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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1921.

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

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INVITATION TO IMPERIAL CONFERENCE—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hughes made a further Ministerial Statement with reference to the Division which was taken on Thursday last in connexion with the Adjournment-Motion for the Purpose of Discussion and, in conclusion, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper—

Imperial Conference—Invitation from the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth to attend the Imperial Conference to be held at London in June next—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Considine moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"and that, in the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth, the Prime Minister should immediately tender his resignation to the Governor-General".

Debate continued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley

Tellers:

Noes, 46.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marks
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Foley	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrrie
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hill	

Tellers:

Mr. Burchell
Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the Paper be printed—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister	Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marks	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lavelle	
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. Foley	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Basic Wage—Royal Commission—Further Report dealing with the corresponding Cost of Living during the years 1915–1919.

Oilfields in Papua—Reports of Operations of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, during January and February, 1921.

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

League of Nations—Report by the Secretary-General to the First Assembly of the League on the work of the Council. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—

Appointments, &c., of R. P. Allen, R. Grant, J. M. Davidson, H. O'Boyle, J. J. Bourke, R. A. Dowling, F. V. Collins, R. H. Heywood, H. W. Bennetts, W. H. B. Finney, C. McNicol, C. W. Nye, E. J. Tomlin, Department of Trade and Customs.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 12.

War Service Homes Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Campbelltown, New South Wales.

Double Bay, New South Wales.

Goulburn, New South Wales.

Kogarah, New South Wales.

Waratah, New South Wales (2).

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT RE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE—MANDATE FOR GERMAN POSSESSIONS IN THE PACIFIC—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes, That the Paper [*presented on the 7th instant*], viz.:—

League of Nations—Mandate for German possessions in the Pacific Ocean situated south of the Equator other than German Samoa and Nauru—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Higgs, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes past ten 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. Bayley
Mr. Bruce, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Wienholt.

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