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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 34.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1915.

1. The House met, at three 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 Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation Report.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mathews rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The condition of, and the treatment meted out to, the soldiers from Egypt, invalided to Australia."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Mathews moved, That the House do now adjourn, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within half an hour, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was 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 London in June and July, 1914, and papers laid before the Commission.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—

Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 51.

Defence Department—

Defence Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Military Forces—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 44.

Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 43.

5. JUDICIARY BILL (1915).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903-1914.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes 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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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6. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1915).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *High Court Procedure Act 1903*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Hughes 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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1915).—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.  
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Clause 3 agreed to.  
Clause 4 debated.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven 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. Abbott, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, Colonel Ryrie\*, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Sharpe.

\* On leave.

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