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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—TWELFTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered all the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, make the following recommendations with respect to certain of such Petitions and Papers not ordered by either House to be printed, viz.:—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petitions—		
<i>Re</i> Compulsory Military Training—from Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Tasmania	No recommenda- tion	
<i>Re</i> proposed Tariff—		
From certain fishermen in New South Wales (13 Petitions)	"	
From certain Importers, Merchants, and Traders <i>re</i> Phonographs, &c.	"	
From workers engaged in manufacture of parasols, &c.—		
Melbourne     ...     ...     ...	"	
Sydney     ...     ...     ...	"	
From certain electors of South Australia (7 Petitions)	"	
Papers—		
Lands Acquisition Act 1906—Notification of resumption of land at Sandy Bay, Tasmania	"	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Public Service Act 1902—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 114	"	Already in print and circulated to Members
Defence Acts 1903-4—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 117	"	"     "
Census and Statistics Act 1905—		
Trade, Shipping, &c.—Bulletin No. 8     ...	"	"     "
Population and Vital Statistics—Bulletin No. 3	"	"     "
Excise Tariff (Agricultural Machinery) 1906—	To be printed	
Notices given to H. V. McKay and others		
Federal Capital—Canberra Site—Reports <i>re</i> Water Supply and Drainage, and local supply of building material	"	
Colonial Office—Despatch respecting re-arrangement of Colonial Office	"	
Mail Service to Europe—Statement showing amounts of three lowest tenders	No recommenda- tion	
Commonwealth Postage Stamps—Report of Board of Experts	To be printed	

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JOHN QUICK,  
Chairman.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fairbairn rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The injustice of enforcing the payment of excise where manufacturers have paid what were considered fair and reasonable wages."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Fairbairn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. DISPUTED ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to pass through its remaining stage this day.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 40.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Archer,	Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Atkinson,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Carr,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Catts,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Palmer,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Mathews,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sampson,	Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Sinclair,	Mr. McDougall,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Hutchison.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. John Thomson,	Mr. Poynton,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,		
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Wilson,		
Mr. Hedges,	Mr. Wise,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wynne.		
Mr. W. H. Irvine,			
Mr. Johnson,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. McWilliams.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative, by an absolute majority of the whole House.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion, Government Business.

6. MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE—AGREEMENT WITH ORIENT COMPANY.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves the Agreement made and entered into the 15th day of November, 1907, between His Majesty's Postmaster-General in and for the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part, Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited of the second part, and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society Limited of the third part for the carriage of mails and services to be performed as therein provided, a copy of which Agreement has been laid upon the Table of the House.

Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "Representatives" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words—"is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain."

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6, inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.

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8. BOUNTIES BILL (1907)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the Amendments as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 7, leave out "Four", insert "Three".
- No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, line 8, leave out "twelve", insert "twenty-three".
- No. 3.—Page 1, clause 3, line 16, after "caught" insert "by white labour only".
- No. 4.—Page 3, clause 7, line 1, after "officer" insert "or other person".
- No. 5.—Page 3, clause 7, line 2, after "officer" insert "or person".
- No. 6.—Page 4, First Schedule, leave out item—  
 "Mohair .. 10 years ... 10 per cent. on market value ... £2,000".
- No. 7.—Page 4, First Schedule, leave out item—  
 "Copra ... 15 years ... 15 per cent. on market value ... 5,000".
- No. 8.—Page 4, First Schedule, item—  
 "Coffee, Raw ... 8 years ... 1d. per lb. ... £1,500"—  
 after "Raw" insert "as prescribed".
- No. 9.—Page 4, First Schedule, leave out item—  
 "Tobacco Leaf for the manufacture of ... 5 years ... 2d. per lb. ... £4,000".  
 cigars, high grade, of a quality to  
 be prescribed
- No. 10.—Page 4, First Schedule, item—  
 "Fruits—Dates ... 15 years ... 1d. per lb. ... £1,000"—  
 after "Dates" insert "(dried)".
- No. 11.—Page 4, First Schedule, item—  
 "Combed wool or tops, exported { 2 years, commencing from 1st July, 1908; ... 1 d. per lb. }  
 and thereafter } £10,000"—  
 3 years ... 1d. per lb. }
- leave out—"2 years, commencing from 1st July, 1908; ... 1½d. per lb.  
 and thereafter 3 years ... .. 1d. per lb.",
- insert—"3 years, commencing from 1st January, 1909 ... 1½d. per lb.  
 1 year, commencing from 1st January, 1912 ... 1d. per lb.  
 1 year, commencing from 1st January, 1913 ... ½d. per lb."
- No. 12.—Page 5, Second Schedule, leave out amounts in second column, insert—

£  
 "43,000  
 91,000  
 142,000  
 193,000  
 244,000  
 264,000  
 282,000  
 296,000  
 303,500  
 311,000  
 313,500  
 316,000  
 318,500  
 321,000  
 323,500".

Amendments Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2—Omission of word "twelve" agreed to; proposed insertion of words "twenty-three" disagreed to and words "ninety-seven" inserted in place thereof, and as a consequential amendment the words "five hundred" in the same line omitted.

Amendments Nos. 7 and 9 disagreed to.

Amendment No. 11 agreed to with the following amendment:—In the last line of figures and words inserted omit "½d." and insert "1d."

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Amendment No. 12—Proposed omission of amounts in second column agreed to, but amounts proposed to be inserted disagreed to, and the following amounts inserted in place thereof :—

£
49,000
103,000
161,000
219,000
277,500
301,500
323,500
341,500
353,000
364,500
371,000
377,500
384,000
390,500
397,000

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, That Sir William Lyne, Mr. Chapman, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 7 and 9.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read, and are as follow :—

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for Disagreeing to certain Amendments of the Senate.*

As to Amendment No. 7—

- (1) The grant of the bounty on copra will create a new and valuable industry in Australia ;  
and
- (2) Encourage the occupation of the northern parts of Australia by a white population.

As to Amendment No. 9—

- (1) A bounty on tobacco leaf for the manufacture of cigars is necessary to encourage the growth of leaf of a higher grade.
- (2) Portions of Australia, eminently suited for the cultivation of high-grade leaf for the manufacture of cigars, will be brought under cultivation if the bounty be granted.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past 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. Tilley Brown, Mr. Kelly\*, Mr. Kingston\*, and Mr. Reid.

\*On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*