOOBUCKER is an old boy of Hindu College, Trincomalee, and began life as a sub-overscer attached to the Royal Navy at Trincomalee. Later, however, he resigned his post and took to business of which he made a success.

He has been a member of the Trincomalee Urban Council for a few years and was elected its Vice-Chairman in 1945. He is also the Kathi of Trincomalee district since 1944.



PADDIRUPPU

Total No. of voters : 22,380

Election : September 20, 1947

| | |
|--|--------|
| Mr. S. U. Ethirimannasingham (Bird)—Ind. ... | 5,672 |
| Mr. S. M. Rasamanickam (Spectacles)—Ind. ... | 4,784 |
| Mr. V. O. Gurugulasinghe (Hand)—U.N.P. ... | 4,617 |
| Spoilt | 274 |
| Majority | 888 |
| Total Polled | 15,347 |
| Percentage Polled | 68.6 |



MR. S. U. ETHIRIMANNASINGHAM is an old resident in the constituency he now represents. He is a successful business man having various interests in the Batticaloa district. For some time he worked under Government as a storekeeper.

POTTUVIL

Total No. of voters : 18,176

Election : September 4, 1947

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mr. M. M. Ebrahim (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 7,407 |
| Mr. A. R. A. Razik (Lamp)—U.N.P. | ... | 5,508 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 330 |
| Majority | ... .. | 1,899 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 13,245 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 72.8 |

MR. M. M. EBRAHIM served in the Irrigation Department for 30 years and was at the end of his career a Superintendent of Irrigation. He spent nearly 20 years of his service on the Paddipolai Aar Scheme.

A landed proprietor, he has given freely to Muslim causes, and built mosques at the Mantivu Leper Asylum, and at Nintavur.



TRINCOMALEE

Total No. of voters : 18,421

Election : August 23, 1947

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| Mr. S. Sivapalan (House)—T.C. | ... | 5,252 |
| Mr. A. C. Kanagasingham (Umbrella)— | | |
| U.N.P. | ... .. | 3,225 |
| *Mr. E. A. P. Nandias Silva (Elephant)— | | |
| Ind. | ... .. | 877 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 180 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Majority | ... .. | 2,027 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 9,534 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 51.8 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. S. SIVAPALAN began his career as a member of the General Clerical Service and was appointed Chief Headman of Kadukkulam Pattu in 1935. During the War he was appointed Chief Headman of Tamblegam Pattu, China Bay, a centre of war activities. He retired on the introduction of the D.R.O. system.

Mr. Sivapalan is the Vice-President of the All-Ceylon Paddy Growers' Association. He was the only Tamil Congress Parliamentary candidate outside the Jaffna Peninsula.

UVA PROVINCE

BADULLA

(Two Members)

Total No. of voters : 43,398 (2 votes each) Election : Sep. 6, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| [Mr. S. M. Subbiah (Cart Wheel)—C.I.C. | ... | 27,121 |
| [Mr. J. C. T. Kotalawela (Hand)—B.L.P. | ... | 16,654 |
| Mr. G. B. Katugaha (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 6,585 |
| *Mr. V. Gnanapandithan (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 1,319 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 2,326 |
| Majority of 1st over 2nd | ... | 10,467 |
| Majority of 2nd over 3rd | ... | 10,069 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 54,005 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 62.2 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. S. M. SUBBIAH has been a worker on estates up-country for a considerable period. Educated at St. Andrew's, and Anurudha Colleges, Nawalapitiya, he was the first Secretary of the branch of the Ceylon Indian Congress at Nawalapitiya. He organised, and is at present in charge of the Badulla branch of the Ceylon Indian Congress which has a membership of 25,000.



MR. J. C. T. KOTALAWELA is a Proctor practising his profession in the chief towns of his constituency. He is the Uva Representative of the Industrial and Estate Workers' Union, and is the President of the Uva Motor Workers' Union.

Mr. Kotalawela was arrested with other Leftists during the War and detained under the Defence Regulations in April, 1942.

ALUTNUWARA

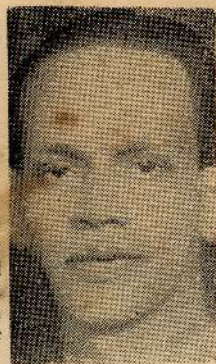
Total No. of voters : 16,486

Election : September 16, 1947

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-------|
| Mr. D. Ramanujam (Lamp)—C.I.C. | ... | ... | 2,772 |
| Mr. K. D. Gooneratne (Scales)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,335 |
| *Mr. T. M. A. Ratnayake (Star)—Ind. | ... | ... | 567 |
| *Mr. C. E. Kumbalwela (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 522 |
| *Mr. W. H. Ratnayake (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | ... | 310 |
| *Mr. P. B. M. Bandaranayake (Hand)— U.N.P. | ... | ... | 147 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 290 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 1,437 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 5,943 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 36.0 |
| *Forfeited deposits | | | |

MR. D. RAMANUJAM is a member of the Kandy Municipal Council. A Tamil journalist by profession he has contributed to several Tamil papers, and was the district correspondent of a local Tamil daily. For many years he has been on the political field and has spent his time in the cause of Indian labour.

Mr. Ramanujam was elected to the Kandy Municipal Council about 5 years ago.



BANDARAWELA

Total No. of voters : 14,314

Election : August 23, 1947

| | | |
|---|-----|-------|
| Mr. K. V. Nadarajah (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 5,092 |
| Mr. M. P. Yapa (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 2,897 |
| *Mr. K. B. H. Adikaritulaka (Elephant)— | | |
| Ind. | ... | 181 |
| Spoilt | ... | 239 |
| Majority | ... | 2,195 |
| Total Polled | ... | 8,409 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 58.8 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. K. V. NADARAJAH is a Proctor who has been identifying himself closely with the political activities of the area he now represents. He practises his profession at Badulla.

BUTTALA

Total No. of voters : 17,161

Election : September 13, 1947

| | |
|--|-------|
| Mr. W. Leo Fernando (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | 6,903 |
| Mr. T. D. Alexander (Bicycle)—Ind. ... | 1,395 |
| *Mr. G. P. Perera (House)—Ind. ... | 385 |
| Spoilt | 236 |
| <hr/> | |
| Majority | 5,508 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total Polled | 8,919 |
| Percentage Polled | 52.0 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. W. LEO FERNANDO is a wealthy business man, and bus magnate. He is the Managing Director of the Panadura Motor Transit Company.

HAPUTALE

Total No. of voters : 11,122

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|-------|
| Mr. J. A. Rambukpota (Key)—U.N.P. | ... | 2,125 |
| Mr. A. D. Sengamalai (House)—Ind. | ... | 1,753 |
| Mr. R. A. Nadesan (Umbrella)—C.I.C. | ... | 1,337 |
| Mr. A. Patchamuttu (Elephant)—B.L.P. | ... | 1,229 |
| *Mr. J. G. Rajakulendran (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 327 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 127 |
| Majority | ... .. | 371 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 6,897 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 62.0 |

*Forfeited deposit.



MR. J. A. RAMBUKPOTA is a retired R.M. After his education at Uva and Trinity Colleges, he joined the Government Clerical Service in 1912 and served in the Agricultural Department till 1937, when he was appointed Ratemahatmaya of Wellassa Division. Later he was transferred as R.M. of the Wellawaya Division and retired in 1943.

In 1945 Mr. Rambukpota was elected Basnayake Nilame of the Kataragama Devale. He is Chairman of the Paddy Growers' Association, Badulla.

WELIMADA

Total No. of voters : 19,983

Election : September 10, 1947

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. K. Don Sugathadasa (Cart Wheel)— | | | |
| Ind. | ... | ... | 4,242 |
| Mr. A. G. Divitotawela (Hand)—U.N.P. ... | ... | ... | 4,220 |
| Mr. Walter Pinto (Umbrella)—Ind. ... | ... | ... | 1,517 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 404 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 22 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 10,383 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 52.0 |

MR. K. DON SUGATHADASA is the Chairman of the Dehiwinne Palata Village Committee. In 1943 he contested the Bandarawela by-election in the last State Council but was beaten.

Mr. Sugathadasa won his present seat in the House of Representatives by the smallest majority obtained by any winner in the 1947 General Election.



NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE

KURUNEGALA

Total No. of voters : 38,497

Election : September 13, 1947

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. H. Sri Nissanka, K. C. (Umbrella)— | | | |
| Ind. ... | ... | ... | 10,188 |
| Mr. B. I. Palipane (Star)—U.N.P. | | ... | 6,642 |
| Mr. J. H. Weerasinghe (Key)—U.N.P. | | ... | 3,983 |
| Spoilt ... | ... | ... | 312 |
| Majority ... | ... | ... | 3,546 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 21,125 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 54.9 |



MR. H. SRI NISSANKA has a leading practice as a criminal lawyer. Educated at Ananda and Royal Colleges, he was called to the Bar at Middle Temple. He was a member of the Police Commission.

Mr. Nissanka was the President of the All-Ceylon Congress of Buddhist Associations, and the founder of the Salgalla Monastery.

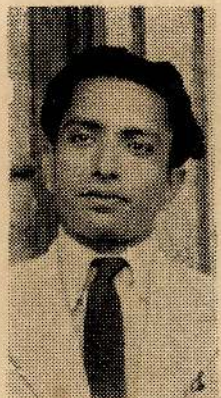
In 1944 he was returned uncontested as a Member of the Colombo Municipal Council.

