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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1918.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 19th January last.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1917-18.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 56.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" 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, 26th January, 1918.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Cattle-Tick Pest—Report and Recommendations of a Conference called to prepare a scheme of campaign for eradication of the Cattle-Tick Pest by co-operation between the Commonwealth and State Governments.
 - Defence—Navy and Defence Administration—Royal Commission—
 - First Progress Report; together with Announcement by the Prime Minister and Memorandum by the Minister for Defence.
 - Second Progress Report; together with Report by the Finance Member on Financial Administration; Report by the Quartermaster-General; Solicitor-General's Report and Memorandum by the Prime Minister on the Howell-Price Case; Report by the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, on the Commission's observations as to the Auditor-General and his functions; and Prime Minister's decision on recommendations Nos. 11, 12, and 13.
 - Third Progress Report.
 - Fourth Progress Report.
 - Decisions arrived at by the Cabinet, 15th March, 1918, on the Second, Third, and Fourth Progress Reports.
 - Memorandum by the Minister for Defence on the Reports.
 - Memorandum by the Prime Minister on the Reports.
 - Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the submission to the Electors of the Question prescribed by Regulation 6 of the War Precautions (Military Service Referendum) Regulations 1917; and Summaries of Elections and Referendums 1903-17.
 - Referendum—Statistical Returns showing the voting in relation to the submission to the Electors of the Question prescribed by Regulation 6 of the War Precautions (Military Service Referendum) Regulations 1917, within each Subdivision, of the States of—
 - New South Wales.
 - Queensland.
 - South Australia.
 - Tasmania.
 - Victoria.
 - Western Australia.

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PAPERS—continued.

The War—

Australian Imperial Force—Report by the Royal Commission (His Honour Sir Samuel Griffith, Chief Justice) as to Number of Members fit for active service and Number of Reinforcements and Enlistments required.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions—

Minutes of Evidence taken in the Central and Western Provinces of Canada in 1916, Part I. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Harbors and Canals—Memoranda and Tables as to the Chief Harbors of the British Empire and certain Foreign Countries and as to the Suez and Panama Canals. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

The War—

China—Text of Notes exchanged between the United States and Japanese Governments regarding their Policy in China, and Declaration of the Chinese Government on the subject. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Hospital Ships—Correspondence with the German Government regarding the Alleged Misuse of British Hospital Ships. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Merchant Vessels—Correspondence with the Netherlands Government respecting defensively-armed British Merchant Vessels. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Works Committee Act—Third General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—1917.

Ordered to be printed.

Audit Act—

Amendment of Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1916-17—Dated 23rd January, 1918.

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1917, No. 299.

Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 13, 43.

Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting Exportation of—

Butter, Cheese, Cream, Concentrated Milk, &c., if unfit for human consumption.

Animal Fertilizers and Superphosphates (except under certain conditions).

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 23, 24, 26, 27, 42, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Ayr, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Bunbury, Western Australia—For Quarantine purposes.

Cordalba, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

King Island, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Launceston, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Lithgow, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Rosemount, near Brisbane, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Rutherford, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 16.

Norfolk Island—Ordinances of 1918—

No. 1.—Export of Timber.

No. 2.—Executive Council.

Northern Territory—

Ordinance of 1917—No. 11.—Crown Lands (No. 2).

Ordinances of 1918—

No. 1.—Supreme Court.

No. 2.—Crown Lands.

No. 3.—Darwin Town Council.

Crown Lands Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory Crown Lands Act 1890 (South Australia)—Plan showing certain Post and Telegraph Reserves in the Northern Territory not required by the Post and Telegraph Department and resumed by Proclamation.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 4, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 40, 49.

Public Service Act—

Appointments, Promotions, &c.—

G. Bolton, Postmaster-General's Department.

G. S. Brownley, Prime Minister's Department.

M. F. Brownrigg, Department of Trade and Customs.

L. B. Fanning, Postmaster-General's Department.

R. T. Faragher, Postmaster-General's Department.

W. A. B. Gibson, Department of Trade and Customs.

K. J. Gorman, Department of the Treasury.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 14, 15, 31, 32, 38, 64.

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PAPERS—*continued*.

Railways Act—By-law No. 2.

Seat of Government—Ordinances of 1917—

No. 1.—Inflammable Liquid.

No. 2.—Explosives.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 5, 6, 12, 19, 25, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 45, 53, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 66, 69, 73, 75, 80, 87.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 17.

4. THE WAR AND THE ALLIED ARMIES.—Mr. Hughes, moved by leave, That this House records its unbounded admiration of the heroic efforts of the Allied Armies on the Western front, its pride in the valour and achievements of the Australian troops, and its firm intention to fight on to secure a victorious peace and the freedom of the world.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. H. Catts moved as an amendment, That the word "victorious" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the word "honorable" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Higgs moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "troops" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"and in order that the sacrifice of valuable human lives may be stopped, and an end put to intolerable human suffering, this House is not opposed to peace by negotiation".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 40.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Charlton
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Wallace
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story		
Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Lamond		
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott^a, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Fleming^a, Sir William Irvine, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, and Mr. Yates^a.

^a On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.