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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1913.

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. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service Act)—Award by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in the case of the Postal Electricians' Union; and Memorandum by the Public Service Commissioner.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

Land Tax Assessment Act—Second Annual Report of the Commissioner of Land Tax—Year 1911-1912.

Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations amended, &c. (Provisional)—

Universal Training—

Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 183 to 186, 189, 191, 192, 197, 210 to 212.

Military Forces—

(Regulations)—

Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 180, 187, 196, 203.

(Financial and Allowance Regulations)—

Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 181, 182, 188, 190, 198, 204 to 206

Naval Defence Act—Regulations amended, &c. (Provisional)—

Naval Forces—

Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 201, 202, 207.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY AND STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the proposed Address in Reply, and on the Statement of Ministerial Policy—

Debate resumed on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

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. Fisher moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—

“But regret your advisers—

- (1) propose to destroy the beneficial character of our social and industrial laws;
- (2) indicate no intention of taking such steps as will reduce the high cost of living; and
- (3) fail to realise the urgent necessity of an immediate revision of the Tariff.”

Mr. Joseph Cook 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur, Mr. Carr, Mr. Finlayson, and Mr. Webster.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*