BINGIRIYA

Total No. of voters : 36,156

Election : August 23, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Mr. T. B. Subasinghe (Chair)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 10,410 |
| *Mr. G. E. Atthanayake (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | ... | 814 |
| *Mr. L. W. Weerasinghe (Lamp)—Swaraj. | ... | 684 |
| *Mr. S. M. G. Banda (Key)—Ind. | ... | 617 |
| *Mr. A. R. Wijekoon (Hand)—Lab. | ... | 105 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 316 |
| Majority | ... .. | 9,596 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 12,946 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 35.8 |
| *Forfeited Deposits | | |



MR. T. B. SUBASINGHE belongs to an influential family in his constituency.

After his secondary school education, Mr. Subasinghe went to England to qualify in Accountancy. He spent several years there and returned to Ceylon recently after his training.

CHILAW

Total No. of voters : 31,953

Election : September 18, 1947

| | |
|--|--------|
| Mr. J. J. Fernando (Elephant)—Ind. ... | 6,270 |
| Mr. J. C. Munasinha (Cart Wheel)—Ind. ... | 4,235 |
| Mr. C. A. Abeyratne (Star)—U.N.P. ... | 3,376 |
| *Mr. Hubert Gunasekera (Umbrella)—Ind. ... | 2,118 |
| *Mr. C. E. Victor S. Corea (Flower)—Ind. ... | 1,744 |
| Spoilt | 176 |
| Majority | 2,035 |
| Total Polled | 17,919 |
| Percentage Polled | 57.7 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. J. J. FERNANDO is a Proctor and former Chairman of the Chilaw Urban Council. Educated at St. Joseph's College he entered Law College and after passing out began practice at Chilaw. He was for a period Chairman of the Chilaw U.C. and is still a member of that Council.

DAMBADENIYA

Total No. of voters : 33,314

Election : August 28, 1947

| | |
|---|--------|
| Mr. R. G. Senanayake (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | 11,705 |
| Mr. R. M. P. Y. Siri Wimalaratne (Elephant) | |
| —Ind. | 3,436 |
| Spoilt | 197 |
| Majority | 8,269 |
| Total Polled | 15,338 |
| Percentage Polled | 46.1 |



MR. R. G. SENANAYAKE was Member for Narammala in the last State Council and was returned at the 1944 by-election necessitated by the death of Mr. Siripala Samarakkody.

Mr. Senanayake is a Barrister-at-Law and practised for some time as an Advocate in Colombo.

DANDAGAMUWA

Total No. of voters : 33,767

Election : September 10, 1947

| | | | | |
|--|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| Mr. I. M. R. A. Iriyagolla (Umbrella)— Ind. | ... | ... | ... | 9,355 |
| Mr. J. A. Amaratunga (Elephant)— U.N.P. | ... | ... | ... | 7,839 |
| *Mr. P. B. Bogahalande (Lamp)— Spoilt | ... | U.N.P. | ... | 646 |
| | ... | ... | ... | 165 |
| Majority | ... | ... | ... | 1,516 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | ... | 18,005 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | ... | 53.3 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. I. M. R. A. IRIYAGOLLA is a Sinhalese journalist who till recently was a translator of Sinhalese textbooks in the Education Department. During the War he was in charge of the Sinhalese section of the Government Information Department. He was also responsible for the translation into Sinhalese of the Soulbury Commission's Report.

He received his education at Ananda, and the Vidyodaya Oriental Colleges, and served on several Sinhalese newspapers being at one time

Editor of the "Sinhala Bauddhaya", a Buddhist weekly.

DODANGASLANDA

Total No. of voters : 34,275

Election : September 6, 1947

| | |
|---|--------|
| Sir John Kotelawala (Elephant)—U.N.P. ... | 17,548 |
| *Mr. C. B. Molagoda (Key)—Ind. ... | 2,063 |
| Spoilt | 197 |
| Majority | 15,485 |
| Total Polled | 19,808 |
| Percentage Polled | 57.3 |

*Forfeited deposit

SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA, Minister of Communications and Works in the last Government, is the Propaganda Chief of the U.N.P. A Colonel on the Reserve of the C.L.I., he was elected to the Kurunegala seat in the State Council of 1931 and 1936. In the first Council he acted for a period as Minister of Agriculture and Lands, and in the second became Minister of Communications and Works. In the present Cabinet he is Minister of Transport and Works.

Educated at Royal College, Sir John is a landed proprietor with mining and planting interests in the Kurunegala district. He played an important role during the last War in organising labour through the E.S.L.C. to deal with any emergency.



NATTANDIYA

Total No. of voters : 34,025

Election : September 15, 1947

| | |
|--|--------|
| Mr. P. P. Albert F. Peris (Bicycle)—U.N.P. ... | 11,036 |
| Mr. P. D. Peter Perera (Key)—Ind. ... | 8,124 |
| *Mr. W. A. V. Jayatilleke (Elephant)—Lab. | 818 |
| Spoilt | 339 |
| Majority | 2,912 |
| Total Polled | 20,317 |
| Percentage Polled | 59.7 |
| *Forfeited deposit | |



MR. P. P. ALBERT F. PERIS is a Chilaw Proctor and the President of the town's Maha Jana Sabha. He was returned to the last State Council early in 1947, a few months before its dissolution, at the Chilaw by-election, but did not take his seat owing to a "gentleman's agreement".

He is an old boy of St. Joseph's College where he was captain of the cricket team.

NIKAWERATIYA

Total No. of voters : 29,808

Election : September 20, 1947

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. K. Herat (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 7,316 |
| Mr. U. B. Wanninayake (Key)—U.N.P. | ... | 6,734 |
| Spoilt | ... | 150 |
| Majority | ... | 582 |
| Total Polled | ... | 14,200 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 47.6 |



MR. K. HERAT is a grandson of the late Hulugalle Adigar, and a son of Mr. P. B. Herat, a former member of the Ceylon Civil Service.

Mr. Herat was for some time in the service of the Government. He is a landed proprietor and a popular figure in the electorate.

PUTTALAM

Total No. of voters : 14,035

Mr. H. S. M. S. Ismail.....Unopposed (July 26, 1947)



Mr. H. S. M. S. ISMAIL who has the honour of being the first and only M.P. elected uncontested, is a resident of Puttalam. A Proctor by profession, he has been in the front line of the politics of his area and is the Chairman of the Puttalam Urban Council.

In the present Government, Mr. Ismail received the appointment of Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food and Co-operative Undertakings.

WARIYAPOLA

Total No. of voters : 31,886

Election : August 26, 1947

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Mr. Ivan T. Dasanaikc (Key)—U.N.P. | ... | 12,063 |
| Mr. C. M. Edwin de Silva (Elephant)—Ind. | | 2,158 |
| *Mr. H. Vander Poorten (Umbrella)—Swaraj | | 485 |
| *Mr. T. G. R. de Silva (Star)—Ind. | ... | 213 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 265 |
| Majority | ... .. | 9,905 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 15,184 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 47.6 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. IVAN T. DASANAIKE is a business man and landed proprietor. He is a Justice of the Peace and has made large donations to ameliorate conditions in his electorate and elsewhere.

NORTH-CENTRAL PROVINCE

ANURADHAPURA

Total No. of voters : 11,585

Election : September 13, 1947

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| P. B. Bulankulame Dissawe (Hanu)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 5,016 |
| Mr. A. Gunasekera (Cup)—L.S.S.P. | ... | ... | 1,495 |
| *Mr. F. P. Senaratne (Cart Wheel)—Lat | ... | ... | 350 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 125 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 3,521 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 6,986 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 60.3 |
| *Forfeited deposit | | | |



P. B. BULANKULAME DISSAWE was the Member for Anuradhapura in the last State Council having been returned at the 1945 by-election to succeed the late Mr. H. R. Freeman. Educated at St. Joseph's, Anuradhapura, Trinity and Royal, he passed out as a Proctor and practised for some time at Anuradhapura. He then succeeded his father as Ratemahatmaya of Nuwaragampalata, N.C.P., and on retirement from this post contested the State Council by-election.

Bulankulame Dissawe has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands in the present Government.

HOROWUPOTANA

Total No. of voters : 12,758

Election : September 6, 1947

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-------|
| T. B. Poholiyadde Dissawe (Elephant)— U.N.P. | ... | ... | 3,399 |
| Mr. P. M. K. Tennekoon (Bicycle)— L.S.S.P. | ... | ... | 1,820 |
| Mr. H. M. K. Bandara (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 1,255 |
| Mr. M. P. de Zoysa (Star)—U.N.P. | ... | ... | 1,063 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 208 |
| Minority | ... | ... | 1,579 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 7,745 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 60.7 |



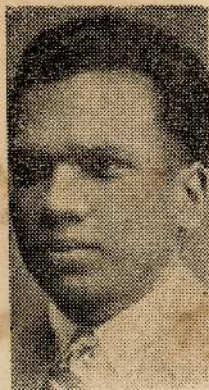
T. B. POHOLIYADDE DISSAWE is a retired Ratemahatmaya. Educated at Trinity College, he was first attached to the Anuradhapura Kachcheri and became President, Village Tribunal, Kalagampalata. He was then appointed Ratemahatmaya of Hurulu Palata, N.C.P., from which post he retired recently.

