

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. "PREFERENCE TO UNIONISTS."—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—That, in the opinion of this House, the preferences in obtaining and retaining employment recently introduced into his Department by the Minister for Home Affairs are unjust and oppressive ; prejudicial alike to the public interest, to the public service, and to the relations between Parliament and the public servants—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes 18.		Noes, 28.	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Cook	Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wise	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fowler	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Groom	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. West
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Frank J. Foster
		Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Imperial Conference, London, 1911—Papers laid before the Conference.
- Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Uniform Railway Gauge—Paper by Mr. W. P. Hales, M.Inst.C.E., in regard to Uniform Railway Gauge, also a Memorandum by Mr. Henry Deane, M.Inst.C.E., Consulting Railway Engineer.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulation No. 51 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 141.

Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Territory Aborigines Act—Regulations for the Licensing of Persons to Employ Aborigines.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Auburn, New South Wales—For Commonwealth purposes.

Bulli, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Cottesloe, Western Australia—For Rifle Range purposes.

Croydon, New South Wales—For Commonwealth purposes.

Guildford, Western Australia—For Commonwealth purposes.

Public Service Act—Regulation No. 198 Amended—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 140.

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

Disasters (Oversea) - Money Voted—Return to an Order of the House, dated 19th September, 1911.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three 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. Chapman, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir John Quick, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

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