## 1929-30.

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

#### REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

## No. 90.

## WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1930.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
- 2. PRIVILEGE--NEWSPAPER MISREPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.-Mr. Yates complained to the House of a certain article in the Adelaide newspaper The Advertiser, in which he alleged that a certain speech by him in the House had been misrepresented, and having produced a copy of the newspaper containing the article in question and given the name of the publisher thereof, moved, That the Editor of the Adelaide Advertiser be declared guilty of contempt of this House, and that Mr. Speaker give effect to the Resolution agreed to by this House on the 20th December, 1912, having reference to newspaper misrepresentation.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question-That the debate be now adjourned-put and passed.

Ordered-That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL .- ASSENT TO BILLS .- The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :-

STONEHAVEN, Governor-General.

Proposed Laws intituled :----

" Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1930–31 " " Superannuation Act 1930,"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,

North Sydney, 9th August, 1930.

#### STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Proposed Laws intituled :----

" Acts Interpretation Act 1930"

"Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act 1930,"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Brisbane, 14th August, 1930.

## STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Proposed Laws intituled :---

"Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930"

"Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930"

" Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1930"

" Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930"

"Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1930" Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930"

"Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4) 1930"

" Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930"

" Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930"

" Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930"

- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1930"
- " Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930"

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"Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1930"

" Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930 '

"Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1930"

" Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930"

"Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1930"

" Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930 '

" Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1930"

" London Naval Treaty Act 1930"

" Flax and Linseed Bounties Act 1930"

" Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1930"

" Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1930"

"Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1930"

" Grafton-South Brisbane Řailway Act 1930 "

" Income Tax Assessment Act 1930"

" Income Tax Act 1930"

" Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1930"

"War Pensions Appropriation Act 1930" "Loan Act 1930,"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Brisbane, 18th August, 1930.

#### STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General,

A Proposed Law intituled :----

#### " Appropriation Act 1930-31,"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Brisbane, 19th August, 1930.

4. Message from Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth .--- South AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1930).-The following Message from His Excellency Lord Somers, Administrating the Government of the Commonwealth, was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :-

SOMERS,

Person Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Message No. 52.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Person Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of South Australia.

Government House,

Melbourne, 4th November, 1930.

Ordered-That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

5. PAPERS.-Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute-

Commonwealth Bank Act-Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1930, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 30th June, 1930; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Public Service Act-Seventh Annual Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 23rd October, 1930.

Ordered to be printed.

Air Force Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 94.

Audit Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 87.

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act-

Tenth Annual Report by the Trustees, 1st July, 1929, to 30th June, 1930 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey Bequest for the Technical Education of Soldiers' Children). Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Trustees of the Funds for year 1929-30.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 116. Commonwealth Bank Act-Treasurer's Statement of Combined Accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank, at 30th June, 1930, together with certificate

of the Auditor-General.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 97, 101.

Message No. 51.

Cotton Industries Bounty Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 105. Customs Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 91. Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 104. Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 90, 92, 99, 100, 115. Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 117. Income Tax Assessment Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 89. Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired at-Campsie, New South Wales—For Postal purposes. Mascot, New South Wales—For Defence purposes. Rocklea, Queensland-For Defence purposes. Naval Defence Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 88, 93. Navigation Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 95, 106. New Guinea Act-Ordinances of 1930-No. 16—Superannuation (No. 2). No. 17—Public Service. No. 18--Supply (No. 2) 1930-31. No. 19-Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement). No. 20—Supply (No. 3) 1930-31. Northern Australia Act-Central Australia-Ordinances of 1930-No. 7-Local Courts. No. 8—Marriage Validating. No. 9—Crown Lands. No. 10-Coroners (No. 2). No. 11—Interpretation. No. 12—Pounds. Dog Act of South Australia as applied to Central Australia-Regulations Amended. North Australia Ordinances of 1930-No. 9—Local Courts. No. 10—Crown Lands. No. 11-Coroners (No. 2). No. 12—Hospitals. No. 13—Interpretation. No. 14—Pounds. No. 17—Darwin Town Council (No. 3). Dog Act of South Australia as applied to North Australia-Regulations Amended. Post and Telegraph Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 85, 86, 103, 112, 114. Public Service Act-Appointments-Department of Health-T. G. B. Easton, I. F. Stephens, C. V. Vaughan. Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 107, 108, 109, 110, 111. Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)-Regulations—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 98. Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 102. Science and Industry Endowment Act-Report by the Auditor-General on the Science and Industry Endowment Fund as at 30th June, 1930. Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act-Ordinances of 1930-No. 9-Police Offences. No. 10-Court of Petty Sessions. No. 11—Administration and Probate. No. 13—Medical Practitioners Registration. No. 14-Police. No. 15-Land Advisory Board. No. 16-Education. No. 17-Bank Holidays. No. 18—Public Health. No. 19—Real Property.