KALAWEWA

Total No. of voters : 15,961

Election : September 10, 1947

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Mr. S. H. Mahadiulwewa (Elephant)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 4,621 |
| Mr. S. B. Ratwatte (Hand)—Ind. | | ... | 3,730 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 404 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 891 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 8,508 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 53.3 |



MR. S. H. MAHADIULWEWA is an influential resident of the area. He is a retired R. M. and a landed proprietor who has identified himself with the aspiration of the people whom he now strives to serve as their representative in Parliament. He is an old boy of St. Joseph's College, Anuradhapura.

MEDAWACHCHIYA

Total No. of voters : 11,403

Election : September 13, 1947

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| Mr. Maithripala Senanayake (Hand)— | | | |
| U.N.P. | ... | ... | 3,283 |
| Mr. Ariya Pathirane (Cart Wheel)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,404 |
| Mr. W. Tennekoon (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | ... | 1,247 |
| Mr. S. M. V. Madukande (Umbrella)— | | | |
| Ind. | ... | ... | 1,196 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 136 |
| Majority | ... | ... | 1,879 |
| Total Polled | ... | ... | 7,266 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 63.7 |



MR. MAITHRIPALA SENANAYAKE was a Government servant until two months before nomination day. Educated at St. Joseph's, Amradhapura, St. John's, Jaffna, and Nalanda Vidyalaya, Mr. Senanayake served as a Cultivation Officer in the service of the Government from June 1940 to April 1947.

POLONNARUWA

Total No. of voters : 5,839

Election : September 6, 1947

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| Mr. P. L. Bauddhasara (Lamp)—U.N.P. | ... | 1,604 |
| Mr. R. B. Wijeratne (House)—U.N.P. | ... | 830 |
| Mr. M. S. Abu Bakr (Elephant)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 818 |
| *Mr. S. M. Ismail (Scales)—U.N.P. | ... | 108 |
| *Mr. P. D. S. Jayasekera (Crown)—U.N.P. | ... | 68 |
| *Mr. Stephen Seneviratne (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 45 |
| Spoilt | ... | 102 |
| Majority | ... | 774 |
| Total Polled | ... | 3,577 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 61.3 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. P. L. BAUDDHASARA is a merchant and business man of the North-Central Province. He is well-known in the area and has with his father been connected with business activities in the Province for a long time.

SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE

RATNAPURA

Total No. of voters : 25,985

Election : September 6, 1947

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|---|--------|--------|
| Mr. C. E. Attygalle (Cup)—U.N.P. | ... | 6,603 |
| Mr. A. H. Wijetunga (Cart Wheel)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 4,804 |
| *Mr. John W. Rodrigo (Umbrella)—Ind. | ... | 587 |
| *Mr. K. A. Dalpatadu (Scales)—U.L.C. | ... | 430 |
| *Mr. W. Angammana (Chair)—Ind. | ... | 289 |
| *Mr. T. D. A. de Alwis (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 211 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 265 |
| Majority | ... .. | 1,799 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 13,189 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 50.8 |
| *Forfeited deposits | | |



Mr. C. E. ATTYGALLE is a member of the Ratnapura Urban Council to which he was returned without a contest in 1944. He is a well-known resident of Ratnapura, and is also a member of the Ratnapura District Local Advisory Committee, and the Treasurer of the Board of Governors of Sivali Vidyalaya, a school which was founded by one of his brothers.

BALANGODA

(Two Members)

Total No. of voters : 63,443 (2 votes each) Election : September 10, 1947

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| Mr. A. F. Molamure (House)—U.N.P. | ... | 23,076 |
| Mr. E. W. Mathew (Elephant)—U.N.P. | ... | 13,757 |
| Mr. W. A. P. Jayatilleke (Hand)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 9,833 |
| Mr. M. Rajendram (Scales)—Ind. | ... | 7,329 |
| *Mr. W. S. Thurai Rajah (Chair)—Ind. | ... | 3,870 |
| Spoilt | ... | 3,899 |
| Majority of 1st over 2nd | ... | 9,309 |
| Majority of 2nd over 3rd | ... | 3,934 |
| Total Polled | ... | 61,774 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 47.2 |

*Forfeited deposit



MR. A. F. MOLAMURE, the present Speaker of the House of Representatives, was the first Speaker of the first State Council. He entered active politics in 1924 when he was elected to the Old Legislative Council to represent Kegalle District. In 1931 he was returned unopposed as Member of Dedigama in the State Council. After some years as Speaker he resigned his office and kept away from politics for a period, but returned to the hustings in 1943 when he was elected at the Balangoda by-election to the last State Council.

Mr. Molamure is an old boy of St. Thomas' College and an Advocate by profession. He is also a landed proprietor.

MR. E. W. MATHEW is a Proctor who contested the Balangoda seat in the State Council in 1936 without success.

He is also a business man.



DEDIGAMA

Total No. of voters : 29,567

Election : September 15, 1917

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|--|--------|
| Mr. Dudley Senanayake (Hand) U.N.P. ... | 16,862 |
| Mr. B. J. Fernando (Elephant)—I.S.S.P. ... | 3,303 |
| Spoilt | 213 |
| Majority | 13,554 |
| Total Polled | 20,383 |
| Percentage Polled | 68.9 |



MR. DUDLEY SENANAYAKE is the elder son of the Prime Minister and is the Minister of Agriculture and Lands in the present Government.

Mr. Senanayake received his education at St. Thomas' College where after a brilliant all-round career during which he won his cricket, football, tennis, boxing, and athletic colours, he joined the Cambridge University graduating in Natural Science. He was called to the Bar and returning to Ceylon practised at Colombo.

In 1936 Mr. Senanayake contested the Dedigama seat in the last State Council and was elected. He was with a few others responsible for the complete reorganisation of the Ceylon National Congress a few years ago.

DEHIOWITA

Total No. of voters : 28,938

Election : August 25, 1947

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|---|--------|--------|
| Mr. R. A. A. R. Perera (Chair)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 6,387 |
| Mr. Mohandas de Mel (Lamp)—Ind. | ... | 2,498 |
| Mr. A. J. H. de Thabrew (Cart Wheel)— U.N.P. | | 1,576 |
| *Mr. H. Jayawardene (House)—Ind. | ... | 909 |
| *Mr. P. Udabage (Cup)—U.N.P. | ... | 898 |
| *Mr. C. W. de Mel (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 303 |
| Spoilt | ... .. | 434 |
| Majority | ... .. | 3,889 |
| Total Polled | ... .. | 13,005 |
| Percentage Polled | ... .. | 44.9 |
| *Forfeited deposits | | |

MR. R. A. A. R. PERERA is a young man of Ruwanwella who has been a member of the L.S.S.P. since its inception in 1935. He was a delegate of his Party to the All-India Congress Sessions at Tiripuri in 1938.

In 1940 Mr. Perera was arrested and convicted for leading a demonstration protesting against the detention of political leaders, and in 1941 was again arrested and detained as a political prisoner himself for the duration of the war.



KEGALLE

Total No. of voters : 41,797

Election : September 13, 1947

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Mr. N. H. Keerthiratne (Elephant)— | | | |
| U. N.P | ... | ... | 14,550 |
| Mr. R. V. Dedigama (Key)—Ind. | ... | ... | 7,059 |
| Spoilt | ... | ... | 343 |
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| Majority | ... | ... | 7,491 |
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| Total Polled | ... | ... | 21,952 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | ... | 52.5 |



Mr. N. H. KEERTHIRATNE is a proprietary planter and is Chairman of the Rambukkana Town Council. In 1936 he contested the Dedigama seat in the State Council, in 1942 the by-election for the Colombo Central Seat, and in 1944 the by-election for the Narammala seat, but was beaten in all these three contests. He has now come in to the Parliament at his fourth attempt.

He is Vice-President of the All-Ceylon Village Committees' Conference.

KIRIELLA

Total No. of voters : 30,323

Election : August 23, 1947

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| Mrs. Florence Senanayake (Umbrella)— L.S.S.P. | 5,535 |
| Mr. T. K. W. Chandrasekera (Butterfly) —U.N.P. | 3,294 |
| Mr. A. E. B. Kiriella (Tree)—U.N.P. | 2,439 |
| Mr. H. A. G. Kalatuwawa (Pineapple) —Ind. | 2,428 |
| *Mr. B. S. Ramachandra (Scales)—Ind. | 1,120 |
| *Mr. Abdul M. S. Lebbe (Chair)—Ind. | 366 |
| Spoilt | 399 |
| Majority | 2,247 |
| Total Polled | 15,581 |
| Percentage Polled | 51.4 |

*Forfeited deposits



MRS. FLORENCE SENANAYAKE is the first and only woman to be elected to Parliament at the General Election. The wife of the late Mr. Reggie Senanayake, a keen Left-wing politician during his lifetime, Mrs. Senanayake too has been closely associated with the Lanka Sama Samaja Party whose candidate she was. A woman of culture and education, she is an able speaker.

Mrs. Senanayake is a trained teacher and was for some time on the staff of Princess of Wales College, Moratuwa.

MAWANELLA

Total No. of voters : 34,535

Election : September 18, 1947

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|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Mr. H. L. Ratwatte (Umbrella)—U.N.P. | ... | 9,442 |
| Mr. C. R. Beligamma (Hand)—Ind. | ... | 7,055 |
| *Mr. B. Abeyratne (Key)—Ind. | ... | 729 |
| *Mr. S. M. A. Maulana (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 715 |
| Spoilt | ... | 261 |
| Majority | ... | 2,387 |
| Total Polled | ... | 18,202 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 52.7 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. H. L. RATWATTE was the Member for Kegalle in the last State Council, and was also a Member of the Kandy Municipal Council from 1940—43.

