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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1929.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the dispatch of business at three o'clock on each Wednesday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock on each Thursday afternoon, and at eleven o'clock on each Friday morning.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance 1927-28—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1928, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
British Economic Mission nominated by His Majesty's Government in Great Britain at the request of the Commonwealth Government—Report, dated 7th January, 1929.
Central Australia—Finding and evidence of Board of Inquiry concerning the killing of natives in Central Australia by police parties and others.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Fifth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 1st December, 1928.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Federal Capital Commission, for the year ended 30th June, 1928.
Severally ordered to be printed.
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for the year 1927-28; together with Statements showing gaugings made at Gauging Stations on, and quantities of water diverted from, the River Murray and tributaries.
Ordered—That the Report be printed.

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Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 109.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

Nos. 33, 34, 35 and 36 of 1928—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia, Australian Postal Electricians' Union, and Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

Nos. 37, 38, 39 and 40 of 1928—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia, Australian Postal Electricians' Union, Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union, and Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.

No. 41 of 1928—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 42 of 1928—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 43 of 1928—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 44 of 1928—Postal Overseers' Union of Australia.

No. 45 of 1928—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

Nos. 46, 47, and 48 of 1928—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

Nos. 49, 50 and 51 of 1928—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 52 of 1928—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 1 of 1929—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of 1929—Australian Postal Electricians' Union, Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union, and Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.

No. 5 of 1929—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

Audit Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 96.

Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year, 1927-28—Dated 24th January, 1929.

Commonwealth Bank Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 101, 102, 127, 128.

Treasurer's Statement of the Combined Accounts of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Savings Bank, as at 30th June, 1928.

Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—

Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928.

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1928.

Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers—

Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928.

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1928.

Cockatoo Island—

Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928.

Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1928.

Customs Act—

Proclamation, dated 7th December, 1928, prohibiting the exportation (except under certain conditions) of Cinematograph Films produced in Australia.

Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 95, 132.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 103, 121, 125, 126.

Statutory Rules 1929, No. 4.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 107, 117.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 131.

Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted to—

30th September, 1928.

31st December, 1928.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Ceduna, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 120, 122, 138, 140, 141.

Statutory Rules 1929, Nos. 5, 6.

Navigation Act—Report of cases in which the Governor-General, during the year ended 31st December, 1928, exercised his powers under section 422A of the Act to exempt certain ships from compliance with specified requirements of the Act.

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New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1928—

- No. 19—Supply (No. 2) 1928–29.
- No. 20—Miners' Homestead Leases.
- No. 21—Mineral Oil and Coal.
- No. 22—Currency Coinage and Tokens.
- No. 23—Laws Repeal and Adopting.
- No. 24—Expropriation.
- No. 25—Natives' Contracts Protection.
- No. 26—Police Offences.
- No. 27—Loan.
- No. 28—Native Labour.
- No. 29—Judiciary (No. 3).
- No. 30—Prisons.
- No. 31—Appropriation 1928–29.
- No. 32—Lands Registration.
- No. 33—Bounties.
- No. 34—Administrator's Powers.
- No. 35—Superannuation.

Northern Australia Act—

Central Australia—

Ordinances of 1928—

- No. 20—Service and Execution of Process.
- No. 21—Aboriginals (No. 2).
- No. 22—Nurses and Midwives Registration.
- No. 23—Income Tax.
- No. 24—Justices.
- No. 25—Government Resident.
- No. 26—Leprosy.
- No. 27—Poisons.
- No. 28—Printers and Newspapers.
- No. 29—Dangerous Drugs (No. 2).
- No. 30—Board of Enquiry.

Public Service Ordinance—Regulations.

North Australia—

Ordinances of 1928—

- No. 22—Service and Execution of Process.
- No. 23—Aboriginals (No. 2).
- No. 24—Nurses and Midwives Registration.
- No. 25—Income Tax.
- No. 26—Justices.
- No. 27—Government Resident.
- No. 28—Leprosy.
- No. 29—Poisons.
- No. 30—Printers and Newspapers.
- No. 31—Dangerous Drugs (No. 2).
- No. 32—Roads.

Public Service Ordinance—Regulations.

Northern Territory Representation Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 108, 119.

Papua Act—Ordinances of 1928—

- No. 2—Gaming.
- No. 8—Appropriation 1928–29; together with Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1929.
- No. 9—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) 1927–28; together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure (No. 2) for the year ended 30th June, 1928.

Public Service Act—

- Appointments—Department of—
Home and Territories—H. S. Tregenza.
Treasury—G. Smith.
Works and Railways—J. P. Whyte.

Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 104, 105.
- Statutory Rules 1929, No. 1.

Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 49, 50, 51.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the Science and Industry Endowment Fund as at 30th June, 1928.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1928—

- No. 21—Public Health.
- No. 22—Board of Enquiry.
- No. 23—Public Parks.
- No. 24—Liquor.

Liquor Ordinance—Regulations.

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Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 116, 136, 139.

Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 106.

Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 98, 111, 130.

4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Hurry moved, That the honorable Member for Oxley (Mr. Bayley) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gregory. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Bayley made his acknowledgments to the House.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Grosvenor Francis brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed yesterday, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Grosvenor Francis moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Bernard Corser seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Member named.—The Deputy-Speaker (Mr. Bayley) named the honorable Member for Maribyrnong (Mr. Fenton) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having addressed the House, and Mr. Fenton having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913-1920*, the following Senators have been appointed Members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Senator J. B. Hayes, Senator A. A. Hoare, and Senator W. Kingsmill.

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JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following Senators have been appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—Senator J. Barnes, Senator H. J. M. Payne, and Senator M. Reid.

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JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Martens and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.