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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 58.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Department of the Treasury—  
Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Act—Transfers of Moneys (dated 12th November, 1913).
3. NORFOLK ISLAND 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 10—

Consideration resumed of the following amendment moved by Mr. Thomas (page 113 *ante*), That the following words be added to the clause:—

“No Crown lands in Norfolk Island shall be sold or disposed of for any estate of freehold, except in pursuance of some contract entered into before the commencement of this Act.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Arthur	Mr. Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Burns
Mr. Mathews	Mr. West

Noes, 27.

Mr. Ahern	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. James Bennet	Mr. Palmer
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Patten
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Sir John Forrest	Colonel Ryrle
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Greeue
Mr. Kendell	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

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Clause 10 agreed to.  
 Clause 11 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 12 to 14, inclusive, agreed to.  
 Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

New clause—

Mr. Finlayson moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“The manufacture, importation, and sale of alcoholic liquors, for beverage purposes, is prohibited.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mathews moved, That the proposed new clause be amended as follows :—

Omit “is prohibited” and insert “shall be decided by a Local Option Poll of all adult residents of Norfolk Island.”

Debate continued.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Ahern	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Arthur	Mr. Page
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Patten	Mr. Burchell	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Burns	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Colonel Ryrie	Mr. Dankel	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Groom	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fisher	
Mr. Hans Irvine		Mr. Frazer	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Hannan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Greene	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Kendall	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

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

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.

5. AUDIT BILL (1913).—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the amendment, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, Clause 3, leave out this clause.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate, the Committee disagreed to the amendment. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Groom, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendment.

Question—put and passed.

Sir John Forrest, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read and are as follow :—

1. That the inclusion of this clause in the Bill is proper and convenient, and in accord with the procedure adopted in New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland, and also adds to and amplifies the provisions in sections 45 and 71 of the existing Audit Act.
2. That the provision, to regulate the purchase, custody, and control of stores, is most necessary in view of the enormous expenditure of the Commonwealth on stores.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Carr, Mr. Conroy, Mr. McGrath (under suspension), and Mr. Sharpe.

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

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