Educated at Trinity and St. Joseph's Colleges, he was elected Basnayake Nilame of the Katarama Devale in 1933, and re-elected in 1943.

Mr. Ratwatte is a proprietary planter.

NIVITIGALA

Total No. of voters : 28,479

Election : August 28, 1947

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| Mr. D. F. Hettiarachchi (Elephant)—L.S.S.P. | 5,626 |
| Mr. J. Kuruppu (Hand)—U.N.P. | 5,602 |
| *Mr. J. P. Delgoda (Scales)—Ind. | 1,130 |
| *Mr. C. E. Percera (Umbrella)—Ind. | 399 |
| Spoilt | 242 |
| Majority | 24 |
| Total Polled | 12,909 |
| Percentage Polled | 45.3 |

*Forfeited deposits



MR. D. F. HETTIARACHCHI who won his seat by the narrow margin of 24 votes is an active worker of the L.S.S.P.

He is a business man who has put his hand to various trades with success.

RUWANWELLA

Total No. of voters : 29,178

Election : September 20, 1947

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| Dr. N. M. Perera (House)—L.S.S.P. | ... | 10,065 |
| Mr. P. C. Imbulana (Hand)—U.N.P. | ... | 5,209 |
| *Mr. W. R. Dharmasena (Elephant)—Ind. | ... | 1,583 |
| Spoilt | ... | 569 |
| Majority | ... | 4,856 |
| Total Polled | ... | 17,426 |
| Percentage Polled | ... | 59.7 |

*Forfeited deposit



DR. N. M. PERERA, the leader of the L.S.S.P., is a Ph.D., D. Sc. of London University. He was at one time Visiting Lecturer in Economics at the Ceylon University College, and more recently lectured on Politics at the Ceylon University.

Dr. Perera was elected to the State Council in 1936 as Member for Ruwanwella. In 1940, however, he was arrested under the Defence Regulations and detained with some others. In June 1942 he escaped from Bogambara Prison where he was incarcerated with the others and as a result had to forfeit his seat in the State Council owing to continued absence without leave. Later he was recaptured and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

In recent months Dr. Perera has been active in the Left-wing movement reorganising his Party's resources, and during the last two general strikes he played a very prominent role.

In the House of Representatives he is virtually the Leader of the Opposition.

APPOINTED MEMBERS

In pursuance of the powers vested in him by Section 74 of the Ceylon (Constitution) Order in Council, the Governor made the following 6 appointments to the House of Representatives on October 4, 1947, thereby completing the membership of the House.

The M.P.'s appointed were :

1. Mr. Edward Frederick Noel Gratiaen, K.C.*
2. Mr. Francis Huntly Griffiths
3. Mr. James Aubrey Martensz
4. Major John William Oldfield, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C.
5. Mr. Sidney Arnold Pakeman, O.B.E., M.C., E.D.
6. Mr. George Ronald Whitby†

MR. E. F. N. GRATIAEN was the youngest King's Counsel in the island at the time of his appointment as a Member of Parliament. Educated at St. Thomas' College, he continued his studies in England. As an Advocate, Mr. Gratiaen has attained great eminence and has appeared in a number of leading cases on both the civil and criminal sides of the Law. He was Counsel for Mr. P. N. Banks, the then Inspector-General of Police, in the now famous Bracegirdle Commission inquiry; he appeared for Messrs. Boustead and Co. in the Colombo Tramways Arbitration over the purchase of the tramways by the Colombo Municipality, and in a third dispute which caused public interest owing to hundreds of bank clerks being on strike, Mr. Gratiaen was Counsel for the Bank Managers at the arbitration. He also appeared in a number of Election Petition cases after the 1947 General Elections.



He was made a K.C. in 1946.

Mr. Gratiaen is a keen sportsman and turned out regularly for the C. R. & F. C. at Rugger some years ago. During the war he served as Paymaster-Lieutenant in the C.R.N.V.R.

*Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen was made a Puisne Judge in March 1948 and Mr. Rosslyn Koch succeeded him.

†Mr. Whitby resigned in January 1948 and Mr. E. E. Spencer succeeded him.



MR. F. H. GRIFFITH, the Kalutara planter, is one of the senior Ceylon Parliamentarians among the Europeans in the island. The Manager of Usk Valley Estate, Lathpandura, he sat for some years in the first State Council as Nominated European Member and was re-nominated in 1936 to the last State Council. In the last Council, Mr. Griffith was the only European Member who did not have to resign his seat on the findings of the Bribery Commission in 1943. A speaker only on occasions in Council, he has always made it a point to speak on the annual budget debates and invariably did so as the opening speaker, or one of the first two or three.

Mr. Griffith was once the President of the European Association of Ceylon.



MR. J. A. MARTENSZ is a senior Proctor of Colombo and partner of the well-known firm of solicitors, Messrs. F. J. and G. de Saram. A man of an amiable disposition, he is a grandson of the late Mr. James Martensz, who was a Member of the Legislative Council about 80 years ago.

Mr. Martensz is a keen churchman, and is Honorary Registrar of the Diocese of the Church of Ceylon.

He was unanimously elected Deputy Chairman of Committees in the House of Representatives.

MAJOR J. W. OLDFIELD, another of the elder European politicians in Ceylon, has been the Managing-Director of Messrs. Lee Hedges & Co. Ltd., and Director of several Rubber and Produce Companies.

A resident of Ceylon for over 40 years, Major Oldfield came to the island in 1906 and worked as a planter and joined Messrs. Lee Hedges later. He served in the Great War of 1914—18 and won the Military Cross and the O.B.E. A few years ago he was awarded the C.M.G. In the last State Council Major Oldfield in the course of a debate made the comment that in the 1914 War he was in a position to issue orders to Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, during the last European War.

Major Oldfield who has been Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon on more than one occasion, began his political career in this country as a Member of the old Executive Council. In 1931 with the inauguration of the State Council he was nominated as one of the European Members. He was nominated to the last State Council in 1943 to take the place of Mr. H. E. Newnham, who resigned on the findings of the Bribery Commission.

Major Oldfield resigned from the last Council in 1946 on grounds of health.



MR. S. A. PAKEMAN was until recently the Secretary of the European Association of Ceylon. A Master of Arts of the Cambridge University, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Mr. Pakeman was for many years the Professor of History at the Ceylon University. He has also written several history books which are yet being used in Ceylon schools.

Mr. Pakeman served in the first Great War and won the Military Cross. He has also obtained the O.B.E., and the Efficiency Decoration. For many years he was officer Commanding the Ceylon



Cadet Battalion and was promoted Colonel.



MR. G. R. WHITBY, is Director of the British Ceylon Corporation Ltd., and has been a leading business man for some time.

He was a Member of the last State Council having been nominated in 1943 in succession to Mr. E. C. Villiers, who resigned after the Bribery Commission's Report.

At the time of going to press it was announced that Mr. G. R. Whitby resigned his seat, and Mr. E. E. Spencer appointed to succeed him.

MR. SPENCER was a Member of the last State Council for a short period having taken the place of Major J. W. Oldfield.

Mr. Spencer is a partner of Messrs. Whittall & Co. and was during his younger days a reputed actor and took part frequently in amateur theatricals.

MR. E. E. SPENCER

During the last war he commanded a Battalion of the Ceylon Light Infantry.



Mr. Rosslyn Koch, who was appointed M. P. in place of Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen, has been a member of the Income Tax Board of Review for 17 years. Apart from being Managing Director of the Colombo Apothecaries Co. he is the Chairman of the Board of the Directors of the Colonial Motor Works, the Ceylon Insurance Co., the Finance Co. and the Eastern Chemical Industries. He is also a Director of the Colombo Hotels, Ceylon Tours and a few other smaller companies. An old boy of Royal College, he was planting

till 1919 when he took to business. He is a brother of Mr. F. H. B. Koch, K.C., retired Puisne Justice.

BY-ELECTION

| Constituency | Member Returned | Party | Change (if any) |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Kandy | Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne | Ind. | U.N.P. loss |
| Avisawella | Mrs. Kusuma Gunawardena | L.S.S.P. | No change |
| Gampola | Mr. R. S. Pelpola | Ind. | U.N.P. loss |
| Baddegama | Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya | U.N.P. | No change |

BY-ELECTION

| Constituency | Member Returned | Party | Change (if any) |
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THE SENATE

THE Senate which is the Upper House in the legislature consists of 30 members, 15 of whom, known as "Elected Senators", were elected by the House of Representatives, and 15 others, known as "Appointed Senators," were appointed by the Governor acting in his discretion. The Senate is a permanent body and the term of office of a Senator shall not be affected by a dissolution of Parliament. One third of the Senators, however, have to retire every second year but are eligible for re-election or re-appointment, and the term of office of a Senator is 6 years from the date of his election or appointment.

