(Is there another tape in
existence? RF says a young
man interviewed him.)

(245 on moderately interesting)

1928   Political animal at university?
        Only in university politics.   President of S.R.C.
        Issues ranged from politics of the day to minor domestic matters.
        Numerous debates.
        Help and experience of Professor Taylor - debating (coaching).

075   Residence in Christ College - very enjoyable.

110   "The room in Elizabeth Street" - a private common room, as the one
        in the University was inadequate.   Discontinued when Christ College
        established and residence available.
        Other participants: Aubrey Davern (?), Jack Edwards et al.

155   Election to Parliament 1946.   Wilmot electorate.   Topped poll.
        Joined Ministry then and there as Attorney-General.
        Reasons for being Labour politician - family influence.

220   Proudest achievement - abolition of capital punishment in Tasmania.

245   The Royal Commission.   Feelings of Government when University staff
        asked for an investigation into the affairs of the University.
        Unwillingness on part of Government to institute Royal Commission.
        Beaten by one vote: McPartlan (?) supported the vote for the
        Royal Commission.

285   Government steadfastly refused to be involved.   Himself "not
        sufficiently associated with it to make a judgment".

310   Numbers of graduates in Parliament at that time.   Himself the
        only lawyer in Labour Party in 1946.

320   Any "class" advantage in opportunity to get into Parliament in
        Tasmania? e.g. landowners.   Answer: No.   On the whole pretty fair
        electorates.

370   The role of the Tasmanian Club!

390   The Hare-Clark system.   "I have not ever thoroughly grasped the details or the workings of it ... a fair enough system".

405   Excellence of senior staff - King, Taylor, Dunbabin, Dallas, etc.

460   Professor in Law (McDougall).

480   Any limitations on who went to the University - owing to fees, etc. Answer: No.

           (Interesting blind spot: nobody prevented from going to the university because of lack of money.)

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