

## **Concession Speech: James Scullin, Opposition Leader (ALP)**

***Melbourne: November 18, 1928***

“My prediction that there would be a decided swing to Labor has been justified by the results.

We have retained every seat held in the last Parliament, and we will have the pleasure of welcoming recruits in the new Parliament.

Whatever the final results in individual electorates may be, the aggregate vote polled for Labor on Saturday was magnificent and proves that Labor’s old fighting spirit has revived.

Mr Bruce, in his last-hour message, summoned the electors to decide “whether our social system was to go down under the heel of blood-thirsty revolutionaries”.

This affront to the intelligence of the men and women, the soul of Australia, was effectively answered by the large vote recorded against the Government.”

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