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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1905.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, bearing date the twenty-second day of May, 1905, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows:—

PROCLAMATION

Australia to wit.
NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament: And whereas on the twenty-eighth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and five, the Parliament was further prorogued until Friday, the twenty-sixth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and five, and it is expedient to further prorogue the said Parliament: Now, therefore, I, Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament until Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of June proximo, and I do appoint the said Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of June proximo, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at half-past Two in the afternoon, on the said Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and five, in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. McLEAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. Mr. Speaker read Prayers.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,
His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate forthwith.
Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—
4. JURY EXEMPTION BILL.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, by leave, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to Exempt certain Persons holding Public Positions in the Commonwealth from Serving as Jurors.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Dugald Thomson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Exempt certain Persons holding Public Positions in the Commonwealth from Serving as Jurors,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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5. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

GENTLEMEN :

I have called you together, after a reasonable recess, to resume your Parliamentary duties.

2. In 1903 plans for the distribution of seats throughout the Commonwealth were prepared by Commissioners appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, and were submitted to Parliament.

3. The Divisions recommended for South Australia and Tasmania were adopted by both Houses. Those for New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia were rejected by the House of Representatives.

4. During the recess My Advisers, in accordance with their duty under the law, appointed Commissioners for those four States in order that new Divisions might be submitted, and the Reports containing their recommendations have been furnished to the Government.

5. It is the intention of My Advisers to submit these proposals for your consideration without delay.

6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Reid moved, That a Committee, consisting of Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Robinson, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
British New Guinea—Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1904.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. McLean presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Customs Act 1901—Regulations—

Enforcement of Penalties, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 21).

Fees for Warehouses (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 18).

Standards for Condensations, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 39).

Public Service Act 1902—H. B. Skertchly and C. S. Teece—Appointments as Junior Assistant Examiners—Patent Office, Department of Trade and Customs.

Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—

Financial Year 1903-4 (dated June, 1905).

Financial Year 1904-5 (dated June, 1905).

Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Electoral Act 1902—

New South Wales—Report and Maps (2) of the Commissioner (Judge Murray) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions.

Queensland—Report and Map of the Commissioner (Mr. R. H. Lawson) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions.

Public Service Act 1902—Regulations amended—

No. 104—Shipping Patrol Officer, and repeal of Statutory Rule No. 46 of 1904 (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 8).

No. 229—Persons registered, and repeal of Statutory Rule No. 66 of 1904 (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 11).

No. 102—Seniority, &c., and repeal of Statutory Rule No. 74 of 1904 (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 17).

Nos. 36 and 104—Officers to obey summons, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 28).

Nos. 263, 264, 265, 266, 267A—Boards of Inquiry (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 33).

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at—

Armidale, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Gular, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.

Humula, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.

Kingston (The Rock), New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.

Lismore, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Mullumbimby, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.

South Richmond, Victoria—As a site for a Post-office.

Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903-1904—Regulations amended, &c.—

Military Forces—

Regulations—

Inspector of Ordnance Machinery, Armament Artificers (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 34).

Amendment omitting "General Officer Commanding," &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 3).

Parts I. and IV., Inspector-General, Council of Defence, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 2).

Part III., para. 49—Quartermasters (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 15).

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- Part V., paras. 217-18—Repairs, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 80).
 Part VI., paras. 180, 193—Canteens, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 14).
 Part XI., para. 58—Meritorious Service Medal (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 35).

Financial and Allowance Regulations—

- Part I., sec. IV., para. 50—Tenders (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 20).
 Parts I., II., IV., VI.—Rates, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 27).
 Parts I. and VI.—Damaged Stores, Staff Rides, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 79).
 Parts I. to VI., X. to XII.—Omitting “General Officer Commanding,” &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 6).
 Part IV., para. 113—Compensation for Injuries, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 10).
 Part IVA., paras. 115A and 115B—Compensation for Injuries, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 78).
 Part VI., para. 123A—Commandant (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 16).
 Part VI., paras. 129 and 134—Pay during Instruction Courses and Bonuses (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 22).
 Part XIII.—Badges (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 9).

Naval Forces—

Regulations—

- Amendment substituting “Director of the Naval Forces,” &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 4).
 Part I.—Addition *re* Council of Defence, &c. (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 1).

Financial and Allowance Regulations—

- Amendment substituting “Director of the Naval Forces” (Statutory Rules 1905, No. 5).
 Part II., paras. 50 and 51—Pay of Chief Engineer, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 83).
 Part IIIA., paras. 56A and 56B—Compensation for Injuries, &c. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 77).
 Part IX., para. 83—Engine-room Artificers (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 82).

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Fuller brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech prepared by the Committee appointed this day, 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. Fuller moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. McWilliams seconded the motion.

Mr. Watson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past Two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Frazer, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.