- No. 20-Interpretation.

City Area Leases Ordinance-Regulations Amended.

Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance-Regulations.

Public Health Ordinance-Regulations-

Dairy.

Medical and Dental Inspection of School Children.

Tuberculosis.

Wine Export Bounty Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 96.

Wireless Telegraphy Act-Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1930, No. 113.

- 6. AIRSHIP R.101 DISASTER.-Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its profound regret at the tragic loss of life that occurred in the destruction of the Airship R.101, and tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the Government of Great Britain, and to the relatives of the victims of the disaster.
  - And Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Earle Page, having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen in silence-Question-passed.

7. AERIAL FLIGHT BY WING-COMMANDER KINGSFORD SMITH FROM ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House, having noted with gratification the record-breaking aerial flight from England to Australia accomplished by Wing-Commander Smith, tenders its congratulations to him on his great achievement.

And Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Earle Page and Mr. White having addressed the House in support thereof---

Question—passed.

- 8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the immediate financial and economic problems of the Commonwealth.
- 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT-MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.-Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer) presented-

Financial Statement by the Honorable J. A. Lyons, Postmaster-General and Acting Treasurer—

and moved, That the Paper be printed. Mr. Latham moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question-That the debate be now adjourned-put and passed.

- Ordered-That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
- 10. POSTFONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
- 11. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7), AND PRIMAGE DUTY (No. 2)].—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

#### (In the Committee.)

Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved-

(1) That the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1921-1930 as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That in this Resolution "Tariff Proposals" means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :---

> 19th June, 1930; 9th July, 1930; and 25th July, 1930.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

## IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Itoms.	British ' Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

## DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

<ul> <li>20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :</li> <li>"20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i per lb.</li> <li>21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :</li> <li>"21. Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels, and other attachments - per lb.</li> </ul>	9s. 3d. 9s.	98. 3d.	9s. 3d."
of tags, labels, and other attachments - per lb.	<b>36.</b>		1 05.
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PROD	UCTS AND	GROCER	ES.
43. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the		1	1
following item :			
"43. Coffee and Chicory :			1 43
(A) Raw and kiln dried per lb.	4d.	4d.	4d.
(B) Roasted, or ground; in liquid form; or	i		
mixed with milk or other substance	- 1		1 73
per lb.	7d.	7d.	7d.
(c) Substitutes per lb.	j 7d.	' 7d.	7d."

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 100. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :- "100. Tea- 6d.

 (A) In packets not exceeding 20 lb. net weight (A) In packets not exceeding 20 lb. net weight (B) N.E.I.
 6d.
 6d.

 (B) N.E.I.
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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

## DIVISION V.-TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

<ul> <li>105. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :</li> <li>"(2) Lace for Attire; Lace Flouncings; Millinery and Dress Nets; Veilings; Embroideries in the piece; Tucked Linens or Cottons - ad val.</li> <li>118. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :</li> <li>"(10) (11) (11) (11) (11) (11) (11) (11)</li></ul>	10 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent."
<ul> <li>"118. (A) Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Cloths, n.e.i., Floor and Carriage Mats of any textile material except coir; Floor Rugs and Coverings n.e.i., not being of rubber and not being Furs or other Skins or Carpet Felt Under Carpet Felt or Carpet Felt Paper; Saddle- bag in the piece or otherwise - ad val.</li> <li>(B) Roof Coverings in the piece, Floor Coverings, and similar materials, surfaced or unsurfaced, consisting of felt, textile, or paper base, impregnated or laminated with bitumastic, asphaltic, tar or pitch emulsions or similar</li> </ul>	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
preparations; dampcourse and similar materials in sheets or rolls ad val. (c) Linoleums and Floor Coverings having a similar surface to linoleums ad val.	45 per cent. 20 per cent.	50 per cent. 25 per cent.	55 per cent. 35 per cent."

