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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1921.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Oilfields in Papua (Upoia)—Geological and Engineering Report by Mr. J. Brown.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Promotion of S. Rankin, Postmaster-General's Department.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT *RE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE—MANDATE FOR GERMAN POSSESSIONS IN THE PACIFIC—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.*—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Imperial Conference, which it was proposed to hold in Great Britain shortly, and in conclusion, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper—

League of Nations—Mandate for German possessions in the Pacific Ocean situated south of the Equator other than German Samoa and Nauru,
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Mr. Watt, by leave, supported the motion for adjournment.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

4. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff (*see pages 36-88 and 321-6 ante.*)
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—COLONEL WALKER, LATE WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSIONER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Rodgers, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the position of Lieut.-Colonel James Walker as War Service Homes Commissioner, and the reasons for declaring his appointment to be null and void, and, in conclusion, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper—

War Service Homes Commissioner—Statement of reasons for declaring the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel James Walker to be null and void,
and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 67, 68.

Public Service Act—Appointment of T. S. Lipscombe, Department of the Treasury.

7. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff (see pages 36–88 and 321–6 *ante.*)
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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Wise moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten 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 :—Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Nicholls.

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