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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1914.

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

2. WRECK OF S.S. *EMPRESS OF IRELAND*.—Mr. Joseph Cook, having expressed deep sympathy with the Dominion of Canada and the relatives of the victims in the calamitous wreck of s.s. *Empress of Ireland*, read to the House the following cablegram transmitted by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

“Will you kindly convey to Canada Australia's deepest sympathy with sister Dominion and relatives of those who perished in terrible shipping disaster?”

Mr. Fisher also addressed the House, expressing deep sympathy.

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

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

“Typothetæ”—Report by the Inter-State Commission upon a combination (known as Typothetæ) between Master Printers Paper Merchants and Suppliers of Printers' Materials in the State of Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.

Department of the Treasury—

Public Service Act—Promotion of H. W. Buckley, as Clerk, 4th Class, Land Tax Branch, Central Staff.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Appointment of A. E. Taylor and R. A. Turner, as Draughtsmen, Class F, Electrical Engineer's Branch, New South Wales.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Burra, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Queanbeyan, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Yeronga, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Lands Acquisition Act and Northern Territory Lands Acquisition Ordinance—

Land acquired under, at—

Darwin, Northern Territory—For Public Workshops.

Defence Department—

Defence Act—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 52.

Naval Defence Act—Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 50.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Rifle Ranges—Return to an Order of the House dated 27th May, 1914.

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4. **POSTAL VOTING RESTORATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Sinclair 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.
5. **COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1914).**—Mr. Groom, for Sir John Forrest, pursuant to leave given on the 29th May last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Savings Bank Business of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia,*" 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.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (1914).**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
- R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.
- Message No. 1.*
- In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Manufactures Encouragement Act 1908-1912.*
- Melbourne, 3rd June, 1914.
- Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Manufactures Encouragement Act 1908-1912.*

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And, on the motion of Mr. Groom, the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom, Mr. W. H. Irvine, and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Groom 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.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to ten 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. Abbott and Mr. Chapman.

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