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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 33.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
 

DUDLEY,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 5.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 10th November, 1908.
  3. FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Fisher informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General, having accepted the resignation of the late Government, had commissioned him to form a new Administration, and that he had formed it as follows :—
 

The Honorable Andrew Fisher to be Treasurer ;  
The Honorable William Morris Hughes to be Attorney-General ;  
The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor to be Minister of State for External Affairs ;  
The Honorable Hugh Mahon to be Minister of State for Home Affairs ;  
The Honorable Josiah Thomas to be Postmaster-General ;  
The Honorable George Foster Pearce to be Minister of State for Defence ;  
The Honorable Frank Gwynne Tudor to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs ;  
The Honorable Gregor McGregor to be Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council ;  
James Hutchison, Esquire, to be an Executive Councillor and Honorary Minister.
  4. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 

Commonwealth Offices in London—Papers *re* Purchase of Proposed Site.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Mahon presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Flinders, Victoria, for Postal purposes.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Motor Cars Imported, and Duty Paid—Return to an Order of the House dated 8th October, 1908.
  5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 25th instant, at three o'clock p.m.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 25th instant, at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman\*, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wynne.

\* On leave.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*