THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

No. 128.

VOTES AND **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE OF

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 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. Leave of Absence to Member (Mr. Parker Moloney).—Mr. Fenton moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Hume (Mr. Parker Moloney) on the ground of ill-health.

Question—put and passed.

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

Development and Migration Act-First Annual Report of the Development and Migration Commission, for period ended 30th June, 1927.

Tariff Board Act-Tariff Board Reports and Recommendations-

Cotton Waste.

Dictaphones.

Hoodlights for Motor Cars.

Kit Bag Frames, Attache and Suit Case Pins, Barrel and Socket Bolts. Leather Cloth.

Panchromatic Plates for Process Engravers.

Pyrene Fire Extinguishers and Liquid for refilling Extinguishers.

Refrigerators.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS To-MORROW.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow. Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed.
- 5. Supply [Budget Debate].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 358), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

> The President .. £1,300

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, That the item be reduced

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

The House resumed; Mr. Mann reported accordingly. Resolved-That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 6. Message from the Senate.—Commonwealth Bank (Savings Bank) Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 101.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1925'," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLANDS,

The Senate,

Canberra, 23rd November, 1927.

President.

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

- 7. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 133.
- 8. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

 Question—put and passed.
- 9. Adjournment.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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—
Mr. Bowden, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Parker Moloney*,
Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

• On leave.

E. W. PARKES, Clerk of the House of Representatives.