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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1934.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of October, in the twenty-fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the dispatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Ernest William Parkes, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Frank Clifton Green, M.C., Clerk Assistant, Albert Allan Tregear, Second Clerk Assistant, and Sydney Friedrich Chubb, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.
ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit :

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Tuesday, the twenty-third day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the dispatch of divers urgent and important affairs : and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, Canberra, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m., on the said twenty-third day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this
(L.S.) twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, and in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. LYONS, Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

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2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTIES BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod :—

GENTLEMEN,

The Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament request the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth constituting us his Deputies to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Commission was read as follows :—

His Excellency the Right Honourable SIR ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :

To The Right Honourable Sir Frank Gavan Duffy, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia,

and

The Honourable Sir George Edward Rich, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent, dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them : Provided always that the appointment of such Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the twenty-sixth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the twenty-seventh day of September, Tuesday, the twenty-third day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the dispatch of divers urgent and important affairs : and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, Canberra, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m., on the day and date aforesaid :

NOW KNOW YOU that in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, SIR ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputies for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this
(L.S.) nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, and in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. LYONS,
Prime Minister.

The Senior Deputy then said :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that as soon as the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place ; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and thereafter you will present the person whom you shall so choose to His Excellency, at such time and place as he shall appoint.

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Sir George Rich will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Honorable Members of that House.

And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

3. COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Honourable Sir George Edward Rich, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows :—

His Excellency the Right Honourable SIR ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, a Member of His Majesty's Most Excellent Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :

To the Honourable Sir George Edward Rich, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by Section forty-two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall before taking his seat make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you to attend at Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia this nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, and in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. LYONS,
Prime Minister.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION.—The Clerk laid on the Table returns to the 74 Writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 15th September, 1934, which he had received from the Military and Official Secretaries to His Excellency the Governor-General, and announced that the return to the Writ for the election of a Member for the Northern Territory had not yet been received by him.

By the said Returns it appeared that for the several Electoral Divisions the following gentlemen had been elected, as shown hereunder :—

Division.	State.	Name.
Adelaide ..	.. South Australia	.. Fred Hurtle Stacey.
Balaclava ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Thomas Walter White.
Ballaarat ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Archibald Clyde Wanliss Fiskien.
Barker ..	.. South Australia	.. Archie Galbraith Cameron.
Barton ..	.. New South Wales	.. Albert Lane.
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Herbert Claude Barnard.
Batman ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Frank Brennan.
Bendigo ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Eric Fairweather Harrison.
Boothby ..	.. South Australia	.. John Lloyd Price.
Bourke ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Maurice McCrae Blackburn.
Brisbane ..	.. Queensland ..	.. George Lawson.
Calare ..	.. New South Wales	.. Harold Victor Campbell Thorby.
Capricornia ..	.. Queensland ..	.. Francis Michael Forde.
Cook ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Smith Garden.
Corangamite	.. Victoria ..	.. Geoffrey Austin Street.
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Richard Gardiner Casey.
Cowper ..	.. New South Wales	.. Earle Christmas Grafton Page.
Dalley ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Solomon Rosevear.
Darling ..	.. New South Wales	.. Joseph James Clark.
Darling Downs	.. Queensland ..	.. Littleton Ernest Groom.
Darwin ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. George John Bell.
Denison ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. Gerald William Mahoney.
East Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. Edward John Ward.
Echuca ..	.. Victoria ..	.. John McEwen.
Eden-Monaro	.. New South Wales	.. John Arthur Perkins.
Fawkner Victoria George Arnot Maxwell.
Flinders Victoria James Valentine Fairbairn.

