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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.-Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute-Papua-Ordinances of 1911-No. 9.—Birds Protection. No. 18.-Public Officers Fees. Native Children. Auctioneers. Defamation. Public Hospitals. Claims by and against the Government. Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute-Post and Telegraph Act-Regulations Amended-Telegraphic, Telephone (Provisional)-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 135. Telephone-No. 49A-(Provisional)-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 170. General Postal, Telephone-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 134. Statutory Rules 1911, No. 171. Money Orders-No. 3-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 142. Postal, General Postal-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 169. Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute---Defence Act-Regulations Amended (Provisional)-Universal Training-No. 74 (a)-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 173. Military Forces-Financial and Allowance-No. 292A.—Statutory Rules 1911—No. 172. Nos. 183 (b), (c), 184 (g)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 174. F.8496.

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3. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1911-12].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1911-12.

Division No. 1.

Subdivision No. 3-

Debate resumed on the subdivision and on the amendment moved by Mr. Sinclair, viz. :--That the amount of the subdivision be reduced by $\pm 53,000$.

Debate continued.

Question-That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced --put and negatived.

Subdivision agreed to.

Division No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 3 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 4.

Subdivision No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 debated.

Mr. Page moved an amendment, That the amount of the subdivision be reduced by $\pounds 1$. Debate continued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put and negatived.

Subdivision agreed to.

Subdivision No 3 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 4 agreed to.

Subdivisions Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.

Division No. 5 agreed to.

Division No. 6 agreed to.

Division No. 6A debated and agreed to.

Division No. 7 agreed to.

Division No. 8 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 9 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 10 debated and agreed to.

- Division No. 11 debated and agreed to.
- Division No. 12 debated and agreed to.
- Division No. 13 agreed to.
- Division No. 14 debated and agreed to.
- Division No. 15 debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Elliot Johnson reported accordingly.

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

- 4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass the Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1911-12 through all its stages without delay. Question—put and passed.
- 5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :--

Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1911-12, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding $\pounds 2,791,365$.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee)

Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1911-12, a sum not exceeding Two million seven hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and sixty-five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Elliot Johnson 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 was adopted by the House.

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

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7. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.," 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.

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, 2, and 3 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Title agreed to. Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. W. Elliot Johnson reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question-put and passed.

- And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven 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. Chapman, Mr. Cook, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Ozanne, and Mr. Ryrie.

WALTER A. GALE, Clerk Assistant, for Clerk of the House of Representatives.