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Was The Voting Record Of The Electors Of Toronto On January 1st, 1945 Satisfactory? If Not, What Can Be Done About It?

How many individuals are represented by the 363949 names on the voting list is not known. The Bureau has deducted $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent for duplication. This is only a guess and probably much too large. As long as the same percentage is used for all years, the trend shown is not far from the actual.

There are probably some duplications within the wards, but these are not significant.

COMMENT

1. The total Vote for Aldermen on the percentage basis was much lower than that of last year, but heavier than those of 1941, 1942, and 1943.
2. The total Vote for Controllers on the percentage basis was much lower than that of last year, but higher than those of 1941, 1942, and 1943.
3. The Vote for Mayor on the percentage basis was much lower than that of last year, but heavier than that of 1941.

QUERY?

1. Why not have a two or three year staggered term?
2. Why not have a more general participation in nominations?
3. Why not equalize the wards and cut down their number?

TORONTO CIVIC ELECTIONS
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

Election Date	For Year	Population	Names on Voters' List	Estimated No. of Individuals on List*	Individuals Who Actually Voted	VOTES FOR COUNCIL			VOTES FOR BOARD OF CONTROL			VOTES FOR MAYOR		
						Possible** (Est.)	Cast	%	Possible*** (Est.)	Cast	%	Possible† (Est.)	Cast	%
Jan. 1, 1936	1936	645,462	325,784	217,190	128,987	651,568	192,682	29.57	868,760	324,128	37.31	217,190	125,136	57.62
Dec. 7, 1936	1937	648,309	345,462	230,308	107,058	690,924	159,277	23.05	921,232	263,922	28.65	230,308	101,124	43.91
Dec. 6, 1937	1938	647,803	348,402	232,268	128,177	696,804	188,556	27.06	929,072	311,853	33.57	232,268	120,507	51.88
Jan. 2, 1939	1939	649,123	350,740	233,827	154,458	701,480	237,706	33.88	935,308	421,020	45.01	233,827	146,701	62.74
Jan. 1, 1940	1940	648,098	350,372	233,581	125,533	700,743	194,809	27.84	934,324	333,882	35.73	233,581	120,451	51.57
Jan. 1, 1941	1941	655,751	352,691	235,127	92,327	569,722g	115,539g	20.28	940,508	250,324	26.62	235,127	88,793	37.76
Jan. 1, 1942	1942	669,130	366,767	244,511	72,115	733,534	111,220	15.16	978,044	195,528	19.99		Acclamation	
Jan. 1, 1943	1943	674,285	361,342	240,895	73,083	722,684	112,973	15.63	963,580	199,076	20.66		Acclamation	
Jan. 1, 1944	1944	?	363,185	242,123	143,110	726,370	223,911	32.20	968,492	379,552	39.19	242,123	138,037	57.01
Jan. 1, 1945	1945	?	363,949	242,632	107,790	608,530h	139,774	22.96	970,528	286,820	29.55	242,632	105,381	43.43

* Estimated, by allowing duplication at 33 1/3%.

** Estimated, twice number on Voters' List.

*** Estimated, four times net individuals.

† Estimated, net individuals on list.

g Acclamation in Ward 3 (25,361 names) and Ward 9 (42,469 names). 705,382 less twice 67,830.

h Acclamation in Ward 4 (32,073 names) and Ward 7 (27,611 names) 727,898 less twice 59,684.

Based on: Votes cast by Wards as in Toronto Council Minutes. Summary of Names on List and Actually Voted. Population as in City Estimates except for 1943. The 1943 figure is also official.

On basis of 300,000 possible voters:

for Mayor—January 2, 1939—48.90% voted.

January 1, 1940—40.15% voted.

January 1, 1941—27.60% voted.

January 1, 1942—Acclamation.

January 1, 1943—Acclamation.

January 1, 1944—46.01% voted.

January 1, 1945—35.12% voted.

No. of people entitled to vote on Money By-laws. Duplication within a ward eliminated.
1940—120,244 1941—119,603 1942—121,048 1943—122,066 1944—126,662
1945—131,527

VOTING PERCENTAGE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ward	Vote Percent of possible
I.	41.30%
II.	39.03%
III.	26.92%
IV.	36.76%
V.	41.42%
VI.	38.62%
VII.	Acclamation
VIII.	47.25%
IX.	Acclamation

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