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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## No. 92.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—NOTICE OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.**—Sir Joseph Cook, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a Motion of Want of Confidence of which notice had been given by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Tudor).  
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Promotion of J. D. Chettle, Prime Minister's Department.  
War Gratuity Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 154.
4. **SUPPLY.**—[ESTIMATES 1920-21].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Remainder of Vote—"The Parliament"—debated, and agreed to.

With concurrence, remainder of the Estimates to be put to the Committee in Departments as set forth in the statement showing amount to be appropriated by Parliament (see page 3 of the printed Estimates).

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £366,863"—

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the Vote be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Bell moved, as an amendment, That the vote "High Commissioner's Office, £53,974," be reduced by the sum of £8,851.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Lavelle moved, as an amendment, That the item "Publicity Officer £300" (page 14) be omitted from Division No. 13.

Question—That the item be omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Bell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	
Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Lazzarini

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blundell	Mr. James Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lister	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story
Mr. Marr	

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Lavelle moved, as an amendment, That the item "Relief of Loyalist Workers—Maritime Strike, £4,000" (page 16), be omitted from Division No 13.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the item be omitted—put:

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Brennan		Mr. Bamford	Mr. Marr
Mr. Cunningham		Mr. Bell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. James Page	Mr. Riley	Sir Joseph Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Lavelle moved, as an amendment, That the item "28. Contribution to cost of Secretariat—League of Nations £15,000" (page 17) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Bell moved his amendment, previously temporarily withdrawn, viz.:—That the vote "High Commissioner's Office, £53,974" (page 27) be reduced by £8,851.

Question—That the sum proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Marr
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Bamford	Mr. James Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Donald Cameron	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Riley	Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the vote "High Commissioner's Office, £53,974," (page 27) be reduced by £4,500.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sum proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bamford	Mr. James Page
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Donald Cameron	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Wienholt	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gibson		Mr. Corser	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Greene	
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Riley	Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lister	
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Marr	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Vote "The Prime Minister's Department" further debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 40.*

A Bill intituled "*War Service Homes Act 1920*," 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.

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Melbourne, 19th October, 1920.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

\*On leave.

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