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WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE.

WEEK ENDED 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 14.—*High Commissioner Bill (continued)*.—Clause 4—

4. The High Commissioner shall—

- (a) act as representative and resident agent of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom, and in that capacity exercise such powers and perform such duties [^] as are conferred upon and assigned to him by the Governor-General.
- (b) carry out such instructions as he receives from the Minister respecting the commercial, financial, and general interests of the Commonwealth and the States in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

—(*The Minister for External Affairs.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “(except those of a purely social nature)” be inserted after the word “duties” in paragraph (a).

—(*Mr. Catts.*)

Motion made—That the question [That the words be inserted] be now put.

—(*The Minister for External Affairs.*)

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archer	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bowden	Sir John Quick
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sinclair
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Storrer
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Mauger	Mr. Kelly

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	
Mr. Frank J. Foster	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Frazer
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Maloney	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 15.—*High Commissioner Bill (continued)*.—Clause 4 (*continued*)—

4. The High Commissioner shall—

- (a) act as representative and resident agent of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom, and in that capacity exercise such powers and perform such duties as are conferred upon and assigned to him by the Governor-General ;
- (b) carry out such instructions as he receives from the Minister respecting the commercial, financial, and general interests of the Commonwealth and the States in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

Motion made—That the question [That the clause stand part of the Bill] be now put.

—(*The Minister for External Affairs.*)

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Archer	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bowden	Sir John Quick
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Mauger	Mr. Crouch

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 16.—*High Commissioner Bill (continued)*.—Clause 4 (*continued*)—

4. The High Commissioner shall—

- (a) act as representative and resident agent of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom, and in that capacity exercise such powers and perform such duties as are conferred upon and assigned to him by the Governor-General ;
- (b) carry out such instructions as he receives from the Minister respecting the commercial, financial, and general interests of the Commonwealth and the States in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

—(*The Minister for External Affairs.*)

Question—That the clause stand part of the Bill—put accordingly.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Archer	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bowden	Sir John Quick
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Coon	Mr. Sinclair
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Storrer
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Crouch
Mr. Mauger	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	
Mr. Frank J. Foster	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Frazer
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Maloney	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 17.—*High Commissioner Bill (continued)*.—After Clause 4—

Motion made, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

—(*Mr. Hughes.*)

Question—put

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence	Mr. Joseph Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Coon	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fisher		Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Frank J. Foster	<i>Tellers.</i>	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilks
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Willis
		Mr. Harper	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Wynne
		Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Liddell	Mr. Crouch

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY (MORNING), 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 18.—*High Commissioner Bill (continued)*.—Clause 6—

6.—(1.) The salary of the High Commissioner shall be [Three] thousand pounds a year, and shall be paid to him monthly out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated for that purpose accordingly.

(2.) The High Commissioner shall be paid, out of moneys to be provided by the Parliament, the expenses, not exceeding Two thousand pounds a year, of an official residence, and such sums for travelling expenses as the Minister allows.

—(*The Minister for External Affairs.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “Three” in line 1 of sub-clause (1) be omitted.

—(*Mr. Willis.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Carr	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Harper	Mr. Willis
Mr. Catts	Sir John Quick	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence	Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Storrer	Sir William Lyne	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Coon	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. O'Malley	
Mr. Crouch	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Archer
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wynne		Mr. Bowden
Mr. Frazer			
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Groom	Mr. Liddell		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. W. H. Irvine			
Mr. Mauger			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.