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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1927.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Construction of Buildings and Formation of Reservation at Canberra for the National Museum of Australian Zoology.
Ordered to be printed.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Sir Granville Ryrie, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Pacific Islands Shipping Facilities.
Ordered to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Canberra—Report, dated 23rd April, 1926, by a Committee appointed to report on the provision of University facilities at Canberra.
Norfolk Island—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1926.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1926.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1927).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 63.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Export Bounty Act 1924*.

Melbourne, 17th March, 1927.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Export Bounty Act 1924*.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

23rd March, 1927.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Pratten moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pratten, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pratten and Mr. Latham do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Pratten then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robert Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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 a later hour this day.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.

7. JUDICIARY BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Manning reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr. Gullett moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

4A. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section nine the following new section :—

Wine to be
product of certain
areas.

“ 9A. No bounty shall be payable in respect of wine which is not shown to the satisfaction of the Minister to be the product of areas actually planted with vines on the 31st day of March, 1927.”

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see above), after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Loan Bill (No. 1) 1927]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 76.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd March, 1927.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

23rd March, 1927.

[*Conciliation and Arbitration Bill (1927)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 77.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to section fifty-two of the ‘ Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1926 ’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd March, 1927.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

[*Judiciary Bill (1927)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 78.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Judiciary Act 1903–1926 ’, and for other purposes,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd March, 1927.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 43 and 44.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
12. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved :—

That the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1921–1926 be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-fourth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.			
85. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 85. Rice—			
(A) Uncleaned	per cental	3s. 4d.	3s. 4d.
(B) N.E.I., including Rice Meal and Rice Flour	per cental	6s.	6s.”

And—

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921–1926* be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-fourth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, Duties of Excise on Starch made from the imported rice be repealed.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
5. By omitting the whole item.	

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business, be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 9.
14. STATES LOAN BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

23rd March, 1927.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 321), the Bill was read a third time.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1927).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
 Governor-General.

Message No. 64.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Melbourne, 2nd March, 1927.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed : Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Manning reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9, Government Business.

17. BANKRUPTCY BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 42, omit "twenty-one", insert "nineteen".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 16, omit "five", insert "ten".

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 31, omit " five ", insert " ten ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

" 13A. Section one hundred and twenty-one of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) after the word ' seduction ' the words ' or for breach of promise of marriage '."

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Manning reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Latham, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6, Government Business.

19. PEARL-SHELL OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 2, after " by " insert " the Commonwealth, a Territory of the Commonwealth, or ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, lines 15–16, omit " at Broome, Western Australia ", insert " of the State of Western Australia ".

Page 2, lines 17–18, omit " at Thursday Island and Torres Straits ", insert " of the State of Queensland and the Territory of North Australia ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 29 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Manning reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 321), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

20. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—PEARL-SHELL EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1927).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved—

1. That a charge at the rate of Three pounds for each ton of pearl-shell be imposed on all pearl-shell exported from the Commonwealth, after a date fixed by Proclamation under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, subject to a lower rate being prescribed by regulations made under that Act.

2. That the charge imposed in pursuance of this resolution shall cease to be imposed upon a date fixed by Proclamation under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution as the date upon which that Act shall cease to be in force.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Manning reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thomas Paterson and Mr. Hill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

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Mr Thomas Paterson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Manning reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

21. WIRE AND WIRE NETTING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Migration) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, omit sub-clause (2.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

Commencement.

“ 1A. This Act shall be deemed to have commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.”

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the following new clause was, after debate, inserted in the Bill :—

Application of Act
to North Australia
and Central
Australia.

“ 5A.—(1.) For the purposes of giving effect to this Act in North Australia and Central Australia, the Minister may, out of the moneys standing to the credit of the Trust Account, make advances to North Australia and Central Australia for the purchase of wire and wire netting.

(2.) Any wire or wire netting so purchased may be supplied to settlers in North Australia and Central Australia at such price, upon such conditions and security, and subject to such terms as to payment, as are prescribed.

(3.) Any moneys received by way of payment for wire and wire netting supplied to settlers in North Australia or Central Australia under this Act shall be paid to the Trust Account.”

Schedule—

Mr. Watkins moved, as an amendment, That the words “ unless otherwise approved in writing by the Minister ” be omitted from paragraph 2.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Latham	Mr. Hunter

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Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Coleman
Mr. Forde
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Watkins

Tellers :
Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Malcolm Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the word "twenty-five" be omitted from paragraph 7, with a view to the insertion of "twenty" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Wine Export Bounty Bill (1927)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 79.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Wine Export Bounty Act 1924'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd March, 1927.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1927)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 80.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd March, 1927.

[*States Loan Bill (1927)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 81.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'States Loan Act 1925-1926'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd March, 1927.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PETROLEUM PROSPECTING BILL (1927).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 65.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Prospecting Acts 1926*.

Melbourne, 9th March, 1927.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Prospecting Acts 1926*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Marr moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Marr, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Marr and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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Mr. Marr then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Marr moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Marr, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

24. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANKRUPTCY BILL (1927).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 82.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Bankruptcy Act 1924’.*”

WILLIAM PLAIN,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd March, 1927.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 7 and 8, Government Business.

26. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hill, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27. INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

29. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Austey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

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