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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 28.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1915.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ISSUE OF AND RETURNS TO WRITS (BENDIGO AND GRAMPIANS DIVISIONS).—Mr. Speaker announced that, on the 4th January last, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Bendigo, in the State of Victoria, in the place of the Honorable John Andrew Arthur, deceased; that the Writ had been returned to him, and by the indorsement thereon it appeared that Alfred John Hampson had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ; further that, on the 18th January last, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Grampians, in the State of Victoria, in the place of Edward Francis George Jolley, deceased; that the Writ had been returned to him, and by the indorsement thereon it appeared that Charles Carty Salmon had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBERS SWORN.—Alfred John Hampson, Esquire, and the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon were introduced, and severally made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. DEATHS OF MEMBERS (MR. JOLLEY AND MR. HOWE).—Mr. Fisher referred in terms of deep regret to the death of the late Member for Grampians (Mr. Jolley) and of the late Member for Dalley (Mr. Howe), and expressed his sincere sympathy with their bereaved relatives. Mr. Joseph Cook spoke in similar terms.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Mr. Speaker :—

[*Estate Duty Assessment Bill*]R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of Duties upon the Estates of Deceased Persons*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

[*Australian Notes Bill (1914)*]R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend section six of the 'Australian Notes Act 1910-1911'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

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[*Commonwealth Bank Bill* (1914)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 35.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Bank Act 1911'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

[*Estate Duty Bill*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to impose Duties upon the Estates of Deceased Persons*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

[*Invalid and Old-Age Pensions Appropriation Bill* (1914)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-Age Pensions*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

[*Iron Bounty Bill* (1914)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Pig Iron from Australian Ore*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

[*Land Tax Bill* (1914)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1910'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

[*Land Tax Assessment Bill* (1914)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1912'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

[*Loan Bill* (1914)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 41.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Two million pounds for the construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

14th April, 1915.

[*Loan Bill (1914) (No. 2)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 42.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of Seven million nine hundred and eighty-six thousand pounds for certain purposes and for amending the 'Loan Act 1911,' the 'Loan Act 1912,' and the 'Loan Act 1913,'*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.[*Public Works Committee Bill (1914)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend section fifteen of the 'Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913,'*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.[*Treasury Bills Bill*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bills,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.[*War Pensions Bill*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the grant of Pensions upon the death or incapacity of Members of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth and Members of the Imperial Reserve Forces resident in Australia, whose death or incapacity results from their employment in connexion with warlike operations,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.[*War Loan Bill*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 46.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the borrowing of money from or through the Government of the United Kingdom,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.[*Defence Bill (1914)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 47.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1912,'*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of his Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st December, 1914.

14th April, 1915.

## 6. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-Sheet at 31st December, 1914, together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Prime Minister's Department—

Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions—Minutes of Evidence—Taken in the Union of South Africa, 1914.—Parts I. and II.

South African Union—Rebellion—Report on the outbreak of, and the Policy of the Government with regard to its suppression.

The War—

Diplomatic Correspondence respecting, published by the Belgian Government.

European Crisis—Letter of July 31, 1914, from the President of the French Republic to the King, and His Majesty's reply of August 1, 1914.

Temperance—Despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Petrograd enclosing a Memorandum on the subject of the Temperance Measures adopted in Russia since the outbreak of the European War.

Turkey—Correspondence respecting events leading to the rupture of relations with Turkey.

Further correspondence regarding gifts from the Oversea Dominions and Colonies.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Department of Trade and Customs—

Patent Medicines—Report from the Select Committee of the House of Commons, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Fisheries—Fishing Experiments carried on by F.I.S. *Endeavour*—

Zoological results, Vol. II., Part 5.

Biological results, Vol. II., Part 2; Vol. III., Part 2.

Trading with the Enemy—German Marine Insurance Companies—Grant of Licence to W. and J. Lempriere to certify to claims for general average, &c.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Department of External Affairs—

Petroleum in Papua—Report by Arthur Wade, D.Sc., &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Department of Home Affairs—

Bendigo Election, 6th February, 1915—Detailed Return of Voting.

Grampians Election, 20th February, 1915—Detailed Return of Voting.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Fourth Annual Report, 1913-14.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Tudor presented—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission—Decision of the Inter-State Commission in the case of the Commonwealth of Australia, Plaintiff, and the State of New South Wales and the Inspector-General of Police for the State of New South Wales, Defendants (Seizure of Wheat Case).

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Archibald presented—

Department of Home Affairs—

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, on the question of the construction of a Main Sewer for the City of Canberra.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of External Affairs—

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1914, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Immigration Act—Return for 1914, showing—(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth; (b) Persons who passed the dictation test; (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test; (d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.

Severally ordered to be printed.

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## PAPERS—continued.

## Prime Minister's Department—

## Public Service Act—

## Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 187.

(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 7, 8, 38.

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 6, 12, 37.

## Department of the Treasury—

## Audit Act—

## Treasury Regulations Amended—

(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 191.

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 84.

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 21, 23.

Estate Duty Assessment Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 14.

Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1914.

## Attorney-General's Department—

Public Service Act—Appointment of J. W. O'Halloran as Principal Registrar of the High Court, Class A, Professional Division.

