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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH 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—
Coroners.
Bankers' Books Evidence.
3. BANKING COMPANIES RESERVE LIABILITIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 3 further considered.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Greene, viz. :—

Line 1, omit all the words after the word "means" with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof "profits which may be lawfully distributed as dividends".

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Thursday, the 23rd instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. PEARL-SHELLING INDUSTRY—ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bamford :—That a Royal Commission, selected from Members of this Parliament, be appointed to take into consideration all matters pertaining to the employment of white and coloured labour now, and to be, employed in the Australian pearl-shelling industry, and in respect of the general conditions under which such industry is now conducted—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Mahon addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
5. MILITARY FORCES—PAY AND ALLOWANCES—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Ryrie :—
(1) That a Select Committee (with power to send for persons and papers) be appointed to inquire into the pay and allowances of the warrant, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth.
(2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Charlton, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruce Smith, and the Mover—
*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Kelly, viz. :—*That the word "commissioned," be inserted before the word "warrant" in the second line of paragraph (1) of the motion—
Debate resumed by Mr. Cann (in continuation).
Mr. Cann addressing the House—
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion were called on.

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6. POSTAL SERVICES—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to notice, That in the best interest of the public and of the Commonwealth Postal Service, the report of the Royal Commission on Postal Services should (in a general sense) be adopted by this House.

Mr. Webster addressing the House—

The time allowed for precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

Mr. Frazer moved, by leave, That the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow, and that the motion of the Honorable Member for Gwydir (Mr. Webster) with reference to the Report of the Royal Commission on the Postal Services have precedence for the remainder of to-day's sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Webster resumed and concluded his speech on the question.

Mr. Frazer 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1911-12.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th November, 1911.

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

Disaster to French battleship *Liberté*—Telegram of sympathy from Commonwealth Government and Despatch from British Ambassador at Paris conveying the thanks of the French Government.

Tuberculosis—Summary of the Final Report of the (British) Royal Commission.

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

Department of Home Affairs—Schedule No. 5, containing Information in regard to Sites, Principal Works, and other Matters throughout the different States of the Commonwealth dealt with by the Department of Home Affairs, compiled from the Minister's "General Digests." 31st October, 1911.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cook, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Ryrie, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk Assistant,

for Clerk of the House of Representatives.