THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

FRIDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1941.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. ABBCO BREAD CONTRACT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Spender (Minister for the Army), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:-

Abbco Bread Contract—Report by the Inspector-General of Administration, Department of Defence Co-ordination, 12th March, 1941.

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

- 3. KING GEORGE V. MEMORIAL, CANBERRA-MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.-Mr. Collins (Assistant Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement relating to the erection and site of the King George V. Memorial at Canberra.
- 4. Press Photograph of Apples being Destroyed-Ministerial Statement.-Mr. Anthony (Assistant Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning a photograph appearing in the Daily Telegraph of the 11th March, 1941, allegedly showing a load of apples being tipped on a rubbish dump at Sydney.
- 5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.-Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.
- 6. METAL TRADES CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to comments in the press by Judge O'Mara of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration regarding a proposed conference to discuss certain industrial matters relating to the metal trades.
- 7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—
No. 3—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
No. 4—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

Commonwealth Public Service Act-Appointments-Department-

Civil Aviation-J. B. Abel.

Interior-M. B. Cox.

Labour and National Service—M. A. Hunter.

Customs Act-Proclamation prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Dried Tree Fruits.

Medical Research Endowment Act-Report by National Health and Medical Research Council on work done under the Act during 1940.

National Security Act-

National Security (General) Regulations-Orders-

Prohibiting work on land.

Protected area.

Taking possession of land, &c. (98).

Use of land (19).

Regulations-Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 41, 48, 49.

New Guinea Act-Ordinance-1940-No. 10-Mortgagors' Relief.

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Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act— Ordinances-1941-

No. 1-Mental Defectives.

No. 2—Workmen's Compensation. No. 3—Public Service.

No. 4—Income Tax.

No. 5—Licensing.

No. 6-Local Courts.

Regulations-1940-No. 15 (Health Ordinance).

Raw Cotton Bounty Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1941, No. 32.

8. Public Works Committee—Reference of Work—Erection of Abattoirs, Canberra.—Mr. Collins (Assistant Minister) for Sir Frederick Stewart (Minister for Health) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Canberra, Australian Capital Territory—Erection of Abattoirs.

Mr. Collins having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work-

Debate ensued.

Sir Charles Marr proposing to move, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the -" and the Secretariats near Capitol Hill "-

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order as it was not relevant to the motion. Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

9. Public Works Committee—Reference of Work—Erection of Temporary Office Buildings, Canberra.—Sir Charles Marr moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—Canberra, Australian Capital Territory—Erection of Temporary Office Buildings near Capital Hill. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10. Adjournment.—Mr. Fadden (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT .-- All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except-Mr. Coles, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Price, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. White.

> F. C. GREEN, Clerk of the House of Representatives.