



Donald Norman Cameron (1851-1931)

Member for Tasmania 1901-1903

Member for Wilmot (Tasmania) 1904-1906

Donald Norman Cameron was born in Fordon, Tasmania. He was the elder brother of Senator Cyril St Clair Cameron. The brothers represented opposing groups in the first Parliament, Cyril supporting protection principally, while Donald was a supporter of free trade. Cameron was educated in Scotland and returned to Tasmania in 1870 to run his sheep property. Cameron held the seat of Deloraine in the Tasmanian House of Assembly in 1893 and again in 1897-99.

Cameron was elected to the House of Representatives for Tasmania in 1901 at the first federal election but lost the seat at the election of 1903. When Sir Edward Braddon died in 1904, he won the by-election for Wilmot but was again defeated in 1906. He was known as an energetic and forceful member of Parliament.

After leaving Federal Parliament Cameron represented Wilmot in the Tasmanian House of Assembly 1912-13 and 1925-28.

The state of Tasmania did not divide into electoral divisions for the purposes of the first federal election. Tasmania, as a whole, was also represented in the first House of Representatives by:

Sir Philip Oakley Fysh

King O'Malley

Frederick William Piesse

Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon