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*Including Former Electoral District Names*



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*The number of votes is listed as 0 if there is no information or the candidate won by acclamation.*

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*In 1925, the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond were divided into three electoral districts: Cape Breton East, Cape Breton Centre, and Richmond-West Cape Breton. (SNS 1925, c. 15, s.2)*

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<b><i>Member Elected</i></b>	<b><i>Election Date</i></b>	<b><i>Party Elected</i></b>
<b>Waye, William Forman</b>	<b>27-Jul-1920</b>	<b>Labour</b>
	<i>Majority:</i> (2936)	
<b><i>Candidate</i></b>	<b><i>Party</i></b>	<b><i>Votes</i></b>
Morrison, J. W.	Labour	9830
Steele, Joseph	Labour	9800
Waye, William Forman	Labour	9407
Richardson, Arthur R.	Farmers' Party	9177
Carroll, W. F.	Liberal	6471
Cameron, Daniel Alexander	Liberal	5729
MacGillivray, A. B.	Liberal	5334
MacDonald, N.	Liberal	5270
McArthur, Neil R.	Liberal Conservative	2809
MacCormick, A. C.	Liberal Conservative	2749
Forbes, Ewen MacKay	Liberal Conservative	2343
Smith, Charles B.	Liberal Conservative	2338

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<b>Steele, Joseph</b>	<b>27-Jul-1920</b>	<b>Labour</b>
	<i>Majority:</i> (3329)	
<b><i>Candidate</i></b>	<b><i>Party</i></b>	<b><i>Votes</i></b>
Morrison, J. W.	Labour	9830
Steele, Joseph	Labour	9800
Waye, William Forman	Labour	9407
Richardson, Arthur R.	Farmers' Party	9177
Carroll, W. F.	Liberal	6471
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**Richardson, Arthur R.      27-Jul-1920      Farmers' Party**

*Majority:* (2706)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Morrison, J. W.	Labour	9830
Steele, Joseph	Labour	9800
Waye, William Forman	Labour	9407
Richardson, Arthur R.	Farmers' Party	9177
Carroll, W. F.	Liberal	6471
Cameron, Daniel Alexander	Liberal	5729
MacGillivray, A. B.	Liberal	5334
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MacCormick, A. C.	Liberal Conservative	2749
Forbes, Ewen MacKay	Liberal Conservative	2343
Smith, Charles B.	Liberal Conservative	2338

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**Morrison, Daniel William      27-Jul-1920      Labour**

*Majority:* (3359)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Morrison, J. W.	Labour	9830
Steele, Joseph	Labour	9800
Waye, William Forman	Labour	9407
Richardson, Arthur R.	Farmers' Party	9177
Carroll, W. F.	Liberal	6471
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**Ferguson, Neil**

**20-Jun-1916**

**Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (121)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Douglas, John Carey	Liberal Conservative	7381
Cameron, Daniel Alexander	Liberal	7036
Butts, Robert Hamilton	Liberal Conservative	6935
Ferguson, Neil	Liberal Conservative	6885
Hartigan, D. J.	Liberal	6764
McDonald, Finlay	Liberal Conservative	6721
McDonald, D. C.	Liberal	6692
Sullivan, Michael T.	Liberal	6390
McLachlin, J. B.	Socialist	1038

Butts and Douglas both resigned to contest the 1917 federal election. They were not replaced.

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**Douglas, John Carey**

**20-Jun-1916**

**Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (617)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Douglas, John Carey	Liberal Conservative	7381
Cameron, Daniel Alexander	Liberal	7036
Butts, Robert Hamilton	Liberal Conservative	6935
Ferguson, Neil	Liberal Conservative	6885
Hartigan, D. J.	Liberal	6764
McDonald, Finlay	Liberal Conservative	6721
McDonald, D. C.	Liberal	6692
Sullivan, Michael T.	Liberal	6390
McLachlin, J. B.	Socialist	1038

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**Cameron, Daniel  
Alexander**

**20-Jun-1916**

**Liberal**

*Majority:* (272)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Douglas, John Carey	Liberal Conservative	7381
Cameron, Daniel Alexander	Liberal	7036
Butts, Robert Hamilton	Liberal Conservative	6935
Ferguson, Neil	Liberal Conservative	6885
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**Butts, Robert Hamilton**      **20-Jun-1916**      **Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (171)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Douglas, John Carey	Liberal Conservative	7381
Cameron, Daniel Alexander	Liberal	7036
Butts, Robert Hamilton	Liberal Conservative	6935
Ferguson, Neil	Liberal Conservative	6885
Hartigan, D. J.	Liberal	6764
McDonald, Finlay	Liberal Conservative	6721
McDonald, D. C.	Liberal	6692
Sullivan, Michael T.	Liberal	6390
McLachlin, J. B.	Socialist	1038

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**Douglas, John Carey**      **14-Jun-1911**      **Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (265)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Douglas, John Carey	Liberal Conservative	6252
Butts, Robert Hamilton	Liberal Conservative	6246
Kendall, Arthur Samuel	Liberal	5987
Carroll, W. F.	Liberal	5756
McKinnon, Alex	Socialist	713

**Butts, Robert Hamilton**      **14-Jun-1911**      **Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (259)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Douglas, John Carey	Liberal Conservative	6252
Butts, Robert Hamilton	Liberal Conservative	6246
Kendall, Arthur Samuel	Liberal	5987
Carroll, W. F.	Liberal	5756
McKinnon, Alex	Socialist	713

