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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1916.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. R. W. Foster presented a Petition from certain farmers praying that the existing Federal wheat scheme should be amended by abolishing the restriction to chartering ships by two firms only, and by providing for the representation of each State on the Board of Management, that an audit and an independent report of the whole workings of the scheme be made, and that the accounts of each season's crop be kept separate.
Mr. Hampson presented a Petition from employees in the gold mines of Bendigo, Ballarat, and elsewhere, praying that the provisions of the War-time Profits Tax Bill may not be applied to the gold mining industry of Australia.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The War—Allied Territories in the Occupation of the Enemy—Correspondence respecting the Relief of.—(Paper presented to the British Parliament.)
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation—Report on Paper, Paperboards, Manufactures of Paper and Wood Pulp.
Ordered to be printed.
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 292.
Public Service Act—Promotion of W. H. Gibson, Postmaster-General's Department.
4. SUPPLY [INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1916-17.

Mr. Poynton, having delivered an Interim Financial Statement, moved—That there be granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending the 30th day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, a sum not exceeding £3,293,290.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen 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—General Abbott*, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. McGrath*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne*, General Ryrie*, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives