

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, bearing date the first day of August, 1911, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows:—

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Thomas, Baron Denman, Commonwealth of Australia to wit. DENMAN, Governor-General. a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution 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, and also from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament: AND WHEREAS on the twenty-fourth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, the Parliament was prorogued until the ninth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and it is expedient to further prorogue the said Parliament: Now therefore I, Thomas, Baron Denman, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament until Tuesday, the fifth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and I do appoint the said Tuesday, the fifth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at half-past two in the afternoon, on the said Tuesday, the fifth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this first day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and in the second year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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2. Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General that this honorable House do attend in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

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

4. ISSUE AND RETURN OF WRITS (BATMAN AND NORTH SYDNEY DIVISIONS).—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that, on the 10th January last, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Batman, in the State of Victoria, in the place of Mr. Henry Elisha Beard, deceased, and that he had received a Return to such Writ, and by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Frank Brennan had been elected in pursuance thereof.
- Mr. Speaker also announced that, on the 15th February last, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of the late Mr. George Bertrand Edwards, deceased, and that he had received a Return to such Writ, and by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Granville de Laune Ryrie had been elected in pursuance thereof.
5. MEMBERS SWORN.—Frank Brennan, Esquire, and Granville de Laune Ryrie, Esquire, were severally introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
6. ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO THE KING ON HIS CORONATION.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That a humble Address of Congratulation be presented to His Majesty the King, as follows :—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Majesty, and offer our respectful congratulations on the occasion of the Coronation of Your Majesty and your gracious Consort.

We desire also to convey an assurance of our loyal attachment to your throne and person, and of our sincere hope that Your Majesty's reign will be distinguished, under the blessing of Providence, by watchful care to maintain the laws of the Empire, and promote the happiness and liberty of your subjects.

Mr. Deakin having addressed the House in support of the Address—

Question—put and passed.

7. STATUTORY DECLARATIONS BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Statutory Declarations.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher 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 to-morrow.

8. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this 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 :

1. It is my pleasing duty, on this my first opportunity of meeting with The Parliament to congratulate the people on the continued general prosperity of the Commonwealth.

2. Important measures for the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth will be submitted for your consideration.

3. Owing to the absence of the Prime Minister and his colleagues, the Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Defence, at the Imperial Conference, and their attendance in London with the delegation from this Parliament specially invited to the Coronation of His Gracious Majesty King George V., you have been summoned somewhat later in the year than usual.

4. The results achieved by the Imperial Conference are of great importance to the destinies of the United Kingdom and the Oversea Dominions. Matters of vital moment were discussed and settled in a spirit of freedom, trust, and unity. The Conference emphasized the strong ties of kinship and common ideals of the various nations composing the Empire, and made for the maintenance of Peace. A notable feature and marked advance upon previous Conferences was the action of the British Government in taking the Oversea Dominions' Representatives into their full and unreserved confidence regarding their foreign policy. The Naval Agreement arrived at after conference between Commonwealth Representatives and the Admiralty is extremely satisfactory, embodying the policy formulated by the Government, and approved by the people of the Commonwealth.

5. The general Treaty of Arbitration, recently concluded between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States of America, is hailed with great satisfaction as a step in the direction of the peaceful settlement of international disputes. The renewal of the Anglo Japanese Treaty for a further period of ten years is an additional guarantee of the world's peace.

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6. Last year the Prime Minister visited South Africa as the representative of the Commonwealth at the opening of the Parliament of the Union of South Africa, and conveyed to the people of that Dominion the cordial congratulations of this Parliament. Your representative was cordially received by the Government and people of South Africa; and a resolution of the Union Parliament expressing appreciation of your action will be brought under notice.

7. Steady progress is being made in the construction of the ships for the Australian Navy.

8. During the recess the system of universal training under the Defence Act has been successfully inaugurated, and the patriotic response by the youth of Australia to the call to prepare themselves for the defence of their country is very gratifying.

9. In pursuance of the policy approved by this and previous Governments, provision has been made for the manufacture of small arms and cordite; and My Advisers have further extended this policy to the erection of factories for the manufacture of postal, naval, military, and other departmental requirements.

10. The result of the operations of the Australian Notes Act is most satisfactory. The question of amending the Act in order to extend its usefulness is receiving attention.

11. On the 1st of January last, in accordance with Section 125 of the Constitution, and the Acts passed by the Federal Parliament in pursuance thereof, the Territory for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth was acquired and possession taken. Good progress has been made with detailed surveys of the Territory, and with roads and other preliminary works, and competitive designs for the laying out of the Federal City have been invited. Other works necessary for the establishment of the City will be proceeded with without delay.

12. The effect of the Tariff upon Australian industries is being carefully watched by My Advisers with a view to revision wherever the information obtained by them shows this to be necessary.

13. A Bill will be submitted to provide for the establishment of a Commonwealth Bank, and for a uniform Banking Law.

14. A Bill will be introduced to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-10 in several respects, and especially to validate the registration of certain organizations under the Act.

15. A Bill to provide for the construction of a Trans-continental Railway, with a gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches, connecting the Western Australian railway system with those of the Eastern States will be submitted for your early consideration.

16. Negotiations with the States are proceeding for a uniform railway gauge between the capital cities of the mainland.

17. On the 1st of January last, in pursuance of the Acts passed by the Commonwealth Parliament and the Parliament of South Australia, the Northern Territory was acquired and taken over as a Territory of the Commonwealth. You will be invited to consider measures to provide for the government and development of the Territory.

18. A Bill will be introduced to provide a uniform system of Bankruptcy Law and administration for the Commonwealth.

19. A code of Criminal Law, to deal systematically with offences against the Commonwealth will be submitted for your consideration.

20. Bills will be introduced to amend the Acts relating to Trade Marks and Copyright.

21. A Measure will be submitted to deal with the matter of compensation to the States for the properties transferred to the Commonwealth in connexion with the transferred Departments.

22. My Advisers have under consideration the establishment of reciprocal trade with New Zealand and Canada.

23. A Bill to provide for Compensation to Seamen will be introduced.

24. It is intended before the Session closes to pass the Navigation Bill through its remaining stages.

25. The revenue from Customs and Excise and from Land Tax exceeded the estimates. The surplus was placed to Trust Funds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions, and for the construction of the Australian Fleet Unit.

26. My Advisers regret the result of the Referenda Vote in April last. They are very strongly of the opinion that the ever-increasing exactions of the Trusts make an extension of the constitutional powers of the Commonwealth imperative.

27. The experience gained by the Members of this Parliament who were enabled to visit Papua during the recess should prove of benefit in dealing with the questions relating to the development of that Territory.

28. You will be invited to consider Bills for the amendment of the Electoral Act, the Public Service Act, the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act, the Papua Act; and to approve a re-adjustment of electorates in accordance with the Census returns, as required by the Constitution and provided for by law.

29. The purchase of a site and the erection of a suitable building in London for the High Commissioner's Office, and also providing accommodation for the States, is an urgent necessity. Proposals to that end will be submitted at an early date.

30. A Bill will be introduced for the purpose of giving the Public Servants of the Commonwealth the right to appeal to the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Court.

31. The introduction of Penny Postage throughout Australia on the 1st of May last completed the true federation of the postal services of the Commonwealth, and, whilst involving a loss of revenue, will provide greater compensating advantages. The system has also been extended to all parts of the British Empire.

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32. Consideration is being given to the question of Life, Fire, Unemployment, and Invalidity Insurance.

33. The progressive tax on land values is having a satisfactory effect on land settlement, and is attracting a desirable class of immigrants.

34. My Advisers regret that no settlement of the question of the consolidation of State Debts has been arrived at. The matter continues to engage the most serious consideration of the Government.

35 I leave you now to your important duties, and earnestly hope that, under Divine guidance, your deliberations may promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

9. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Fisher moved That a Committee, consisting of Mr. Brennan and Mr. W. J. Johnson, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.

10. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable John Moore Chanter,
The Honorable James Mackinnon Fowler,
William Elliot Johnson, Esquire,
William Maloney, Esquire, and
Ernest Alfred Roberts, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this fifth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

CHARLES McDONALD,
Speaker.

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—SUPPLY.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed before the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Opening Speech has been agreed to by the House, and to enable all other steps to be at once taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1911-12.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply when appointed.

13. SUPPLY.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

14. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That a sum not exceeding One million and thirty-eight thousand and sixteen pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1912.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Roberts reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and adopted.

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15. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.

16. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1912, a sum not exceeding One million and thirty-eight thousand and sixteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Roberts reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and adopted.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

17. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1911–12.**—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive, after debate, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Roberts reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

18. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.**—Mr. Brennan brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Brennan moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. W. J. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

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

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

19. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1909–10—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1910, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

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

Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

South African Union—Congratulations of Commonwealth Parliament upon Establishment of National Government and Legislature—Extract from Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly, and letter from the Prime Minister of South Africa.

Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Postal Services—Royal Commission on—Memorandum by Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner relating to recommendations of.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Statistical Returns in relation to the submission to the Electors of proposed laws entitled (a) Constitution Alteration (Legislative Powers) 1910, and (b) Constitution Alteration (Monopolies) 1910.

Mr. Frazer presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—

Naval Forces—Recommendations by Admiral Sir Reginald Henderson, K.C.B.

Military Forces—Extracts from the Annual Report by Major-General G. M. Kirkpatrick, Inspector-General, 30th May, 1911.

War Railway Council—Proceedings of—Melbourne, 14th–16th February, 1911, and Sydney, 19th May, 1911.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—

London Account Regulations—

Provisional—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 98.

Amendment of Clause 30—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 7.

Treasury Regulations Amended—

No. 34—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 77.

No. 34—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 115.

No. 47—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 120.

No. 96 (e)—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 72.

No. 96 (d)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 72.

Nos. 22, 78, 80, 81, 107A, &c.—

(Dated 18th November, 1910)—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 128.

(Dated 6th July, 1911)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 104.

Form 5 (Clause 24)—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 102.

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—

Financial Year 1909–10—Dated—

3rd March, 1911.

17th March, 1911 (amending preceding).

Financial Year 1910–11—Dated—

22nd December, 1910.

13th January, 1911.

20th February, 1911.

17th March, 1911.

24th March, 1911.

24th March, 1911.

3rd April, 1911.

2nd May, 1911.

12th May, 1911.

9th June, 1911.

21st June, 1911.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—

Regulations—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 121.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 99.

Land Tax Assessment Act—

Regulations—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 8.

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Nos. 8A, 8B, 51—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 23.

Additional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 83.

No. 8A—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 103.

Public Service Act—

Recommendations in cases of Appointments and Promotions, in the Department of the Treasury, of—

C. J. Cerutti, as Accountant, Clerical Division, 1st Class.

H. V. Franklin, as Valuer, Class D, Professional Division, Land Tax Branch, Queensland.

J. P. Hannan, as Clerk, 4th Class, Clerical Division, Pensions Branch, Central Staff.

P. McKeon, as Valuer, Class D, Professional Division, Land Tax Branch, New South Wales.

W. McPherson, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Clerical Division, Pensions Branch, Central Staff.

Mr. Hughes presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—

Recommendations in cases of Appointments, in the Attorney-General's Department, of—

G. W. Anderson, as Assistant Examiner, Class F, Professional Division, Patents Branch.

M. M. Bray, as Clerk, Class E, Professional Division, Secretary's Office.

W. H. Sharwood, as Chief Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office, 2nd Class, Clerical Division.

Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1910 respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Immigration Restriction Act—

Return showing, for 1910—

(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth.

(b) Persons who passed the dictation test.

(c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test.

(d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.

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Naturalization Act—Return of number of persons to whom certificates of naturalization were granted during 1910.

Northern Territory—Ordinances of 1911—

- No. 1.—Northern Territory Government.
- No. 2.—Council of Advice.
- No. 3.—Sheriff.
- No. 4.—Tin Dredging.
- No. 5.—Marine.
- No. 6.—Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.
- No. 7.—Interpretation.
- No. 8.—Stamp Duties Abolition.
- No. 9.—Supreme Court.
- No. 10.—Registration.
- No. 11.—District Council Assessment.
- No. 12.—Registration (No. 2).