The following are the first 30 Senators of 1947 :

Elected Senators

Mr. R. F. S. de Mel
 Mr. Cyril de Zoysa
 Mr. L. B. Jayasena
 Mr. W. K. Jinadasa
 Mr. Justin Kotelawala
 Mrs. Adeline Molamure
 Mr. S. Nadesan
 Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan
 Mr. D. W. J. Perera
 Dr. M. G. Perera
 Barnes Ratwatta Dissawe
 Mr. A. R. A. Razik
 Mr. W. A. B. Soysa
 Mr. Peri Sunderam
 Mr. Sarath Wijesinghe

Appointed Senators

Mr. C. Coomaraswamy
 Miss Cissie Cooray
 Mr. Chas. A. M. de Silva
 Mr. C. A. Gardiner
 Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.
 Dr. Frank Gunasekera
 Sir Mohamed Macan Markar
 Dr. L. A. Rajapakse, K.C.
 Mudaliyar A. B. Rajendra
 Mr. H. E. Jansz
 Sir John Tarbat
 Mr. J. A. D. Victoria
 Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon
 Mr. E. A. P. Wijeyeratne
 Col. T. Y. Wright

ELECTED SENATORS



Mr. R. F. S. de MEL is the present Mayor of Colombo and has been in Municipal politics for several years having been Mayor in 1945 also. A son of the late Sir Henry de Mel, Mr. de Mel is the senior partner of Messrs. H. L. de Mel & Co. Apart from his business and political activities he is also the Consul for Latvia. He is an old boy of Royal College.



Mr. CYRIL DE ZOYSA is the Managing-Director of the South-Western Bus Company. Educated at St. Thomas' College he passed out as a Proctor and practised his profession at Kalutara.

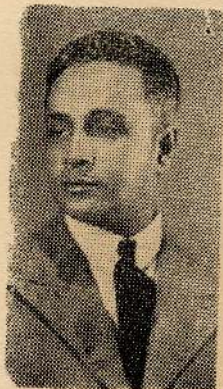
Note: DR. V. R. SCHOKMAN who was also appointed a Senator resigned soon after his appointment on grounds of ill-health, and Mr. H. E. Jansz was appointed in his place.



MR. L. B. JAYASENA, the Communist Party's nominee to the Senate, is the General Secretary of the Ceylon Estate Staffs Union, and a member of the Kandy District Committee of his Party. Earlier in life Mr. Jayasena worked as an assistant tea maker, and estate clerk, and has had wide experience of work on estates.



MR. W. K. JINADASA is the nominee to the Senate of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party. An ayurvedic physician by profession he carries on his practice in the Pettah, Colombo, and has a large clientele.



MR. JUSTIN KOTELAWALA is a business man. He graduated at Cambridge University. He was a member of the Colombo Municipal Council for 6 years.



MRS. ADELINE MOLAMURE is the wife of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Mr. A. F. Molamure). The honour of being the first woman to enter the State Council was hers in 1931, and once again now, in 1947, she had the honour of being the first elected woman Senator.

Mrs. Molamure was elected as Member for Ruwanwella in the first State Council at a by-election in 1931 to fill the vacancy created by the death of her father, J. H. Mccedeniya Adigar. She defended her seat again at the 1936 General Election but was beaten by Dr. N. M. Perera.



MR. S. NADESAN whose name for the Senate was proposed by two Independent candidates of the House of Representatives, had strong Left-wing support. An Advocate enjoying a lucrative practice at the Bar, Mr. Nadesan has not figured in active politics but he has acted as legal adviser to certain Left-wing parties.



DR. E. M. V. NAGANATHAN is a private medical practitioner of Colombo and has played a leading part in the organisation of the Tamil Congress and is still its Secretary.



MR. D. W. J. PERERA, the nominee to the Senate of the Ceylon Unit of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India, is a teacher by profession. Mr. Perera was for some years on the staff of Ananda College and is now a teacher at Sri Sumangala College, Panadura.



DR. M. G. PERERA is a medical practitioner and business man. He has been interested in agriculture and distilleries.

BARNES RATWATTE DISSAWE is a retired Ratmahathmaya. In 1943 he contested the by-election for the Balangoda seat in the last State Council but was beaten by Mr. A. F. Molamure. With the establishment of an Urban Council at Balangoda last year he was returned as a member and elected its Chairman. Ratwatte Dissawe is the father-in-law of Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, the Leader of the House of Representatives, and Minister of Health and Local Government.



MR. A. R. A. RAZIK was a Nominated Member of the last State Council and was defeated in his contest for the Pottuvil Seat in the House of Representatives this year. He has been a member of the Colombo Municipal Council for some years. An old boy of Royal College, Mr. Razik is a proprietary planter and President of the Ceylon Moors' Association. His father, Mr. W. M. Abdul Rahiman, represented the Muslim Community for a number of years in the old Legislative Council.





MR. W. A. B. SOYSA, has been a member of the Kandy Municipal Council since 1929 and was Mayor of Kandy in 1943 and 1944. In 1944 he was elected to the last State Council at the Nuwara Eliya by-election, but was beaten this year in the contest for the Galaha Seat in the House of Representatives. He is a successful business man and is head of the firm of Messrs. W. B. Soysa and Co.



MR. PERI SUNDERAM who was the Ceylon Indian Congress nominee to the Senate is a Graduate of Cambridge and a Barrister-at-Law, and has been for many years a Lecturer at the Colombo Law College. A stalwart of the now defunct Ceylon Liberal League, he was returned uncontested in 1931 as Member for Hatton in the first State Council and was elected the first Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce.

Mr. Sunderam did not seek re-election to the 1936 State Council.

He was elected Vice-President of the Senate beating Mr. C. A. Gardiner.



MR. SARATH WIJESINGHE is a proprietary planter whose interests hitherto have been confined to his planting interests. He owns large estates in the Southern Province. He now enters politics for the first time.

APPOINTED SENATORS



Mr. C. COOMARASWAMY is a retired Civil Servant. Entering the service over 25 years ago he held various judicial and revenue posts and retired a few years ago as Government Agent of the Northern Province. He was appointed to inquire into the Mooloya Estate Shooting when a Police Sergeant shot at and killed an estate labourer named Govindan.



MISS CISSY COORAY is the second woman Senator, the first being Mrs. Adeline Molamure who was elected a few days before Miss Cooray's appointment. Having spent a lifetime in the work of social amelioration, Miss Cooray's name figures in the front rank of social workers of her day. She is among the most assiduous workers of associations like the Social Service League, the Lanka Mahila Samitiya, and the Child Protection Society, and has been awarded the M.B.E., and later the O.B.E. for services rendered.

MR. CLAS. A. M. DE SILVA is Chairman of the Low-Country Products Association and represents planting interests in the Senate. He has been a working planter and served on a number of committees. He has done much to increase the usefulness of the L.C.P.A.



CHEVALIER CHITTAMPALAM A. GARDINER is one of the most successful business men in Ceylon and controls several important businesses. He is a Papal knight, a keen Rotarian, and a race-horse owner whose horse won the Governor's cup in the year of his appointment to the Senate. A few years ago he was elected Governor of the 89th Rotary District, and early this year he was appointed a Knight of St. Sylvester by the Pope in recognition of his outstanding services to the Roman Catholic Church in Ceylon. He has been the pioneer cinema promoter in this country, but his business interests are not confined to films alone.





SIR OLIVER GOONETILLEKE is the Leader of the Senate, and Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development. Educated at Wesley College he graduated at the London University and after a period as a teacher took to banking. He then became Manager of the "Ceylon Daily News", and left it to become Railway Auditor. His rise under Government was rapid and in 1921 he was appointed Colonial Auditor by the Secretary of State. Ten years later he was promoted Auditor-General under the Donoughmore Constitution. With the outbreak of war Sir Oliver became the handyman of the Government and as Civil Defence Commissioner from 1942-45 he organised and ably handled the scheme of civil defence and the distribution of food so vital to the country at that time. In 1945 he succeeded Mr. H. J. Huxham as Financial Secretary and an Officer-of-State and remained as such till October 1947 when he was appointed a Senator and a member of the first Cabinet.

The last few years of Sir Oliver Goonetilleke's career in the Public Service were marked by several trips to England on behalf of Ceylon in connection with the future of tea and rubber, and also with regard to Constitutional talks. He has also served on a number of Commissions including the 1938 Retrenchment Commission and the 1946 Salaries Commission. He was awarded the C.M.G. in 1941, the K.B.E. in 1944 and the K.C.M.G. in 1947.

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke resigned in July 1948, on being appointed to the post of Ceylon's first High Commissioner in London. Mr. E. A. P. Wijeyeratne succeeded him, as Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development.

MR. U. A. JAYASUNDERA was appointed Senator in place of Sir Oliver.

Mr. U. A. Jayasundera is a well-known Lawyer, and in recognition of his services to the public he was made a Justice of Peace in 1934. Mr. Jayasundera has been Chairman of the Kalutara Urban Council for several years and is a prominent Buddhist Worker. He is the Manager of Nanodaya College, Kalutara, and the Sinhalese School attached to it. Mr. Jayasundera is the Organising Secretary of the United National Party.

DR. FRANK GUNASEKERA is a leading medical practitioner who was appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Governor in 1909. In 1931 he was President of the British Medical Association (Ceylon Branch) and has been connected with the Ceylon Medical Corps for about a quarter of a century. In 1916 he received a Commission in the Corps, and became Captain in 1923, and Major in 1927. From 1935 to 1939 he commanded the Ceylon Medical Corps and was one of the Ceylon Defence Force representatives at the Coronation of King George VI. He was awarded the O.B.E. for services rendered.



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SIR MOHAMED MACAN MARKAR, the Muslim leader, is a leading business man who is a partner of the firm of Messrs. O. L. M. Macan Markar and Sons. He is a Director of the Bank of Ceylon and other important business concerns.

Sir Mohamed, who was a Member of the old Legislative Council as the elected representative of the Muslim Community was returned in 1931 as Member for Batticaloa South in the first State Council. Later he was elected as the first Minister of Communications and Works under the Donoughmore Constitution. He did not seek re-election to the last State Council but continued his service to the State in other ways, serving on various official committees. He was for a period the Chairman of the Electricity Board.