**Kendall, Arthur Samuel**      **20-Jun-1906**      **Liberal**

*Majority:* (448)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Kendall, Arthur Samuel	Liberal	5225
Gillis, Neil J.	Liberal	4897
Madden, J. W.	Liberal Conservative	4777
Butts, Robert Hamilton	Liberal Conservative	4702



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**Gillis, Neil J. 12-Dec-1900 (By-election) Liberal**

*Majority:* (668)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
McKenzie, Daniel Duncan	Liberal	3354
Gillis, Neil J.	Liberal	3161
McDonald, Henry	Liberal Conservative	2493
McKinnon, Colin	Liberal Conservative	2271

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**Kendall, Arthur Samuel 20-Apr-1897 Liberal**

*Majority:* (1014)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Kendall, Arthur Samuel	Liberal	3705
Johnston, Alexander	Liberal	3559
McCormick, John	Liberal Conservative	2691
McKay, William	Liberal Conservative	2669

Kendall and Johnston both resigned to contest the federal general election of November 7, 1900

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**Johnston, Alexander 20-Apr-1897 Liberal**

*Majority:* (868)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Kendall, Arthur Samuel	Liberal	3705
Johnston, Alexander	Liberal	3559
McCormick, John	Liberal Conservative	2691
McKay, William	Liberal Conservative	2669

Kendall and Johnston both resigned to contest the federal general election of November 7, 1900

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**McCormick, John 15-Mar-1894 Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (230)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacKay, William	Liberal Conservative	2885
McCormick, John	Liberal Conservative	2822
McPherson, Joseph	Liberal	2592
MacDonald, Angus John	Liberal	2552

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**MacKay, William 15-Mar-1894 Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (293)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacKay, William	Liberal Conservative	2885
McCormick, John	Liberal Conservative	2822
McPherson, Joseph	Liberal	2592
MacDonald, Angus John	Liberal	2552

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**McPherson, Joseph**                      **05-Mar-1891 (By-election)**   **Liberal**

*Majority:*    (370)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
McPherson, Joseph	Liberal	1975
McCormick, John	Liberal Conservative	1605

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**McPherson, Joseph**                      **21-May-1890**                      **Liberal**

*Majority:*    (438)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacDonald, Angus John	Liberal	2681
McPherson, Joseph	Liberal	2579
McKay, William	Liberal Conservative	2141
Chisholm, Colin	Liberal Conservative	2097

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**MacDonald, Angus John**                      **21-May-1890**                      **Liberal**

*Majority:*    (540)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
MacDonald, Angus John	Liberal	2681
McPherson, Joseph	Liberal	2579
McKay, William	Liberal Conservative	2141
Chisholm, Colin	Liberal Conservative	2097

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**MacKay, William**                      **15-Jun-1886**                      **Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:*    (309)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Chisholm, Colin	Liberal Conservative	1633
MacKay, William	Liberal Conservative	1562
Murray, George H.	Liberal	1253
Gillies, Ronald	Liberal	745

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**Chisholm, Colin**                      **15-Jun-1886**                      **Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:*    (380)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Chisholm, Colin	Liberal Conservative	1633
MacKay, William	Liberal Conservative	1562
Murray, George H.	Liberal	1253
Gillies, Ronald	Liberal	745

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**White, Alonzo J. 29-Aug-1882 (By-election) Liberal**

*Majority:* (763)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	1575
Chisholm, Colin	Liberal Conservative	812

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**White, Alonzo J. 20-Jun-1882 Liberal**

*Majority:* (408)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	1600
Buchanan, William	Liberal	1579
Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton	Liberal Conservative	1192
Chisholm, Colin	Liberal Conservative	1178

White was appointed Attorney General. He was re-elected August 29, 1882.

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**Buchanan, William 20-Jun-1882 Liberal**

*Majority:* (387)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	1600
Buchanan, William	Liberal	1579
Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton	Liberal Conservative	1192
Chisholm, Colin	Liberal Conservative	1178

White was appointed Attorney General. He was re-elected August 29, 1882.

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**Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton 17-Sep-1878 Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (593)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton	Liberal Conservative	1523
McDougall, Hector Francis	Liberal Conservative	1027
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	930
Hearn, J. H.	Liberal Conservative	716
McKenzie, D.	Liberal	614
McVarish, Joseph	Liberal Conservative	371
McKinnon, Michael	Liberal Conservative	349

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**McDougall, Hector Francis 17-Sep-1878**

**Liberal Conservative**

*Majority:* (97)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton	Liberal Conservative	1523
McDougall, Hector Francis	Liberal Conservative	1027
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	930
Hearn, J. H.	Liberal Conservative	716
McKenzie, D.	Liberal	614
McVarish, Joseph	Liberal Conservative	371
McKinnon, Michael	Liberal Conservative	349

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**White, Alonzo J.**

**17-Dec-1874**

**Liberal**

*Majority:* (503)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	1129
Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton	Independent	1039
Ferguson, John	Liberal	626
Hamilton, A. G.	Liberal Conservative	304
Currie, John	Liberal Conservative	204

Mosely was elected as an independent, but supported the Liberals.

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**Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton 17-Dec-1874**

**Independent**

*Majority:* (413)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	1129
Moseley, Ebenezer Tilton	Independent	1039
Ferguson, John	Liberal	626
Hamilton, A. G.	Liberal Conservative	304
Currie, John	Liberal Conservative	204

Mosely was elected as an independent, but supported the Liberals.

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**White, Alonzo J.**

**10-Mar-1874 (By-election) Liberal**

*Majority:* (Acclamation)

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Votes</i>
White, Alonzo J.	Liberal	0

White won by acclamation.

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