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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Manufacture in Australia of brass and cupro-nickel cups, required for the making of rifle cartridges, and of silver and bronze blanks for the coinage of tokens—Report of Board on.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations with respect to such Papers as were not ordered by either House to be printed, viz.:—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Audit Acts — Regulations — Amendments, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 79 and 89	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Bounties Act — Regulations — Amendments, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 69 and 94	"	" "
Census and Statistics Act— Regulations—Amendments, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 66, 76, and 95	"	" "
Official Bulletins— Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration and Finance —Nos. 14–18	"	" "
Population and Vital Statistics—Nos. 6–8 ...	"	" "
Official Year Book of the Commonwealth—No. 1 —1901 to 1907	"	" "
Australian Commonwealth—Its Resources and Production	"	" "
Customs Act—Regulations amended, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, No. 82	"	" "
Defence Acts — Regulations — Amendments, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, No. 60, and Standing Orders for Military Forces of Commonwealth; Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 70, 71, 72, 81, 88, 97, 98, and 99	"	" "
Excise Act—Regulations, Amendments, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, No. 68	"	" "

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REPORT—continued.

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Lands Acquisition Act— Notifications of acquisition of land at—(1) Bel- lingen, (2) Cessnock, (3) Enoggera, (4) Maribyr- nong, (5) Windsor	No recommenda- tion	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Return showing land at Langwarrin Military Reserve leased for grazing purposes	"	" "
Papua— Land Ordinance of 1908	To be printed	
Progress Reports by Hon. Staniforth Smith for (1) April, 1908 ; (2) May, 1908 ; (3) June, 1908	No recommenda- tion	
Post and Telegraph Act— Regulations—Amendments, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 62, 63, 73, and 87	"	Already in print and circulated to Mem- bers
Public Service Act— Regulations—Amendments, &c., Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 64, 65, 67, 75, 77, 78, 80, 83, 90, 91, 92, 93, and 100	"	" "
Return of Temporary Employés, Year 1907-8 ...	"	
Printing Office—Return showing Machines, Type, &c. owned by Federal Government	To be printed	
Transferred Services—Return showing Cost and Re- venue under State and Commonwealth	"	
Patent Office—Particulars <i>re</i> Applications, Exam- iners, and Salaries—Return	No recommenda- tion	
Advertisements by Government, and Cost, &c., of <i>Commonwealth Gazette</i> —Return	To be printed	
Exhibition Bureau—Letter from Mr. H. J. Scott <i>re</i> establishment	No recommenda- tion	
Federal Capital Sites—Water Supplies	"	
Table of Precedence for the Commonwealth approved by His Majesty the King	"	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Anti-trust Legislation and the Commerce Act— Statement showing action taken by the Common- wealth	To be printed	
Trust Funds—Statement of sums to credit ..	"	
Expenditure out of Loan Moneys on account of Department of Defence and Department of Postmaster-General—Statement for Years 1897-8, 1898-9, and 1899-1900	"	

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

Committee Room, 24th September, 1908.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. FEDERAL OFFICERS TRANSFERRED FROM STATE TO STATE.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—

- (1) Names of officers in Federal Departments transferred from State to State since the initiation of the Federal Departments concerned.
- (2) Grades and salaries of said offices from which transferred.
- (3) Grades and salaries of said offices to which transferred.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. INSURANCE COMPANIES—SELECT COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMS OF.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to appoint a Select Committee for the purposes of—

- (1) Inquiring into the methods of operating Fire, Life, Prudential, and Industrial Insurance Companies.
- (2) Reporting on and recommending a system which, while economical, will guarantee the poor against extortion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mahon moved, as an amendment, That the words "Select Committee" be omitted from the motion, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Royal Commission of persons with special knowledge".

Debate continued.

Mr. Storrer 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 Thursday, 8th October next.

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6. IMPERIAL AND COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS—COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN.—Sir Philip Fysh moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the number and subjects of communications between the Imperial Government and the Commonwealth and *vice versa*, in the years 1901 to 1907, separately.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
7. PUBLIC SERVICE [APPEALS] BILL.—RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS AT STAGE REACHED LAST SESSION.—Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hughes, That the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902,'*" which were interrupted by the Prorogation last Session, be resumed at the stage which they had then reached, and that the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 1st October.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. FIRE INSURANCE BILL.—RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS AT STAGE REACHED LAST SESSION.—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Fire Insurance,*" which were interrupted by the Prorogation last Session, be resumed at the stage which they had then reached, and that the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 15th October.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. SPIRITS—EXCISE COLLECTED AND CAPITAL INVESTED, ETC.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice given by Sir Philip Fysh, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing, for each of the two financial years ending 30th June, 1906, and 30th June, 1907—
- (1) The amount of excise collected on spirits.
 - (2) The number of gallons on which excise was collected.
 - (3) The amount which would have been realized had the said gallons paid the duty on import.
 - (4) The value and character of articles, used in the distillation, the growth and produce of the Commonwealth.
 - (5) The capital invested in producing distilleries within the Commonwealth, excluding the value of land and buildings.
- Mr. Chapman moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (4) and (5) of the motion be omitted.
Question—That paragraphs (4) and (5), proposed to be omitted, stand part of the motion—put and negatived.
And then the original motion, as so amended, was put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1908).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Wilks 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.
11. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Naval Defence—Further correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Admiralty, in regard to the Naval Defence of Australia.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
13. DEFENCE BILL (1908).—Mr. Ewing moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Naval and Military Defence.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Harper.

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