

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1886.

LIST OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE PRESENT CENTURY.

Date.	Prime Minister.	Duration.		Chancellor.	Exchequer.	Home Secretary.	Foreign Secretary.
		Yrs.	Days.				
Dec. 23, 1783 ...	William Pitt ...	17	81	Thurlow ... Loughborough }	William Pitt ...	Portland ...	Grenville.
March 17, 1801 ...	Henry Addington ...	3	56	Eldon ...	Henry Addington ...	Portland, Felham, C. Yorke ...	Hawkesbury.
May 15, 1804 ...	William Pitt ...	1	241	Eldon ...	William Pitt ...	Hawkesbury ...	Harrowby. Mulgrave.
Feb. 11, 1806 ...	Lord Grenville ...	1	64	Erskine ...	Lord H. Petty ...	Spencer ...	Charles James Fox. Viscount Howick.
March 31, 1807 ...	Duke of Portland ...	3	102	Eldon ...	Spencer Perceval ...	Hawkesbury ...	G. Canning.
Dec. 2, 1809 ...	Spencer Perceval ...	1	350	Eldon ...	Spencer Perceval ...	R. Ryder ...	Bathurst. Wellesley.
June 9, 1812 ...	Earl of Liverpool ...	14	307	Eldon ...	N. Yansittart ... F. J. Robinson ...	Sidmouth ... Robert Peel ...	Castlereagh. G. Canning.
April 24, 1827 ...	George Canning ...	0	121	Lyndhurst ...	George Canning ...	Sturges Bourne ... Lansdowne ...	Dudley.
Sept. 5, 1827 ...	Viscount Goderich ...	0	168	Lyndhurst ...	J. C. Herries ...	Lansdowne ...	Dudley.
Jan. 25, 1828 ...	Duke of Wellington ...	2	301	Lyndhurst ...	H. Goulburn ...	Robert Peel ...	Dudley. Aberdeen.
Nov. 22, 1830 ...	Earl Grey ...	3	231	Brougham ...	Althorp ...	Melbourne ...	Palmerston.
July 18, 1834 ...	Viscount Melbourne ...	0	128	Brougham ...	Althorp ...	Duncannon ...	Palmerston.
Dec. 26, 1834 ...	Sir Robert Peel ...	0	131	Lyndhurst ...	Sir Robert Peel ...	H. Goulburn ...	Wellington.
April 18, 1835 ...	Viscount Melbourne ...	6	138	In Commons ...	T. S. Rice ...	Lord John Russell ...	Palmerston.
Sept. 6, 1841 ...	Sir Robert Peel ...	4	295	Cottenham ... Lyndhurst ...	F. T. Baring ... H. Goulburn ...	Normanby ... Sir James Graham ...	Aberdeen. Palmerston.
July 6, 1846 ...	Lord John Russell ...	5	173	Cottenham ... Truro ...	Sir Charles Wood ...	Sir George Grey ...	Palmerston. Granville.
Feb. 27, 1852 ...	Earl of Derby ...	0	293	St. Leonards ...	Benjamin Disraeli ...	S. H. Walpole ...	Malmesbury. Lord John Russell.
Dec. 28, 1852 ...	Earl of Aberdeen ...	2	37	Cranworth ...	W. E. Gladstone ...	Palmerston ...	Clarendon.
Feb. 10, 1855 ...	Lord Palmerston ...	3	24	Cranworth ...	W. E. Gladstone ... Sir G. C. Lewis ...	Sir George Grey ...	Clarendon.
Feb. 25, 1858 ...	Earl of Derby ...	1	104	Chelmsford ...	Benjamin Disraeli ...	S. H. Walpole ... T. H. S. Estcourt ...	Malmesbury.
June 18, 1859 ...	Lord Palmerston ...	6	122	Campbell ... Westbury ...	W. E. Gladstone ...	Sir G. C. Lewis ... Sir George Grey ...	Russell.
Nov. 6, 1859 ...	Earl Russell ...	0	241	Cranworth ...	W. E. Gladstone ...	Sir George Grey ...	Clarendon.
July 6, 1866 ...	Earl of Derby ...	1	235	Chelmsford ...	Benjamin Disraeli ...	S. H. Walpole ... Gathorne Hardy ...	Stanley.
Feb. 27, 1868 ...	Benjamin Disraeli ...	0	285	Cairns ...	G. Ward Hunt ...	Gathorne Hardy ...	Stanley.
Dec. 9, 1868 ...	W. E. Gladstone ...	5	73	Hatherley ... Selborne ...	Robert Lowe ... W. E. Gladstone ...	H. A. Bruce ... Robert Lowe ...	Clarendon. Granville.
Feb. 21, 1874 ...	Benjamin Disraeli ... Earl Beaconsfield }	6	67	Cairns ...	Stafford Northcote ...	R. A. Cross ...	Derby. Salisbury.
April 28, 1880 ...	W. E. Gladstone ...	5	63	Selborne ...	W. E. Gladstone ... H. C. E. Childers ...	Sir W. Harcourt ...	Granville.
April 30, 1885 ...	Marquis of Salisbury ...	—	—	Halsbury ...	Sir M. Hicks-Beach ...	Sir R. A. Cross ...	Salisbury.