An old boy of Wesley College, he has always had the cause of Muslim education very close to his heart and done all he could to promote it.



DR. L. A. RAJAPAKSE is the Minister of Justice. After his education at St. Joseph's College where he shone both in work and play, he proceeded to England where he was called to the Bar and returned after obtaining his Doctorate in Laws. Dr. Rajapakse soon made his presence felt in the Colombo Courts and was before long among the leading lawyers in the Appeal Courts. He was made a King's Counsel a few years ago. Early this year Dr. Rajapakse was appointed Commissioner of Assize and a very bright career lay before him on the Supreme Court bench but he suddenly resigned from his post as Commissioner in October 1947 to take up a portfolio in the first Cabinet under the Soulbury Constitution.



MUDALIYAR A. B. RAJENDRA is the representative in the Senate of the "Depressed Classes". The Soulbury Commission recommended that one of the Northern constituencies should be a multiple one to enable these "underprivileged" to have a stronger voice. The Delimitation Commission, however, could not provide such a multi-member constituency on the evidence placed before it, and therefore thought that the Governor might nominate a Senator to represent these "Depressed Class" interests. Mudaliyar Rajendra who has now been nominated retired recently from the Education Department after many years' service under Government during which his services were utilised as Tamil translator to the Governor.

MR. H. E. JANSZ retired in 1946 after 32 years work in the Ceylon Civil Service. Joining the Service in 1914 he served in various judicial and revenue offices, and after a short period as Police Magistrate of Colombo in 1930, was appointed Settlement Officer in 1931. Since then his work had been confined to the Land Commissioner's Department and on the retirement of the late Mr. C. L. Wickremesinghe, was appointed Land Commissioner.



After his retirement last year, Mr. Jansz was appointed a Member of the Delimitation Commission which carved out the electorates for the 1947 General Election under the Soulbury Constitution, and on the completion of this task was made a member of the Cadre Commission (with Mr. H. J. Huxham), which made certain recommendations with regard to retrenchment in Government Service.

Mr. Jansz was appointed to the Senate in November 1947, a few days after its first meeting, in place of Dr. V. R. Schokman who resigned. He also succeeds Dr. Schokman as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education. In May 1948 he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

SIR JOHN TARBAT, the Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, is a leading business man of Colombo.

Coming to Ceylon in 1910 he joined the firm of Messrs. James Finlay & Co. and retired last year as General Manager of that firm. He was Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce from 1929 to 1940 also, and was knighted in 1937. Sir John Tarbat's interests in Ceylon during the 37 years of his stay have not been confined to his business alone. He has given of his services freely for educational and social pursuits. His special interest for many years had been the Christian College, Kotte, and many of the finance campaigns of organisations like the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. owe their success to the drive and enthusiasm of Sir John Tarbat. His love for Ceylon has kept him in the Island even after his retirement from business.





MR. J. A. D. VICTORIA is an Indian business man representing Indian interests in the Senate. He owns several large hotels in Colombo and South India and his business is mainly confined to catering and hotels.

Mr. Victoria has given generously to deserving causes, one of his recent donations being the Boy Scouts' headquarters in Colombo. He is a Justice of the Peace and an O.B.E.



SIR GERARD WIJEYEKOON's political activities date back to the days of the 1921 Legislative Council.

An old boy of Wesley College, he passed out as a Barrister-at-Law of Gray's Inn and returning to the island in 1902 held various judicial appointments before taking to politics.

In 1921 Sir Gerard was elected Member for the Central Province in the first Reformed Legislative Council.

In 1924 Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon was re-elected to the 1924 Legislative Council and was one of the two elected Members who were, for the first time, appointed to the Governor's Executive Council.

Sir Gerard has served on the 1922 Retrenchment Commission (with Sir Wilfred Woods), the Riddell University Commission, and the more recent Textbooks Commission, of which he was Chairman. A Fellow of the Navy League for over 35 years and its Chairman for over 20 years, Sir Gerard has also been President of the Ceylon National Congress.

With the introduction of the Donoughmore Constitution in 1931 he contested the Kandy Seat in the first State Council but was beaten. Since then he has been out of active political life, and returns again to the fray with his present appointment to the Senate.

Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon was elected President of the Senate beating Mr. C. Coomaraswamy by one vote.

MR. E. A. P. WIJAYERATNE is an Advocate by profession and was towards the latter half of the first State Council its Deputy Speaker. Mr. Wijeyeratne first passed out as a Proctor and practised at Kegalla later becoming an Advocate. In 1931 he was elected Member for Kegalla in the first State Council and on the resignation of Mr. A.F. Molamure from the Speakership and the election of the Deputy Speaker, Mr. F. A. Obeyesekere as Speaker, Mr. Wijeyeratne was elected Deputy Speaker in the place of Mr. Obeyesekere. Mr. Wijeyeratne did not seek re-election to the 1936 State Council but confined himself to his practice at the Bar. He is an old boy of St. Joseph's College, Colombo.



Mr. E. A. P. Wijeyeratne was appointed Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development in succession to Sir Oliver Goonetilleke in July 1948.

COL. T. Y. WRIGHT, the doyen of the planting community in the island is now 76 years of age and has been in Ceylon for 57 years. He is not a new-comer to the politics of this country, having been a Nominated Member of the old Legislative Council.

It is as a sportsman, however, that Col. Wright is best known and he has during his younger days represented Up-country in almost every game played in the hills, excelling particularly in cricket, rugby and polo. He has been the President of a number of associations interested in sport, and was the first President of the Amateur Athletic Association when it was formed 25 years ago.



ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

THE election of the President and Deputy President of the Senate was taken up at the first meeting of the Senate on November 12. Mr. E. A. P. Wijeyeratne proposed and Mr. A. R. A. Razik seconded Mr. C. Coomaraswamy as President.

Col. T. Y. Wright proposed and Mr. W. A. B. Soysa seconded Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon as President.

A ballot was taken and the result was :

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| Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon | ... | ... | 14 votes |
| Mr. C. Coomaraswamy | ... | ... | 13 votes |
| Declined to vote | ... | ... | 1 |

Two Senators were absent from the meeting.

The election of the Deputy President was then proceeded with.

Mr. S. Nadesan proposed Mr. Peri Sunderam as Deputy President.

Mr. E. A. P. Wijeyeratne seconded.

Mr. Charles A. M. de Silva proposed Mr. A. Gardiner as Deputy President.

Mr. Cyril de Zoysa seconded.

The voting was as follows :

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|-------------------|-----|-----|----------|
| Mr. Peri Sunderam | ... | ... | 14 votes |
| Mr. A. Gardiner | ... | ... | 12 votes |
| Declined to vote | ... | ... | 1 |

The next business was the division of Senators into three classes to determine the number of years each should serve. This was done by the drawing of lots.

The lots on behalf of the two absent Senators were drawn by the President.

The division was as follows :

Class III (6 years)—Dr. L. A. Rajapakse, Sir Mohamed Macan Marker, Mr. E. A. P. Wijeyeratne, Mudaliyar A. B. Rajendra and Mr. Chittampalam Gardiner (Appointed Senators).

Barnes Ratwatte Dissawe, Dr. M. G. Perera, Mr. S. Nadesan, Mr. Justin Kotelawala and Mr. L. B. Jayasena (Elected Senators).

Class II (4 years)—Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, Dr. V. R. Schokman who resigned later on grounds of ill-health and Dr. Frank Gunasekera (Appointed).

Mr. W. A. B. Soysa, Mr. Peri Sunderam, Mrs. Adeline Molamure, Mr. A. R. A. Razik and Mr. W. K. Jinadasa (Elected).

Class I (2 years)—Sir John Tarbat, Miss Cissy Cooray, Col. T. Y. Wright, Mr. Chas. A. M. de Silva and Mr. J. A. D. Victoria (Appointed).

Mr. Cyril de Zoysa, Mr. C. Wijesinghe, Mr. R. F. S. de Mel, Mr. D. W. J. Perera and Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan (Elected).