## Department of Trade and Customs—

## Customs Act—

Proclamations prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Arms, &amp;c. (dated 12th November, 1914).

Rubber and Graphite (dated 12th November, 1914).

Acaroid Resin, &amp;c. (dated 14th December, 1914).

Whale Oil—Crude and Refined (dated 21st January, 1915).

Vessels, Boats, &amp;c. (dated 29th January, 1915).

Leather (dated 18th February, 1915).

Cancelling Proclamation prohibiting Importation of—

Newspaper entitled *Ghadr*, &c. (dated 18th March, 1915).

Proclamation prohibiting Importation of—

Certain seditious Indian Publications (dated 18th March, 1915).

Iron Bounty Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 17.

## Department of External Affairs—

Naturalization Act—Return of number of persons to whom naturalization certificates were granted during 1914.

## Northern Territory—

## Ordinances of 1915—

No. 1—Licensing.

No. 2—Birds Protection.

## Papua—

## Ordinances of 1914—

No. 7—Lands Acquisition.

No. 12—Marriage.

No. 14—Pearl, Pearl-Shell, and Beche-de-mer.

No. 16—Supplementary Appropriation 1913-1914, No. 3.

No. 17—Education.

No. 19—Excise Tariff.

## Department of Home Affairs—

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended—  
Statutory Rules 1915, No. 40.

## Lands Acquisition Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 11.

## Land disposed of—

Old King's Warehouse on the Customs Reserve, Quay Lane, Rockhampton,  
Queensland—Leased to A. W. Kirby and Company Limited.Grazing Rights of portion of Rifle Range at Echuca, Victoria—Leased to George  
Frederick Cleland and Henry Little.

## Land acquired under, at—

Arnccliffe, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Balaklava, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Bathurst, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Baulkham Hills, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Bulli, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Cobden, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Glen Innes, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Horsham, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Irymple, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

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PAPERS—*continued.*Department of Home Affairs—*continued.*Lands Acquisition Act—*continued.*Land acquired under, at—*continued.*

Junee, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Kew, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Leederville, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Leichhardt, New South Wales—For Defence purposes—

Dated 30th January, 1915.

Dated 18th March, 1915.

Millicent, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Moonta, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Mullumbimby, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Murwillumbah, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Narrogin, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Petersburg, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Port Augusta, South Australia—For Railway purposes—

Dated 21st January, 1915.

Dated 10th March, 1915.

Quambatook, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Sea Lake, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Subiaco, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

Tamworth, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Willyama (Broken Hill), New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Wyalong, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

## Public Service Act—

Promotion of L. Little, as Clerk, 4th Class, Lands and Surveys Branch.

## Postmaster-General's Department—

## Post and Telegraph Act—

## Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 152, 173, 177.

Statutory Rules, 1915, Nos. 1, 10, 16, 32.

## Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 151, 162-165, 169, 183, 184.

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 2, 3, 13, 19, 20, 36.

## Public Service Act—

## Appointments of—

W. H. Holloway, as Officer in Charge, Class E, Professional Division, Wireless Telegraph Station, Flinders Island.

M. Mortimer, as Officer in Charge, Class E, Professional Division, Wireless Telegraph Station, Geraldton, Western Australia.

R. E. Munster, as Draughtsman, Class F, Professional Division, Electrical Engineer's Branch, Melbourne.

## Promotions of—

W. F. Ferguson, as Chief Clerk, 1st Class, Perth.

W. H. Leck, as Postmaster, Coonamble, Grade IV., 3rd Class.

S. A. T. M. Macrow, as Postmaster, Deniliquin, Grade II., 2nd Class.

S. G. McFarlane, as Accountant, 2nd Class, Perth.

S. Morris, as Inspector, 3rd Class, New South Wales.

E. J. S. Parkinson, as Inspector, 2nd Class, Bendigo District.

W. A. Varley, as Inspector, 2nd Class, New South Wales.

## Wireless Telegraphy Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 155.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 170.

## Wireless Telegraphy Act and Telegraph Act—

Regulation (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 156.

Regulation—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 9.

## Defence Department—

## Defence Act—

Factories (Government)—Conduct and Management of, and Employment of Persons—  
Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 178.

## Military Forces—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, No. 181.

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 26, 35.

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PAPERS—*continued.*Defence Department—*continued.*Defence Act—*continued.*Military Forces—*continued.*

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 179, 180, 186.

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 15, 29, 30, 33, 34.

Universal Training—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 27.

Naval Defence Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Royal Australian Naval Reserve (Sea-going)—  
Statutory Rules 1915, No. 4.

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

F. G. Shedden, as Clerk, 4th Class, Central Staff.

T. T. Pearson, as Clerk, 4th Class, Central Staff.

War Precautions Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 28.

Aerial Navigation Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No 31.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Storage and Regulating Reservoir, Upper Queanbeyan River.

Ordered to be printed.

8. PAPER [MINISTERIAL STATEMENT].—Mr. Fisher presented—

Statement by the Prime Minister on resumption of Session—14th April, 1915—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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.

9. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Groom, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Colonel Ryrie\*, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Webster.

\* On leave.

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