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Division.	State.	Name.
Forrest ..	Western Australia	John Henry Prowse.
Franklin ..	Tasmania ..	Charles William Frost.
Fremantle ..	Western Australia	John Curtin.
Gippsland ..	Victoria ..	Thomas Paterson.
Grey ..	South Australia	Philip Albert Martin McBride.
Griffith ..	Queensland ..	Francis Matthew John Baker.
Gwydir ..	New South Wales	Charles Lydiard Aubrey Abbott.
Henty ..	Victoria ..	Henry Somer Gullett.
Herbert ..	Queensland ..	George William Martens.
Hindmarsh ..	South Australia	Norman John Oswald Makin.
Hume ..	New South Wales	Thomas Joseph Collins.
Hunter ..	New South Wales	Rowland James.
Indi ..	Victoria ..	William Joseph Hutchinson.
Kalgoorlie ..	Western Australia	Albert Ernest Green.
Kennedy ..	Queensland ..	David Riordan.
Kooyong ..	Victoria ..	Robert Gordon Menzies.
Lang ..	New South Wales	Daniel Mulcahy.
Lilley ..	Queensland ..	Donald Charles Cameron.
Macquarie ..	New South Wales	John Norman Lawson.
Maranoa ..	Queensland ..	James Aitchison Johnston Hunter.
Maribyrnong ..	Victoria ..	Arthur Samuel Drakeford.
Martin ..	New South Wales	William Victor McCall.
Melbourne ..	Victoria ..	William Robert Nuttall Maloney.
Melbourne Ports ..	Victoria ..	Edward James Holloway.
Moreton ..	Queensland ..	Josiah Francis.
Newcastle ..	New South Wales	David Watkins.
New England ..	New South Wales	Victor Charles Thompson.
North Sydney ..	New South Wales	William Morris Hughes.
Parkes ..	New South Wales	Charles William Clanan Marr.
Parramatta ..	New South Wales	Frederick Harold Stewart.
Perth ..	Western Australia	Walter Maxwell Nairn.
Reid ..	New South Wales	Joseph Herbert Gander.
Richmond ..	New South Wales	Roland Frederick Herbert Green.
Riverina ..	New South Wales	Horace Keyworth Nock.
Robertson ..	New South Wales	Sydney Lane Gardner.
Swan ..	Western Australia	Henry Gregory.
Wakefield ..	South Australia	Charles Allan Seymour Hawker.
Wannon ..	Victoria ..	Thomas Hallett Scholfield.
Warringah ..	New South Wales	Robert Archdale Parkhill.
Watson ..	New South Wales	John Thomas Jennings.
Wentworth ..	New South Wales	Eric John Harrison.
Werriwa ..	New South Wales	Hubert Peter Lazzarini.
West Sydney ..	New South Wales	John Albert Beasley.
Wide Bay ..	Queensland ..	Bernard Henry Corser.
Wilmot ..	Tasmania ..	Joseph Aloysius Lyons.
Wimmera ..	Victoria ..	Hugh McClelland.
Yarra ..	Victoria ..	James Henry Scullin.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the Oath required by law, except Mr. Thomas Collins and Mr. Martens (who were not then present), and Mr. A. G. Cameron, who made and subscribed an Affirmation according to law.

The Commissioner retired.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Hutchinson addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr. George John Bell, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Nairn.

Mr. Bell submitted himself to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gander addressing the House—

Closure of Member.—Mr. Bernard Corser moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

The Clerk thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member be not further heard.

The House proceeded to divide, but the Tellers for the Noes not acting when appointed, the Clerk declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