ELECTION RESULTS

| Date of Election | Winner | Party | Constituency | Votes polled by winner | Majority | No. of candidates | Spilt votes | Total votes polled | Total Electorate | Percentage polled |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| July 26th '47 | H. S. Ismail | U.N.P. | Puttalam | UNCONTESTED | | | | | 14,035 | — |
| Aug 23rd '47 | Geo. E. de Silva | U.N.P. | Kandy | 7,942 | 205 | 4 | 332 | 18,533 | 32,160 | 57.6 |
| " | D. B. R. Gunawardena | L.S.S.P. | Kotte | 11,955 | 4,202 | 5 | 359 | 21,572 | 45,754 | 47.1 |
| " | D. S. Senanayake | U.N.P. | Mirigama | 26,762 | 16,089 | 2 | 462 | 37,897 | 55,474 | 68.3 |
| " | Mrs. Florence Senanayake | L.S.S.P. | Kiriella | 5,535 | 2,241 | 6 | 399 | 15,581 | 30,323 | 51.4 |
| " | A. L. Thambiyah | L.S.S.P. | Kays | 5,552 | 322 | 5 | 502 | 18,404 | 33,045 | 55.7 |
| " | S. S. A. Silva | L.S.S.P. | Agalawatte | 4,135 | 779 | 6 | 620 | 14,755 | 35,825 | 41.2 |
| " | H. D. Abeygoonewardena | C.P. | Matara | 11,970 | 6,691 | 4 | 535 | 20,887 | 39,930 | 52.3 |
| " | K. V. Nadarajah | C.P. | Bandarawela | 5,092 | 2,195 | 3 | 239 | 8,409 | 14,314 | 58.8 |
| " | S. Sivapalan | T.I.C. | Trincomalee | 5,252 | 2,027 | 3 | 180 | 9,534 | 18,421 | 51.8 |
| " | T. B. Subasinghe | L.S.S.P. | Bingiriya | 10,410 | 9,596 | 5 | 316 | 12,946 | 36,156 | 35.8 |
| Aug 25th '47 | A. Ratnayake | U.N.P. | Wattegama | 14,788 | 11,311 | 2 | 519 | 18,784 | 32,008 | 58.7 |
| " | Montague Jayowickreme | U.N.P. | Welligama | 11,255 | 3,787 | 5 | 433 | 26,203 | 50,622 | 51.7 |
| " | R. A. A. R. Perera | L.S.S.P. | Dehiowita | 6,387 | 3,889 | 6 | 434 | 13,005 | 28,938 | 44.9 |
| Aug 26th '47 | S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike | U.N.P. | Attanagalla | 31,463 | 26,854 | 2 | 417 | 36,484 | 55,949 | 65.2 |
| " | D. P. R. Gunawardena | L.S.S.P. | Awisawella | 17,598 | 11,922 | 2 | 259 | 23,533 | 50,009 | 47.1 |
| " | A. P. Jayasooriya | U.N.P. | Horana | 18,828 | 665 | 3 | 687 | 34,865 | 51,222 | 68.1 |
| " | V. Coomaraswamy | T.C. | Chayakachcheri | 11,813 | 9,811 | 2 | 186 | 14,031 | 28,377 | 49.3 |
| " | Ivan T. Dasanaike | U.N.P. | Wariyapola | 12,063 | 9,905 | 4 | 265 | 15,184 | 31,886 | 47.6 |
| Aug 27th '47 | V. Ratnayake | U.N.P. | Deniyaya | 4,510 | 717 | 5 | 504 | 14,694 | 29,542 | 49.7 |
| " | A. R. M. Aboobucker | U.N.P. | Mutur | 3,430 | 1,720 | 4 | 228 | 8,141 | 16,649 | 48.9 |
| Aug 28th '47 | T. Ramalinkam | T.C. | Pt. Pedro | 10,396 | 4,288 | 4 | 446 | 24,339 | 41,682 | 58.4 |
| " | R. G. Senanayake | U.N.P. | Dambadeniya | 11,705 | 8,269 | 2 | 197 | 15,338 | 33,314 | 46.1 |
| " | D. F. Hettiarachchi | L.S.S.P. | Niviticgala | 5,626 | 24 | 4 | 242 | 12,909 | 28,479 | 45.3 |
| Aug 30th '47 | C. de F. Gunawardena | B.L.P. | Kalutara | 13,797 | 1,970 | 4 | 575 | 29,626 | 51,121 | 57.9 |
| " | P. H. William Silva | B.L.P. | Ambalangoda | 37,650 | 10,886 | 8 | 2,724 | 103,778 | 104,843 | 49.5 |
| " | G. Arthur de Soysa | U.N.P. | Balapitiya | 26,764 | 9,244 | 3 | 276 | 16,603 | 33,001 | 50.3 |
| Sept. 1st '47 | C. Vanniasingham | T.C. | Kopai | 9,619 | 4,353 | 5 | 324 | 13,722 | 27,489 | 49.9 |
| " | A. Sinnalabbe | U.N.P. | Batticaloa | 4,740 | 1,345 | 3 | 133 | 19,681 | 42,549 | 46.2 |
| Sept. 4th '47 | G. G. Ponnambalam | T.C. | Jaffna | 14,324 | 9,103 | 2 | 330 | 13,245 | 18,176 | 72.8 |
| " | M. M. Ebrahim | T.C. | Pottuvil | 7,407 | 1,899 | 2 | 214 | 30,894 | 48,265 | 64.8 |
| Sept. 6th '47 | W. Dahanayake | B.L.P. | Galle | 16,588 | 2,496 | 2 | 197 | 19,803 | 34,275 | 57.0 |
| " | J. L. Kotelawala | U.N.P. | Dodangaslande | 17,548 | 15,485 | 2 | 197 | 19,803 | 34,275 | 57.0 |

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| Sept. 6 '47 | S. M. Subbiah | C.I.C. | Badulla | 27,121 | 10,467 | 4 | 2,326 | 54,035 | 43,393 | 62.2 |
| " | J. C. T. Kotalawala | B.L.P. | | 16,654 | 10,069 | | | | (2 votes each) | |
| " | T. B. Pohollyadde | U.N.P. | Horowapotana | 3,399 | 1,579 | 4 | 265 | 13,189 | 25,935 | 60.7 |
| " | P. L. Buddhadasa | U.N.P. | Plonnaruwa | 1,604 | 774 | 6 | 102 | 3,577 | 5,839 | 61.3 |
| " | C. E. Attygalle | U.N.P. | Ratnapura | 6,603 | 1,799 | 6 | 265 | 13,189 | 25,935 | 50.8 |
| Sept. 8 '47 | E. A. Nugawela | U.N.P. | Kaduganawa | 26,147 | 9,293 | 10 | 3,865 | 84,826 | 63,285 | 67.0 |
| " | H. R. U. Premachandra | I | | 16,854 | 5,586 | | | | (2 votes each) | |
| Sept. 9 '47 | C. Suntheralingam | I | Vavuniya | 4,025 | 2,033 | 2 | 132 | 6,176 | 11,099 | 55.6 |
| " | C. V. Velupillay | C.I.C. | Talawakella | 10,645 | 9,710 | 4 | 469 | 13,534 | 19,298 | 70.1 |
| Sept. 10 '47 | D. A. Rajapaksa | U.N.P. | Beliatte | 14,007 | 8,022 | 5 | 433 | 25,942 | 41,587 | 62.2 |
| " | K. Don Sugathadasa | I | Welimada | 4,242 | 22 | 2 | 40 | 10,383 | 19,983 | 52.0 |
| " | S. H. Mahadiulwewa | U.N.P. | Kaliwewa | 4,621 | 871 | 2 | 157 | 8,503 | 15,961 | 53.3 |
| " | I. M. R. A. Iriyagolle | I | Dan Tegamuwa | 9,355 | 1,516 | 3 | 165 | 18,005 | 33,767 | 53.3 |
| " | A. F. Mofamure | U.N.P. | Balangoda | 23,076 | 9,307 | 5 | 3,899 | 59,875 | 63,443 | 47.2 |
| Sept. 11 '47 | E. W. Mawher | U.N.P. | | 13,767 | 3,934 | | | | (2 votes each) | |
| " | Wilnot A. Perera | I | Matugama | 19,753 | 3,614 | 3 | 53 | 37,513 | 48,430 | 77.5 |
| Sept. 13 '47 | Premalal Kumarasiri | C.P. | Hakmana | 9,958 | 3,805 | 6 | 476 | 25,227 | 44,414 | 56.8 |
| " | C. Sittampalam | I | Mannar | 5,877 | 2,495 | 3 | 71 | 9,871 | 14,593 | 67.7 |
| " | M. Senanayake | U.N.P. | Medawachchiya | 3,283 | 1,879 | 4 | 136 | 7,265 | 11,403 | 63.7 |
| " | P. B. Bulankulame | U.N.P. | Anuradhapura | 5,016 | 3,521 | 3 | 125 | 6,985 | 11,585 | 60.3 |
| " | M. D. Banda | U.N.P. | Macurata | 12,438 | 8,836 | 6 | 580 | 18,443 | 28,518 | 64.7 |
| " | N. H. Keerthiratne | U.N.P. | Kegalle | 14,550 | 7,491 | 2 | 343 | 21,952 | 41,797 | 52.5 |
| " | T. B. Panabokke | U.N.P. | Galle | 7,638 | 2,349 | 6 | 718 | 27,701 | 37,865 | 73.2 |
| " | S. Abeywickrema | U.N.P. | Baddegama | 11,899 | 6,843 | 4 | 284 | 21,454 | 33,457 | 55.8 |
| " | S. Chandrasiri | L.S.S.P. | Maratuwa | 13,464 | 3,917 | 6 | 467 | 23,427 | 57,723 | 49.1 |
| " | H. Sri Nissanka | I | Kurunegala | 10,188 | 3,545 | 3 | 312 | 21,125 | 38,497 | 54.9 |
| " | W. Leo Fernando | U.N.P. | Buttala | 6,903 | 5,503 | 3 | 236 | 8,919 | 17,161 | 52.0 |
| Sept. 15 '47 | P. A. A. F. Peris | U.N.P. | Nattandiya | 11,036 | 2,912 | 3 | 339 | 20,317 | 34,025 | 59.7 |
| " | Dudley Senanayake | U.N.P. | Dedigama | 16,862 | 13,554 | 2 | 213 | 20,363 | 29,557 | 68.9 |
| " | W. P. A. Wickremasinghe | U.N.P. | Akuressa | 13,458 | 7,326 | 3 | 546 | 21,539 | 45,994 | 70.9 |
| " | K. Rajalingam | C.I.C. | Nawalapitiya | 7,933 | 1,442 | 4 | 450 | 15,997 | 22,584 | 46.9 |
| " | M. S. Karliappan | U.N.P. | Kalmunai | 6,886 | 3,294 | 3 | 405 | 13,862 | 22,935 | 60.4 |
| " | D. P. Jayasuriya | U.N.P. | Jaela | 11,133 | 2,727 | 4 | 393 | 22,622 | 51,274 | 44.1 |
| " | H. de Z. Sirwardena | U.N.P. | Nagombo | 10,174 | 956 | 3 | 390 | 25,951 | 55,642 | 46.6 |
| " | V. E. Thondaman | C.I.C. | Nuwara Eliya | 9,386 | 6,135 | 3 | 313 | 14,074 | 24,368 | 57.7 |
| Sept. 15th '47 | M. Henry Peries | B.L.P. | Punadura | 16,435 | 2,546 | 4 | 433 | 37,892 | 53,517 | 70.8 |
| " | S. J. V. Chelivanayakam | T.C. | Kankasanturai | 12,126 | 6,962 | 3 | 534 | 22,429 | 38,875 | 57.7 |
| " | D. Ramanujan | I | Alutnuwara | 2,772 | 1,437 | 6 | 293 | 5,943 | 16,485 | 35.0 |
| Sept. 17th '47 | H. B. Tenne | I | Dambulla | 6,846 | 2,937 | 3 | 278 | 11,894 | 26,398 | 45.0 |
| " | G. R. Motha | C.I.C. | Maskeliya | 9,086 | 5,137 | 4 | 559 | 15,120 | 24,425 | 61.9 |