## DIVISION VI.-METALS AND MACHINERY.

136. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :	]		
<ul> <li>(E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) ad val.</li> <li>(2) Wire, other</li></ul>	30 per cent. 52s.	45 per cent. 100s.	55 per cent. 120s."
180. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :			
"(D) Filament Lamps for lighting and heating - per lb.	ls.	3s.	38."
197. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring)			
and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :			
"(B) Cutlery, Spoons, and Forks, n.e.i., and Knife			
Sharpeners ad val.	5 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
And on and after 1st April, 1931	- '	-	
(B) Cutlery, Spoons, and Forks, n.e.i., and Knife			
Sharpeners ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent."
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## DIVISION VII.-OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

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229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :		
"(A) Kerosene and other Refined Petroleum Burning	id.	1d.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :		
<ul> <li>(E) Lubricating (Mineral)† - per gallon</li> <li>† An admixture not exceeding 2 per cent. of any vegetable or animal oil or other foreign matter shall not be deemed to reader the oil liable to any higher duty."</li> </ul>	4d.	4 <u>1</u> d.

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5th November, 1930.

IMPORT DUTIES-	-continued.		
Tariff Item.	Britisb Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHE 331. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the	$\mathbf{R}$ , AND $\mathbf{R}$	UBBER.	1
following item : " 331. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures, viz. : (A) The following produce of any territory of the Commonwealth, viz.:Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated Rubber, Powdered or Reclaimed Rubber	Free	Free	Free
<ul> <li>(B) Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated Rubber, Powdered or Reclaimed Rubber, n.e.i per lb.</li> <li>(c) Hard Rubber in Sheets; Rubber Thread; Boot and Apparel Elastics</li></ul>	4d. Free	4d. Free	4d. Free."
DIVISION XIII.—PAPER ANI	<b>STATION</b>	ERY.	
<ul> <li>334. By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :</li> <li>"(F) Writing and Typewriting Paper (plain), not including duplicating</li> <li>(1) In sheets not less than 16 x 13 inches ad val.</li> <li>(2) In sheets less than 16 x 13 inches ad val.</li> <li>(2) In sheets less than 16 x 13 inches ad val.</li> <li>(F) Writing and Typewriting Paper (plain), not including duplicating</li></ul>	10 per cent. 40 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
ad val. (2) In sheets less than $16 \ge 13$ inches ad val.	20 per cent. 40 per cent.		

(2) That the Schedule to the Excise Tariff 1921-1928 as proposed to be amended by the

Excise Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of (lovernment, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the Excise Tariff as so amended.

That in this Resolution "Excise Tariff Proposals" means the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :---

19th June, 1930; and

9th July, 1930.

### EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
<ul> <li>6. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :</li></ul>	45. ld.
sub-itcm : "(B) Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., made in Australia, both from imported and locally-grown leaf per lb.	4s. 4d."

and----

(3) That, in addition to the duties of Customs collected in accordance with the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1921-1930, as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals, and in lieu of the primage duty specified in the Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, there be imposed on and after the Sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, an ad valorem duty of Customs (in this Resolution referred to as primage duty), at the rate of four per centum on all goods whatsoever which are entered for home consumption on or after the said Sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, except-

- (a) goods covered by Items 368, 370, 371, 372, 373, 400, 401, 409 and 423 of the Customs Tariff 1921-1930 as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals,
- (b) bullion and specie, and radium, and
- (c) any other goods which are from time to time excepted from primage duty by Proclamation made by the Governor-General with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and published in the Gazette.

That in this Resolution "Tariff Proposals" means the Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :---

> 19th June, 1930; 9th July, 1930; 25th July, 1930; and 5th November, 1930,

and includes any Tariff Proposals to amend the Customs Tariff 1921-1930 which are introduced into the House of Representatives subsequent to the Fifth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved-That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. Message from Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth.-Northern TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930) .- The following Message from His Excellency, Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :-

SOMERS,

Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Message No. 53.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the person administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1926, to repeal the Northern Australia Act 1926, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 30th October, 1930.

Ordered-That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

### (In the Committee.)

Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1926, to repeal the Northern Australia Act 1926, and for other purposes.

Question-put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Blakeley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

Ordered-That Mr. Blakeley and Mr. Albert Green do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Blakeley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question-put and passed.-Bill read a first time.

Mr. Blakeley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question-That the debate be now adjourned-put and passed.

Ordered-That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. IMMIGRATION BILL (1930) .- Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section five of the Immigration Act 1901-1925. Question—put and passed.

Mr. Blakeley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Blakeley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Latham moved, That the debate be now adjourned. Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered-That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

- 14. IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL (1930) .--- Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922-1929. Question-put and passed.
  - Mr. Forde then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time. Mr. Forde moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Gullett moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question-That the debate be now adjourned-put and passed.

Ordered-That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. ADJOURNMENT.---Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Guy, Mr. James, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. West.

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