The House then calling Mr. Bell to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Nairn and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Then Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), and other honorable Members congratulated Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Thompson addressing the House in congratulating Mr. Speaker—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Gander moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 60.
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Clark	Mr. Baker
Mr. Garden	Mr. Barnard
Mr. James	Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. A. G. Cameron
Mr. Ward	Sir Donald Cameron
	Mr. Casey
<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Gander	Mr. Curtin
Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Drakeford
	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn
	Mr. Fiske
	Mr. Forde
	Mr. Josiah Francis
	Mr. Frost
	Mr. Albert Green
	Mr. Roland Green
	Mr. Gregory
	Sir Littleton Groom
	Sir Henry Gullett
	Mr. E. F. Harrison
	Mr. E. J. Harrison
	Mr. Hawker
	Mr. Hughes
	Mr. Hutchinson
	Mr. Jennings
	Mr. Lane
	Mr. George Lawson
	Mr. John Lawson
	Mr. Lyons
	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
	Mr. Makin
	Mr. Marr
	Mr. Maxwell
	Mr. McBride
	Mr. McCall
	Mr. McClelland
	Mr. McEwen
	Mr. Menzies
	Mr. Nairn
	Mr. Nock
	Mr. Earle Page
	Mr. Parkhill
	Mr. Thomas Paterson
	Mr. Perkins
	Mr. Price
	Mr. Prowse
	Mr. Riordan
	Mr. Scholfield
	Mr. Scullin
	Mr. Stacey
	Mr. Frederick Stewart
	Mr. Street
	Mr. Thompson
	Mr. Thorby
	Mr. Watkins
	Mr. White
	<i>Tellers:</i>
	Mr. Gardner
	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Thompson concluded, and Mr. Ward also congratulated Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker expressed his thanks.

7. **PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament that day at fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.

And the sitting of the House having been suspended until fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.—

Mr. Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

8. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.**—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

9. **COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:—

His Excellency the Right Honourable SIR ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia:

To Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable George John Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by Section forty-two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution:

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Now THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth, at Canberra, to administer the said Oath or Affirmation to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, and in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. LYONS,
Prime Minister.

10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN MINISTRY.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) announced that the Ministry was, from the 12th instant, constituted as follows:—

The Right Honorable Joseph Aloysius Lyons, M.P., to be Prime Minister and Treasurer.
 Senator the Right Honorable Sir George Foster Pearce, K.C.V.O., to be Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister-in-charge of Territories.
 The Honorable Robert Gordon Menzies, K.C., M.P., to be Attorney-General and Minister of State for Industry.
 The Honorable Robert Archdale Parkhill, M.P., to be Minister of State for Defence.
 The Right Honorable William Morris Hughes, K.C., M.P., to be Vice-President of the Executive Council and Minister of State for Health and Minister of State for Repatriation.
 Senator the Honorable Alexander John McLachlan to be Postmaster-General and Minister-in-charge of Development and of Scientific and Industrial Research.
 The Honorable Frederick Harold Stewart, M.P., to be Minister of State for Commerce.
 The Honorable Thomas Walter White, D.F.C., V.D., M.P., to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs.
 The Honorable Eric John Harrison, M.P., to be Minister of State for the Interior.
 The Honorable Richard Gardiner Casey, D.S.O., M.C., M.P., to be Assistant Treasurer.
 The Honorable Sir Henry Somer Gullett, K.C.M.G., M.P., to be Minister without portfolio, directing negotiations for Trade Treaties.
 The Honorable Josiah Francis, M.P., to be Minister without portfolio, in charge of War Service Homes and assisting the Minister for Repatriation.
 Senator the Honorable Thomas Cornelius Brennan, K.C., to be Minister without portfolio, assisting the Minister for Commerce.
 The Honorable Charles William Clanan Marr, D.S.O., M.C., V.D., M.P., to be Minister without portfolio.

11. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.**—Mr. Scullin informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Opposition, and that Mr. Forde had been appointed Deputy Leader.
12. **LEADER OF THE COUNTRY PARTY.**—Mr. Earle Page informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Country Party, and that Mr. Thomas Paterson had been appointed Deputy Leader.
13. **LEADER OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES LABOR PARTY.**—Mr. Beasley informed the House that he had been appointed Leader of the New South Wales Labor Party, and that Mr. James had been appointed Deputy Leader.
14. **SEAT OF GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT BILL (1934).**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Seat of Government Supreme Court Act 1933*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Lyons 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.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. **ADDRESS TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the following Joint Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester:—

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, KNIGHT OF THE GARTER, KNIGHT OF THE THISTLE, KNIGHT OF ST. PATRICK, KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER, PERSONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

May it please your Royal Highness:

We, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, gladly accept this opportunity of conveying to your Royal Highness an assurance of our attachment and loyalty to the Person and Crown of His Majesty the King.

