



Dáil 100
Éireann

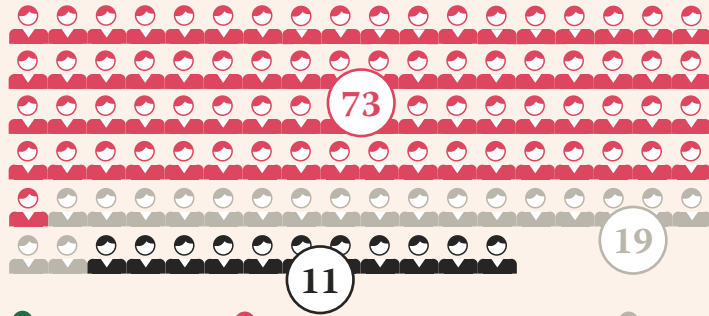


Tithe an Oireachtais
Houses of the Oireachtas

General election 1918

December 1910 general election results

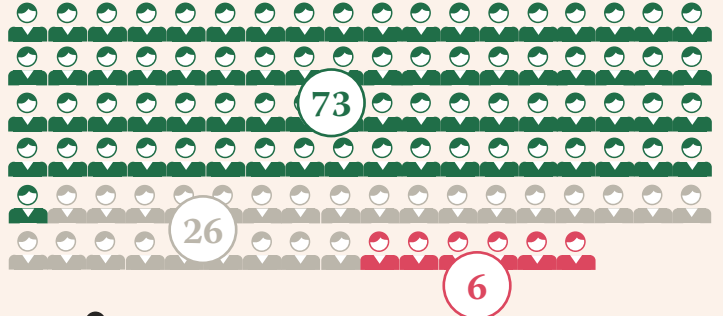
Seats: 103 Voters: 700,000



Sinn Féin Irish Parliamentary Party Unionist Other

1918 general election results

Seats: 105 Voters: Almost 2 million



One woman was elected

Four Sinn Féin members were elected in two constituencies



Countess de Markievicz



Arthur Griffith
Cavan East + Tyrone North West



Eamon de Valera
Clare East + Mayo East



Eoin MacNeill
National University of Ireland + Londonderry City



Liam Mellows
East Galway + Meath North

First Dáil 1919-1921

Two Members died

One Member resigned



Terence MacSwiney

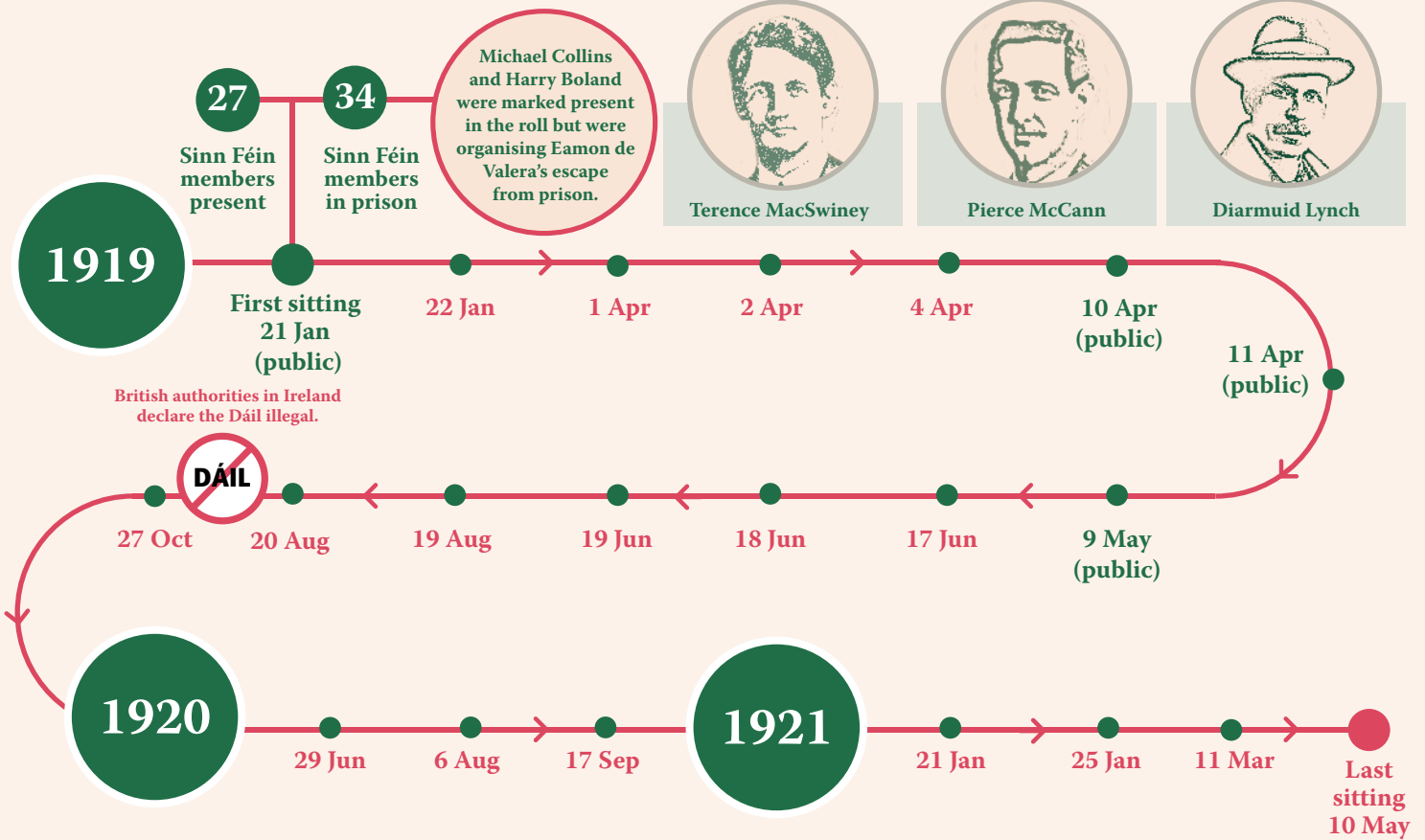


Pierce McCann



Diarmuid Lynch

Michael Collins and Harry Boland were marked present in the roll but were organising Eamon de Valera's escape from prison.





“The assembling at the new Irish Parliament was awaited with keenest excitement everywhere. The big questions on the lips of everyone these days was ‘What would happen? Would the British try to prevent the meeting? Would they use force to do so?’ ”

Seán T. O’Kelly



“The thing in one sense was futile and unreal...a solemn act of defiance of the British Empire by a body of young men who have not the slightest notion of that Empire’s power and resources and not a particle of experience in the conduct of public affairs.”

