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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 12.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 5TH MAY, 1914.

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

BENDIGO MINING DISASTER.—Mr. Joseph Cook made reference to the disastrous mining accident at Bendigo, expressing deep sympathy for the valuable lives lost, and with the relatives of the victims. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Arthur spoke to the same effect.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Appointments of—

J. Crennan, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Gunnedah.

W. C. D. McBurney and H. J. T. Giles, as Draughtsmen, Class F, Professional Division, Electrical Engineer's Branch, Sydney.

Promotions of—

W. G. C. L. Dix, as Inspector, 3rd Class, South Australia.

W. H. C. Hughes, as Clerk, 4th Class, Stores Branch, New South Wales.

E. P. Ramsay, as Assistant Superintendent, Mail Branch, 2nd Class, Sydney.

C. F. Robinson, as Inspector, 3rd Class, Queensland.

P. E. Row, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Cobar.

J. R. Sinclair, as Postmaster, Grade II., 2nd Class, Geraldton, Western Australia.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate 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—

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fisher, viz.:—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—

“but regret to have to inform you that your Advisers deserve censure for having failed to safeguard the interests of the people of the Commonwealth”—

Papers.—Mr. Joseph Cook, having obtained leave, presented the following Papers—

Queanbeyan to Canberra Railway

Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway (Mr. Teesdale } Cost of Construction.  
Smith's section)

Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway—Further correspondence with reference to an offer made by Mr. Joseph Timms in connexion with the construction of portion of the line.

Ordered, after debate, to be printed, together with all Papers on the question already presented.

Debate on motion for Address in Reply, and on the amendment moved thereto, resumed.

Mr. Groom 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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5. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten 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. Conroy, Mr. Mahon, and Mr. Manifold.

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