This is the first official visit of Your Royal Highness to a Dominion of the British Empire, and the people of Australia are proud that such a compliment should be paid to them and to their country. We regard your visit as a manifestation of the deep interest which His Gracious Majesty has always shown in the welfare of his subjects in the Dominions.

The warmth and spontaneity of the welcome given to you by the people of this country is an expression of deep affection for and loyalty to the Royal Family of which you are a member.

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In the course of your progress through Australia you will come into personal contact with large numbers of our citizens, and you will have an opportunity of measuring the material advancement which has been effected during the period which has elapsed since the original settlement of Australia.

In recent years the Commonwealth of Australia has attained the status of a nation within the Empire. This honourable achievement has been accompanied by an increasing devotion of our people to the British Commonwealth of Nations and to the ideals of free and democratic government with which the people of the British Empire have been associated for so many centuries.

In the present time of world crisis many problems arise for the consideration of the Governments and peoples of the Empire, the solution of which can be greatly assisted by a spirit of co-operation. It will be our earnest endeavour to approach these problems in that spirit, with the object of devising methods of mutual assistance and support which will advance the prosperity of all, and preserve and strengthen the ties between the members of the British Commonwealth.

We express to Your Royal Highness the warmest and most cordial wishes of our people for an interesting and pleasant visit to our country, and we invite you to convey to His Majesty the King this message of loyalty and devotion to his Person.

And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having spoken in support thereof—

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that arrangements were being made for the presentation of the Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester to-morrow, in the Senate Chamber, at 10.40 a.m.

16. ASSASSINATION OF KING ALEXANDER OF JUGO-SLAVIA.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That we, the Members of the House of Representatives, on assembling at the opening of the Fourteenth Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, extend our deep sympathy to the Government and the people of Jugo-Slavia in the death of His Majesty King Alexander.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
17. DEATH OF M. RAYMOND POINCARÉ, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That we, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, express our profound sympathy with the people of France in the death of Monsieur Raymond Poincaré, a former President of the Republic of France and one of her most eminent statesmen.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
18. ASSASSINATION OF M. LOUIS BARTHOU, FRENCH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That an expression of the deep sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia be conveyed to the Government of France in the death of Monsieur Louis Barthou, Minister for Foreign Affairs.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
19. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE F. W. BAMFORD.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable Frederick William Bamford, a former Member of the House of Representatives and a Minister of State, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
20. DEATH OF MR. JAMES MATHEWS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its great regret at the death of Mr. James Mathews, a former Member of the House of Representatives, records its appreciation of his zealous public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
21. DEATH OF SIR EDGEWORTH DAVID.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its great regret at the death of Sir Tannatt William Edgeworth David, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.Sc., F.R.S., records its appreciation of his distinguished service to Australia and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
22. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit the foregoing Resolutions respectively to the Governments of France and Jugo-Slavia and the relatives of the several persons specified therein, together with a copy of the speeches delivered in connexion with them.
Question—put and passed.
23. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the sitting was thereupon suspended until five o'clock p.m.

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24. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
25. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

You are called together to deliberate upon matters of urgent importance to the well-being of the Commonwealth.

My Ministers are very gratified that, with the gracious approval of the King, it has been possible for His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester to visit Australia. The enthusiastic reception accorded to His Royal Highness manifests the deep affection in which members of the Royal Family are held in this country, and discloses again Australia's loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Majesty.

It is proposed that an Address of Welcome from both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament be presented to His Royal Highness on the occasion of his visit to Canberra.

Employment.

