

Table 5

VOTES CAST AT DISTRICT ELECTIONS, 1946-1953

These figures are presented in two ways. First, as "Raw Data", where all votes are summed, irrespective of the number of Councillors to be elected per ward and the number of candidates nominated per Party. Second, and where appropriate, as "Averaged Data", where only the average vote per Party per ward is used. Although the latter method avoids distortions caused by parties not necessarily nominating a complete "slate" of candidates in each ward, it cannot compensate for "missing" votes in a contested ward where a Party nominates no candidates, or where there is an unopposed return.

Raw Data:

	C	%	Lab	%	L	%	Oth†	%	Total
1946	15,590	25.0	26,070	41.9	3,536	5.7	17,049	27.4	62,245
1947	42,113	57.6	20,144	27.6	3,047	4.2	7,757	10.0	73,061
1948	49,531	60.8	24,884	30.6	2,704	3.3	4,237	5.3	81,356
1949	62,530	60.0	38,222	37.6	-	-	2,496	2.4	104,248
1950	40,637	59.2	27,675	40.3	-	-	280	0.4	68,592
1951	43,504	65.9	22,301	33.8	-	-	179	0.3	65,984
1952	44,505	57.2	32,109	41.3	-	-	1,180	1.5	77,794
1953	56,546	58.5	39,734	41.1	296	0.3	64	0.1	96,640

† Comprising:-

1946: RA 14,267; Ind 1,730; Com 604, Ind R 448.

1947: RA 6,009; Ind R 954; Ind 527; Com 267.

1948: Ind C 2,083; RA 1,782; Com 372.

1949: RA 1,145; Com 749; Ind C 602.

1950: Com 280.

1951: Com 179.

1952: ILP 615, CW 294; Com 271.

1953: Com 64.

Averaged Data:

	C	%	Lab	%	L	%	Oth	%	Total
1946	10,684	25.7	16,771	40.3	1,768	4.3	12,297	29.7	41,520
1947	32,748	55.8	16,815	28.7	3,047	5.2	6,020	10.3	64,650
1948	41,061	58.2	22,564	32.0	2,704	3.8	4,237	6.0	70,566
1949	46,627	61.7	26,941	35.7	-	-	1,997	2.6	75,565
1950	34,402	57.7	24,977	41.9	-	-	280	0.5	59,659
1952	41,989	56.9	30,616	41.5	-	-	1,180	1.6	73,784
1953	44,651	58.1	31,826	41.4	296	0.4	64	0.1	76,837