Papua—

Ordinances of 1910—

- No. 8.—Liquor Law Amendment.
- Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.
- Native Labour, No. 3.
- Supplementary Appropriation 1910-11, No. 2.
- No. 17.—Supplementary Appropriation 1910-11, No. 3.

Ordinances of 1911—

- No. 3.—Liquor Ordinance Amendment.
- No. 4.—Supplementary Appropriation 1910-11, No. 4.
- No. 5.—Supplementary Appropriation 1910-11, No. 5.

Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—

Papers relative to the Promotions in the Postmaster-General's Department, of—

- H. W. Young, as Controller of Stores, Victoria.
- W. H. Morison, as Postmaster, Charters Towers, Queensland.

Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamations prohibiting exportation of—

- Aboriginal skeletons.
- Bagged products, if filled bags weigh over 200 lb.
- Meat, unless certified by an Inspector to be fit for export.

Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during year 1910-11.

Public Service Act—Recommendations, &c., in cases of Appointments and Promotions, in the Department of Trade and Customs, of H. McConaghy, as Clerk, 3rd Class (Central Staff); O. F. Cartwright, and W. Brunton, as Assistant Examiners, Patents and Trade Marks Branch; E. P. Erskine, as 4th Class Sub-Collector, Western Australia.

Shale Oils Bounties Act—Return of Bounty paid during year 1910-11.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—Census Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 4.

Electoral Act—Provisional Regulations—

- No. 7A—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 82.
- Nos. 7B, 7C—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 96.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—

- Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 137.
- Provisional Regulation 17K—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 48.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

- Canberra, Federal Capital Territory—For Commonwealth purposes.
- Canberra, Federal Capital Territory—For Commonwealth purposes.
- Caulfield, Victoria—As a site for a Post-office.
- Fremantle, Western Australia—As a site for Wireless Telegraph Station.
- Gladesville, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Haberfield, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Kiama, New South Wales—As an addition to site for Post-office.
- Maribyrnong, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
- Melbourne, Victoria—As a site for Commonwealth Offices.
- Melbourne, Victoria—For Commonwealth purposes.
- Mount Nelson, near Hobart, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
- Murrurundi (Haydnton), New South Wales—As a site for Post-office.
- Orange, New South Wales—For Rifle Range purposes.
- Pennant Hills, New South Wales—As an addition to the Wireless Telegraph Station.
- South Leichhardt, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
- Waterloo, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

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Lands Acquisition Act—

Land disposed of under, at—

Brisbane, Queensland—Portion of site acquired for Postal Workshops.

Canberra—Sub-lease of portion of Military College site, for erection of temporary restaurant.

Meteorology Act—Regulation Amended—

No. 1—(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 21.

No. 1—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 80.

No. 1—(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 112.

Public Service Act—

List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, 1st January, 1911.

Temporary Employés—Return for year 1910-11.

Recommendation in case of Appointment, in the Department of Home Affairs, cf—

J. T. H. Goodwin, as Land and Property Officer, Class C, Professional Division, Central Staff.

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Nos. 10, 21, 42—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 63.

Nos. 55, 56—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 44.

No. 66—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 5.

No. 73A—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 42.

No. 104—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 122.

No. 104—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 22.

Nos. 149, 151—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 98.

No. 198—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 81.

Nos. 204, 207—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 110.

No. 264A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 123.

Regulations Amended—

Nos. 10, 21, 42—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 111.

Nos. 55, 56—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 93.

No. 66—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 71.

No. 73A—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 94.

No. 104—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 95.

Nos. 105, 108A—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 6.

No. 202—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 124.

Nos. 209, 213—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 12.

No. 220—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 11.

No. 264A—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 20.

Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Provisional Regulation—State Poll—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 19.

Seat of Government—Ordinance of 1911—No. 1—Provisional Government.

20. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Three o'clock on each Tuesday afternoon, and at half-past Two o'clock on each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1911-12.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th September, 1911.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Fairbairn, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgs, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Laird Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Thomson.

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