My Advisers take pride in the fact that during the past two years Australia has, together with the United Kingdom, taken a leading place among the nations of the world in financial and industrial recovery. They also observe with satisfaction the consistent and substantial improvement in employment over that period.

The Government take this opportunity to say that the partial recovery from the depression which has been achieved would not have been possible without the patriotic co-operation of the people as a whole, and especially the gallant fortitude of those who have been the keenest sufferers.

My Advisers regard with sympathy and concern the heavy unemployment which still persists and propose to give to this grave and pressing problem priority over other matters.

With this object in view employment and its associated questions have been allotted as a special ministerial task to the Minister of State for Commerce, who will, for a period at least, devote the major portion of his labours to this great problem, and will be relieved of much of the work of the Commerce Department. Consideration will be directed to three principal matters :—

- (a) A complete survey of the unemployment problem in order to determine whether there are any root causes which could be effectively dealt with by direct Commonwealth action or by some concerted action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States ;
- (b) The selection, preparation and carrying out of works which, by reason of their size or special connexion with Commonwealth functions, can properly be done by the Commonwealth alone ; and
- (c) Close collaboration with the State employment authorities with a view to the carrying out of works which, though within the authority of the States, cannot at present be undertaken without financial aid from the Commonwealth.

The selection of these works will be a matter for consultation with the States which will be invited to consider such undertakings as the unification of the railway gauges between capital cities, further country water storage, national forestry, housing and the treatment of coal deposits and shale for oil and other commercial products. In particular the Commonwealth will aim at the creation of opportunities for the employment of youth.

Rural Industries : Relief and Assistance.

My Government wish to express to all primary producers the indebtedness of the nation for the manner in which they have, despite low price levels, continued to maintain and in many industries substantially increase the measure of their production and export. As far as lies within their power and resources, the Government will continue and enlarge their policy of aid to rural industry until such time as marketing results show considerable improvement.

In accordance with this policy my Advisers are entering into immediate discussions with the Governments of the various States in relation to the question of financial rural relief. It will be understood that, as the Constitution now stands, the Commonwealth has not power to deal directly with such domestic matters as the tenure and financial security of the primary producer ; it must accordingly act through the medium of financing existing or future State schemes. Consultation with the State authorities in order to determine the precise nature of proposals and the amount of financial assistance necessary, together with the terms upon which it should be provided, will at once be put in hand.

Steps will be taken at a very early date to give effect to the Government's undertakings with respect to a bounty upon the approaching season's wheat.

Secondary Industries and Trade Treaties.

My Ministers will adhere to the national policy of Protection and will, in Tariff matters, follow the course which proved so successful during the life of the last Parliament. They strongly maintain the view that the first service of the Tariff must still be the upholding of local primary and secondary industries, the fortunes of which are closely interwoven and cannot be properly considered apart.

The satisfactory sale of our surplus primary produce is the index to the prosperity of every Australian industry and business and of all sources of employment. My Advisers believe that trade agreements and treaties, if framed with care and vision, cannot fail to bring additional income and employment to the community as a whole.

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With this desirable object in view my Advisers will submit legislation as occasion arises. They anticipate that during next year opportunity will be found to discuss with His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom certain phases of the Ottawa Agreement with a view to adding still further to the advantages which it is now conferring upon the contracting parties.

My Advisers are engaged in the negotiation of prospective trade treaties with a number of foreign countries. They are of the opinion that Australia's richest overseas market lies within the Empire and especially within the United Kingdom. But they are fully aware that in some great lines of primary commodities Australia and other Dominions taken together yield a total production far in excess of the consumption demands of the Empire. Confronted by these conditions my Ministers will make every endeavour to trade on the friendliest terms obtainable with all nations which are faced with similar problems.

When in making agreements or treaties alterations in the Tariff, which have not been formally referred to the Tariff Board, are necessary, my Ministers will submit the agreements or treaties with these alterations for the endorsement of Parliament within a limited period.

