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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 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. ELECTORAL BILL (1913).—Mr. Kelly, pursuant to leave given on the 10th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902-1911,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, after debate—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Papers *re* Boilers, &c.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at twelve o'clock noon to-morrow, in the Parliamentary Library, and asked that as many Members as could do so would accompany him on the occasion.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—
Census and Statistics Act—
Official Year Book of the Commonwealth, No. 6—1901-1912.
Labour and Industrial Branch Reports—
No. 1.—Prices, Price Indexes, and Cost of Living in Australia (dated December, 1912).
No. 2.—Trade Unionism, Unemployment, Wages, Prices, and Cost of Living in Australia, 1891-1912 (dated April, 1913).
Labour Bulletins—
No. 1.—January-March, 1913.
No. 2.—April-June, 1913.
Shipping and Oversea Migration, 1911.
Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1911.
Bulletins—
Australian Statistics—Monthly Summaries—
No. 6.—June, 1912.
No. 7.—July, 1912.
No. 8.—August, 1912.
No. 9.—September, 1912.
No. 10.—October, 1912.
No. 11.—November, 1912.
No. 12.—December, 1912.
No. 13.—January, 1913.
No. 14.—February, 1913.
No. 15.—March, 1913.
No. 16.—April, 1913.
No. 17.—May, 1913.
No. 18.—June, 1913, with separate Appendix *re* Small-Pox and Vaccination.
No. 19.—July, 1813.

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PAPERS—*continued*—Census and Statistics Act—*continued*.

Census—

No. 13.—Localities.

No. 14.—Mortality Investigation—1881–1910.

No. 15.—Families.

No. 16.—Occupations.

No. 17.—Occupied Dwellings.

Finance—No. 6.—Summary of Australian Financial Statistics, 1903–12.

Population and Vital Statistics—No. 30.—Commonwealth Demography, 1912, and previous years.

Production—No. 6.—Summary of Commonwealth Statistics, 1902–1911.

Social Statistics—No. 5.—Statistics as to Education, Hospitals and Charities, and Law and Crime, 1911.

Transport and Communication—No. 6.—Summary of Commonwealth Statistics, 1902–1912.

6. RAILWAYS—STAFFS IN CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND ON TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—

- (1) The number of persons engaged on the staff of the Chief Engineer of Commonwealth Railways at the head office, Melbourne, giving the name, position of, and salary paid to each person, and specifying generally the duties upon which such staff are engaged.
- (2) The number of men, exclusive of office staff, employed on the work of construction at the Port Augusta end of the Transcontinental Railway.
- (3) The number of persons employed on the staff and in the office of the Resident Engineer at Port Augusta, giving the name, position of, and salary paid to each person.
- (4) The number of men, exclusive of staff, employed on the work of construction at the Kalgoorlie end of the Transcontinental Railway.
- (5) The number of persons employed on the staff and in the office of the Resident Engineer at Kalgoorlie, giving the name, position of, and salary paid to each person.

Question—put and passed.

7. UNEMPLOYMENT.—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived to take the necessary procedure to remove the evil of unemployment from the States of Australia.
- (2) That, contingent upon the preceding resolution being carried, it be taken as an instruction to the Government of the day to appoint a Royal Commission to report upon the best methods of relieving the community from the evils of unemployment.

Debate ensued.

And the motion having, by leave, been amended by omitting paragraph (2).

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived to take the necessary procedure to remove the evil of unemployment from the States of Australia—put and passed.

8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Public Works Committee of Members of this House should be appointed to whom all proposals of expenditure exceeding £10,000 should be submitted for inquiry and report, such Committee to be appointed during the present session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Joseph Cook 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, 25th instant.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the remaining Notices of Motion, General Business, for this day, be dealt with as follows:—

Nos. 3, 7, and 11 to be Notices of Motion for Thursday, 2nd October next.

Nos. 4 and 6 to be Orders of the Day for Thursday, 9th October next.

No. 5 to be an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd October next.

No. 8 to be an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th October next.

Nos. 9 and 10 to be Orders of the Day for Thursday, 23rd October next.

Nos. 12 and 13 to be Notices of Motion for Thursday, 16th October next.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 3.

11. NORFOLK ISLAND BILL.—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of Norfolk Island as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth and for the government thereof.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Glynn 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.

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12. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Sampson be Members of the Standing Orders Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
13. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Bruce Smith and Mr. Spence be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
14. **HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Archibald, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Mathews, and Colonel Ryrrie be Members of the House Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
15. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That Mr. Bamford, Mr. Jensen, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Patten, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Watkins be Members of the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum; with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.
Question—put and passed.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
17. **AUDIT BILL (1913).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 5—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That it is expedient that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act 1901-1912*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

18. **AUDIT BILL (1913).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
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.*)

Clause 1 read.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

19. **PAPER.**—Mr. Kelly presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Railways—Report by Engineer-in-Chief on certain lines which are being constructed or being surveyed.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed, and that the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, with reference to the Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway, presented to the House on 12th ultimo, be printed also.
20. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past 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. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Groom, Mr. Sharpe, and Mr. Sinclair.

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