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With a father and brother both being members of parliament Nicholson contested a seat in East Dorset in the 1910 general election.<sup>[1]</sup> He lost by 426 votes to Captain Guest but after a petition Guest was unseated.<sup>[1]</sup> Nicholson stood again as a Conservative candidate in a by-election against Guest's brother Henry Guest but was defeated again by a small margin.<sup>[1]</sup> In the second general election of 1910 in December, he tried to get elected at Stafford but was defeated by 755 votes.<sup>[1]</sup>

In 1921, he was elected the Member of Parliament for the Westminster Abbey constituency in a by-election following the death of the incumbent MP William Burdett-Coutts. He was re-elected in the following two general elections in 1922 and 1923.

## Death

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Nicholson, who had never married, died on 21 February 1924 of pneumonia at his house at South Audley Street, Mayfair aged 60.<sup>[3]</sup> A by-election was held to replace him as an MP.

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