My Ministers are now engaged in consideration of a series of Tariff Board reports. A schedule based upon these reports will be submitted to Parliament at an early date, and the reports will be made available at the same time.

My Government will take steps to set up an Interstate Commission as a working part of the Constitution.

The first business of Parliament will be consideration of the Estimates.

In the earnest hope that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations and further the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth, I now leave you to the discharge of your high and important duties.

26. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That a Committee, consisting of Mr. McCall, Mr. Fiskin, and the Mover, be appointed to prepare an Address-in-Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the Committee do report at the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

27. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, at 30th June, 1934; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

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

Casey, Lieutenant-Commander Alan Dermot—Royal Commission upon circumstances associated with retirement from the Royal Australian Navy—Report.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Nauru—

Ordinance of 1933—No. 9—Shipping Fees Amendment.

Ordinances of 1934—

No. 1—Appropriation 1934.

No. 2—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation 1934.

No. 3—Appropriation (Supplemental) 1933.

No. 4—Nauruan Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation (Supplemental) 1933.

No. 5—Extradition.

No. 6—Customs Tariff Amendment.

No. 7—Shipping Fees Validation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Eleventh Annual Report, for year ended 30th June, 1934.

Ordered to be printed.

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 122, 125.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1934—

Nos. 19 and 20—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.

No. 21—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Nos. 22 and 23—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 24—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department; and the Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 25—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.

No. 26—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank, together with certificate of the Auditor-General, at 30th June, 1934.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 110, 120.

Cotton Industries Bounty Act—Return for 1933–34.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 109, 127.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 98, 117.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 87.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 90, 104, 105.

Designs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 121.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 100.

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- Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted during 1933–34.
 Flax and Linseed Bounties Act—Return for 1933–34.
 Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 123.
 Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 112.
 Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Return for 1933–34.
 Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—
 Dated 7th August, 1934.
 Dated 9th August, 1934.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
 Brunswick, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
 Cape Gourdon, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Cape Leveque, Western Australia—For Lighthouse purposes.
 Darwin, Northern Territory—For Defence purposes.
 La Grange Bay, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Lawrence, New South Wales—For Postal (broadcasting) purposes.
 Whim Creek, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Yanery, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Yulleroo, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Lighthouses Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 92.
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 89, 93, 94, 103, 108, 118, 124.
 Naval Defence Act and Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 88.
 Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 119.
 Northern Territory Representation Act and Electoral Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 95.
 Papua Act—Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees for 1933–34.
 Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for 1933–34.
 Public Service Act—
 Appointment of R. E. Murray, Department of Health.
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 101, 102, 107, 115, 116.
 Quarantine Act—Regulations (Air Navigation)—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 91.
 Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 97.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1934—
 No. 18—Companies (Investigation of Affairs).
 No. 19—Advisory Council (No. 2).
 No. 20—City Area Leases.
 No. 21—Plant Diseases.
 Building and Services Ordinance—Canberra Building—Regulations Amended.
 Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for 1933–34.
 War Service Homes Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 106.
 Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for 1933–34.

28. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Gregory moved, That the honorable Member for Forrest (Mr. Prowse) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Thompson moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 43.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. Frost	
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Garden	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street		
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Lane	Mr. White		
Mr. John Lawson			
Mr. Lyons			
Mr. Maxwell	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. McBride	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McCall	Mr. Hunter		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the honorable Member for Forrest (Mr. Prowse) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 55.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Makin
Mr. Baker	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Barnard	Mr. McBride
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
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Mr. Fiske	Mr. Earle Page
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Mr. Frost	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
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Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scullin
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Mr. Holloway	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White
Mr. Lane	
Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 11.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Clark
Mr. Garden
Mr. James
Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Rosevear

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), and other honorable Members congratulated Mr. Prowse, who made his acknowledgments to the House.

29. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the thirty-first day of October, at three o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the 31st October, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Thomas Collins and Mr. Martens.

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

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