DECISIVE DIVISIONS.

The following is a list of some of the more decisive divisions which have determined the fate of Ministries:—

1841—Aug. 28.—Viscount Melbourne's Administration (duration six years, five months). Motion—Address at opening of Session. For, 239; against, 360; majority, 91.

1846—June 25.—Sir Robert Peel's Administration (duration, four years, ten months). Motion—Second reading of Irish Coercion Bill. For, 219; against, 292; majority, 73.

1852—Feb. 20.—Lord John Russell's Administration (duration, five years, seven months). Motion—Militia Bill; substitution of "regular" for "local." For, 126; against, 135; majority, 9.

1852—Dec. 16.—Earl of Derby's Administration (duration, ten months). Motion—Budget resolutions. For, 286; against, 305; majority, 19.

1855—Jan. 29.—Earl of Aberdeen's Administration (duration, two years, nine months). Motion—Sebastopol Committee of Inquiry. For, 148; against, 305; majority, 157.

1858—Feb. 19.—Viscount Palmerston's Administration (duration, three years). Motion—Second reading of Conspiracy to Murder Bill. For, 215; against, 234; majority 19.

1859—June 10.—Earl of Derby's Administration (duration, one year, four months). Motion—No confidence. For, 325; against, 312; majority, 13.

1866—June 18.—Earl Russell's Administration (duration, six years, five months, including five years, ten months of Lord Palmerston's first Administration, Lord Palmerston dying in October, 1865). Motion—Borough Franchise, "rating" instead of "rental." For, 304; against, 315; majority, 11.

1873—March 12.—Mr. Gladstone's Administration. Irish University Bill. For, 284; against, 287; majority, 3. (In this case Mr. Gladstone resumed office on Mr. Disraeli's refusal to form a Cabinet.)

1885—June 8.—Mr. Gladstone's second Administration.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Amendment to the Budget. For, 252; against, 264; majority, 12.

President of the Local Government Board, and the Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education. In the case of Lord Spencer, as in that of Lord Sunderland, in the time of Queen Anne, the Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland is associated with a seat in the Cabinet. The office of Paymaster-General, formerly, through its perquisites, the most lucrative post under the Government, is now without salary and without duties. It was held by Mr. Macaulay, with a seat in the Cabinet, in Lord John Russell's first Administration; but since that illustrious tenure it has not been filled as a separate office by a politician of Cabinet rank. In recent times the Cabinet has seldom consisted of fewer than thirteen members, though in the earlier part of Lord Beaconsfield's second Administration it had only twelve. Under Lord John Russell, and more lately under Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury, it has had the large and inconvenient number of sixteen.

A COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURE UNDER CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL GOVERNMENTS.

For the five years from 1875-6 to 1879-80, with the Conservatives in power:—

Years ending	Income.	Expenditure.	Deficit.	Surplus.
March 31				
1875-76	£77,131,693	£76,621,773	—	£509,920
1876-77	78,565,086	78,125,227	—	439,859
1877-78	79,763,298	82,403,495	2,640,197	—
1878-79	83,115,972	85,407,789	2,291,817	—
1879-80	81,265,055	84,105,754	2,840,699	—

TOTAL FIVE YEARS. } £399,841,054 £406,664,085 £7,772,713 £949,729

Compared with the previous five years, when the Liberals were in power, we find an increase of expenditure of £49,579,769.

For the past five years, from 1880-1 to 1884-5, with the Liberal Government in power:—

Years ending	Income.	Expenditure.	Deficit.	Surplus.
March 31				
1880-81	£84,041,288	£83,107,924	—	£933,364
1881-82	85,822,252	85,472,556	—	349,726
1882-83	89,004,456	88,906,278	—	98,178
1883-84	87,205,184	86,999,564	—	205,620
1884-85	88,043,110	89,092,883	1,049,773	—

TOTAL FIVE YEARS. } £31,116,320 £33,579,205 £1,049,773 £1,586,888

This increase in the Expenditure for the five years ending March 31, 1885, of £26,915,167 was mainly in consequence of the heavy liabilities, the legacies of war debts, and the legacies of policy in Afghanistan and Egypt bequeathed by the Conservatives.

STATE OFFICERS WITH CABINET RANK.

The offices with which a seat in the Cabinet is now by usage associated are those of First Lord of the Treasury, as Prime Minister; the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the five Secretaries of State—for the Home, Foreign, Colonial, War, and Indian Departments; the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the First Lord of the Admiralty. Offices which usually, or occasionally, but not invariably, are filled by Cabinet Ministers, are those of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Postmaster-General, the President of the Board of Trade, the First Commissioner of Works, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the