The Irish Times

“We ordain that the elected Representatives of the Irish people alone have power to make laws binding on the people of Ireland, and that the Irish Parliament is the only Parliament to which that people will give its allegiance.”

*Declaration of Independence,
Dáil Éireann,
21 January 1919*

“The British government apparently intends to ignore the Sinn Fein republic until it undertakes to enforce laws that are in conflict with those established by the British; then the trouble is likely to begin.”

*Edward Pickard,
The Yerington Times*

“Never was the past so near, or the present so brave, or the future so full of hope...We did see Cathal Brugha presiding and we repeated the words of the declaration after him, and we felt we had burned our boats now. There was no going back.”

Máire Comerford

“The end of it will be that these 73 devils will very soon go bag and baggage over to Westminster.”

*Field Marshall
Sir John French*

D’imigh an Náisiún Gaelach síos ag Cionn tSáile trí chéad bliain ó shin, agus an 21ú Eanáir, 1919, do thóg sé a cheann arís. Ar an lá sin, d’fhógair teachtairí na nGael don domhan mór gur saor-stát Eire”

Nationality

“From that time onward interest in the doings of the British Parliament and its personnel, for so long prime items of news in Ireland and the national press, decreased strikingly and, in a remarkably short time, faded away altogether.”

Kevin O’Sheil

