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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE OF

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1911.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. The Late Major-General Sir John Hoad.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that on the occasion of the death of the late Major-General Sir John Hoad, K.C.M.G., he had, on behalf of the House of Representatives, sent a letter of condolence to Lady Hoad, and had directed that a wreath should be forwarded in connexion with the funeral.
- 3. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Railways-The Gauges of Australia and their Unification-Supplementary Report by the Consulting Railway Engineer (H. Deane)-6th October, 1911.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute-

Census and Statistics Act-

Official Year Book of the Commonwealth—No. 4.—1901 to 1910.

Bulletins-

Finance—No. 4.—Summary, 1901 to 1910.

Population and Vital Statistics-

No. 23.—Quarter ended 30th September, 1910.

No. 24.—Quarter ended 31st December, 1910. No. 25.—Vital Statistics, 1910.

No. 26.—Quarter ended 31st March, 1911.

Production—No. 4.—Summary, 1901 to 1909.

Social Statistics, 1909-No. 3.-Education, Hospitals and Charities, and Law and Crime.

Transport and Communication—No. 4.—Summary, 1901 to 1910.

Trade, Shipping, Migration, and Finance. .

No. 45.—September, 1910.

No. 46.—October, 1910.

No. 47.—November, 1910.

No. 48.—December, 1910.

No. 49.—January, 1911. No. 50.—February, 1911. No. 51.—March, 1911.

No. 52.—April, 1911.

No. 53.—May, 1911.

No. 54.—June, 1911. No. 55.—July, 1911.

Public Service Act—Regulations Nos. 114--116A Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 159.

Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute-

Defence Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Military Forces-

Nos. 92, 93-Statutory Rules, 1911, No. 155.

Financial and Allowance Regulations-

No. 82 (a)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 151.

No. 161—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 152. No. 152—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 153.

No. 176—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 154. Universal Training—No. 16.—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 150.

Naval Defence Act-Naval Forces-Regulation No. 200 Amended (Provisional)-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 149.

4. Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 5 further considered.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Glynn, viz. :-

Line 22, after "be" insert "five feet three inches or".

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided-

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Brennan Mr. Chanter Mr. Deakin Mr. Fenton Mr. Glynn Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Ozanne Mr. Roberts Mr. Salmon Mr. Såmpson Mr. Wise Mr. Wynne	Mr. Bamford Mr. Cann Mr. Catts Mr. Charlton Mr. Cook Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Riley Mr. Ryrie Mr. Sinclair Mr. Laird Smith Mr. Spence Mr. Thomas
Mr. W. H. Irvine Mr. Livingston Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Mathews Mr. McWilliams	Tellers. Mr. Frank J. Foster Mr. Scullin	Mr. Fisher Sir John Forrest Mr. Fowler Mr. Frazer Mr. Greene Mr. Hall	Mr. Thomson Mr. Tudor Mr. Watkins Mr. West
		Mr. Hedges Mr. W. J. Johnson Mr. O'Malley	Tellers. Mr. W. Elliot Johnson Mr. Kelly

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Fowler, for Mr. Hedges, moved, That the following words be added to the clause, "and the weight of each rail shall not be less than eighty pounds to the yard".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.

Clause 5 further debated, and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. Adjournment.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to 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. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Webster.

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