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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 23.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Procedure on Applications for a Declaration under the 'Excise Tariff 1906' (Act No. 16 of 1906)*," 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 Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 18th February, 1908.
3. MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Deakin informed the House that the honorable Member for Bourke, Mr. Hume Cook, had been chosen a Member of the Executive Council and a Member of the Cabinet.
4. THE LATE MOST HONORABLE THE MARQUIS OF LINLITHGOW, FIRST GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.—VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That this House desires to express its deepest sympathy with Lady Linlithgow and family in the great loss sustained by them by the death of the late Marquis, and to place on record its regret and grief at the untimely decease of the first Governor-General of Australia, whose abilities and kindness had endeared him to its people.
Mr. Reid and Mr. Fisher having addressed the House in support of the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the foregoing resolution, through His Excellency the Governor-General, to the Marchioness of Linlithgow.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Papua—Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1907.
Immigration Restriction Acts—
Return of—

 - (a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth during the year 1907.
 - (b) Persons who passed the dictation test during the year 1907.
 - (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test during the year 1907.
 - (d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth during 1907.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c., during 1907.

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Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Audit Acts—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1906-7 (dated 17th December, 1907).

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

Judiciary Act and High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—Amendments, &c.—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 125.

Public Service Act—Recommendation and approval of promotion of Mr. W. H. Sharwood, as Chief Clerk, Crown Solicitor's office.

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

Excise Act 1901, and Excise Tariff 1906 (No. 16 of 1906)—Agricultural Implements Regulations—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 122.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional) Parts III. and IV.—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 124.

Regulations Amended—Parts III., IV., and V.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 17.

Customs Act—Regulation No. 130 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 18.

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

Public Service Act—

List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, 1st January, 1908.

Papers relating to the promotion of Mr. H. W. Liston to the 4th class, Postmaster-General's Department, Central Staff.

Regulations Amended—

No. 74.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 13.

No. 142.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 24.

No. 104 (Provisional).—Statutory Rules, 1908, No. 19.

No. 104 (Provisional).—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 25.

No. 104.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 23.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Kiama, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Curlewis, New South Wales—As a site for a Post Office.

Sandy Bay, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and sixty thousand four hundred and ninety-nine pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1908.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1908, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and sixty thousand four hundred and ninety-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

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11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1907-8.—Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
 Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
 On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.
 Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
12. MONDAY SITTINGS SUSPENDED.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall not sit on Mondays.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. PAPERS.—Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—
 Telegrams, Counting and Charging ; Public Telephones—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 2.
 Telephones ; Post Cards ; Newspapers ; Prepayment ; Meteorological Telegrams—
 Statutory Rules 1908, No. 6.
 Letters, &c., liable to Customs Duty—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 7.
 Payment by Receiver ; Money Orders ; Urgent Telegrams ; Telephone Exchanges—
 Statutory Rules 1908, No. 10.
 Correspondence Addressed to Minors—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 22.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past eleven 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. Batchelor, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. John Thomson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.