| Date of Election | Winner | Party | Constituency | Votes polled by winner | Majority candidates | No. of Spoilt votes | Total votes polled | Total electorate | Percentage polled |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sept. 17th '47 | V. Nalliah | U.N.P. | Kalkudah | 5,559 | 2,333 | 220 | 12,301 | 22,167 | 55.5 |
| Sept. 18th '47 | J. R. Jayewardene | U.N.P. | Kelaniya | 17,245 | 7,040 | 390 | 27,842 | 47,638 | 58.4 |
| " | D. D. Karunaratna | U.N.P. | Gampaha | 11,785 | 3,370 | 358 | 30,993 | 54,520 | 56.8 |
| " | J. J. Fernando | U.N.P. | Chilaw | 6,270 | 2,035 | 176 | 17,919 | 31,053 | 57.7 |
| " | D. S. Goonesekera | U.N.P. | Udugama | 8,957 | 5,454 | 354 | 19,880 | 35,795 | 55.5 |
| " | H. L. Ratwatte | U.N.P. | Mawanella | 9,442 | 2,337 | 261 | 18,202 | 34,535 | 52.7 |
| " | K. Kanagaratnam | T.C. | Vaddukkoddai | 11,721 | 9,437 | 274 | 19,412 | 37,352 | 52.0 |
| " | R. S. S. Gunawardena | U.N.P. | Gampola | 10,434 | 387 | 527 | 21,033 | 36,350 | 57.8 |
| Sept. 20th '47 | George R. de Silva | U.N.P. | Colombo North | 7,501 | 1,371 | 189 | 14,928 | 30,848 | 48.4 |
| " | Colvin R. de Silva | B.L.P. | Wellawatte— Galkissa | 11,606 | 7,436 | 127 | 21,750 | 38,917 | 55.9 |
| " | N. M. Perera | L.S.S.P. | Ruanwella | 10,065 | 4,856 | 569 | 17,426 | 29,178 | 59.7 |
| " | V. T. Nanayakkara | U.N.P. | Matale | 11,530 | 2,005 | 285 | 23,713 | 37,550 | 63.1 |
| " | K. Herat | U.N.P. | Nikaweratiya | 7,316 | 582 | 150 | 14,200 | 29,803 | 47.6 |
| " | H. B. Rambukwella | Dissawa | Minipe | 12,290 | 8,640 | 477 | 17,854 | 28,295 | 63.1 |
| " | J. A. Rambukpota | U.N.P. | Haputale | 2,124 | 371 | 127 | 6,897 | 11,122 | 62.0 |
| " | Lakshman Rajapakse | U.N.P. | Hambantota | 8,743 | 400 | 295 | 18,676 | 31,841 | 58.7 |
| " | K. Kumaravelu | C.I.C. | Kotagala | 6,722 | 3,543 | 455 | 12,564 | 17,379 | 72.3 |
| " | R. A. de Mel | U.N.P. | Colombo South | 6,452 | 640 | 149 | 18,218 | 32,036 | 57.1 |
| " | S. U. Echirimanasingham | U.N.P. | Paddiruppu | 5,672 | 838 | 274 | 15,347 | 22,380 | 68.6 |
| " | A. E. Goonesinha | Lab. | Colombo | 23,470 | 5,031 | | | | |
| " | T. B. Jayah | U.N.P. | Central | 18,439 | 3,004 | | | | |
| " | Pieter Keuneman | C.P. | | 15,435 | 6,835 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 3,489 | 102,775 | 53,285 | 61.3 |
| | | | | | | | | (3 votes each) | |

ANALYSIS OF PARTIES BY PROVINCES

The following table shows the number of Seats won by each Party in the respective Provinces.

| PROVINCE | U.N.P. | L.S.S.P. | B.L.P. | C.P. | T.C. | C.I.C. | Lab. | Swaraj | U.L.C. | Ind. | Total No. of Seats for Province |
|---------------|--------|----------|--------|------|------|--------|------|--------|--------|------|---------------------------------|
| Western | 10 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| Southern | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 12 |
| Central | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 15 |
| Northern | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| Eastern | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| Uva | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| North-Western | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| North-Central | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Sabaragamuwa | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |

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| CONSTITUENCY | DATE | UN.P. | L.S.P. | T.C. | B.L.P. | C.P. | Lab. | C.I.C. | L.Sw. | U.L.C. | Ind. |
|----------------|---------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|------------|
| Kandy | Aug. 23 | 7,942 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10,259 (3) |
| Kotte | " | 7,753 | 11,955 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,505 (3) |
| Mirigama | " | 26,762 | — | — | 10,673 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Kays | " | — | — | 5,230 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Kiriella | " | 5,733 (2) | 5,535 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12,672 (4) |
| Bandarawela | " | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3,914 (3) |
| Agalawatte | " | 3,356 | 4,135 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8,170 (3) |
| Matara | " | — | — | — | — | 11,970 | — | — | — | — | 6,644 (4) |
| Bingiriya | " | 814 | 10,410 | — | — | — | 105 | — | 684 | — | 8,382 (3) |
| Trincomalee | " | 3,225 | — | 5,252 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 617 |
| Wattegama | Aug. 25 | 14,788 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 877 |
| Welligama | " | 18,723 (2) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3,477 |
| Dehiowita | " | 2,474 (2) | 6,387 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7,047 (3) |
| Attanagalla | Aug. 26 | 31,463 | 4,609 | 11,813 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3,710 (3) |
| Chavakachcheri | " | 2,002 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Avissawella | " | 5,676 | 17,598 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Horana | " | 15,828 | 15,163 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Wariyapola | " | 12,063 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Deniyaya | Aug. 27 | 3,480 | — | — | — | 3,187 | — | — | 485 | — | — |
| Mudur | " | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pt. Pedro | Aug. 28 | 11,705 | 6,108 | 10,396 | — | 1,760 | — | — | — | — | 2,371 (2) |
| Dambadeniya | " | 5,602 | 5,626 | — | — | 3,492 | — | — | — | — | 14,190 (5) |
| Nivitigala | " | 11,827 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2,673 (2) |
| Kalutara | Aug. 30 | — | — | — | 13,797 | — | — | — | — | — | 3,897 |
| Ambalangoda | " | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3,436 |
| Balapitiya | " | 44,284 (2) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,439 (2) |
| Kopai | Sept. 1 | 5,266 | — | 9,619 | 37,650 | 3,105 | — | — | — | — | 16,015 (4) |
| Batticaloa | " | 4,740 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,477 |
| Jaffna | Sept. 4 | 5,224 | — | 14,324 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8,658 (4) |
| Pottuvil | " | 5,508 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7,407 |
| Galle | Sept. 6 | 14,092 | 16,588 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Dodangaslanda | " | 17,548 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ratnapura | " | 6,603 | 4,804 | — | 16,654 | — | — | — | — | — | 2,063 |
| Badulla | " | — | — | — | — | — | — | 27,121 | — | 430 | 1,087 (3) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 7,094 (2) |

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|-------------------------|------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|------------|
| Colombo Central ... | " | 18,439 | 5,950 | — | — | 15,435 | 23,470 | — | — | — | 35,992(11) |
| Colombo South ... | " | 6,452 | — | — | 3,774 | 1,936 | — | — | — | — | 5,907 (2) |
| Wellawatte- Galkissa | " | 1,327 | — | — | 11,606 | — | — | — | 224 | — | 8,690 (4) |
| Matale | " | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 23,428 (3) |
| Minipe | " | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 17,377 (3) |
| Hambantota | " | 8,340 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10,041 (2) |
| Paddiruppu | " | 4,617 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10,456 (2) |
| Nikaweratiya | " | 6,734 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7,316 |
| Haputale | " | 2,451 (2) | — | — | 1,229 | — | — | 1,337 | — | — | 1,753 |
| Kotagala | " | 1,957 | — | — | 251 | — | — | 6,722 | — | — | 3,179 |
| Ruanwella | " | 5,209 | 10,065 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,583 |
| TOTAL VOTES... | — | 751,432 | 204,020 | 82,499 | 113,193 | 70,331 | 38,932 | 72,230 | 1,393 | 3,953 | 543,389 |

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