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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14TH MAY, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Charlton, for the Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations:—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
†Petitions—		
“Dry” Canteens in connexion with Expeditionary Forces—From Gympie Rechabites Friendly Society; Gympie Temperance Alliance; Residents of Gerringong; Electors of Cowper, and Presbyterian Church, Macleay River	No recommenda- tion	
Duty on Cornsacks, Bran Bags, &c.—From E. Stonehouse	” ”	
Timber Duties—From Timber Mill Owners and Employés in Tasmania	” ”	
Papers—		
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Award of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on plaint of Australian Letter Carriers' Association; and Opinion of the Attorney-General	To be printed	
Memorandum by the Public Service Commissioner <i>re</i> the Award	” ”	
Award of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on plaint of Small Arms Factory Employés' Association; and Opinion of the Attorney-General	” ”	

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<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
Audit Act—		
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 84, 191, and 1915, Nos. 21, 23, 25	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Transfers, dated 25th November, 1914	" "	
Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1914; together with Auditor-General's Report thereon	To be printed	
† Census and Statistics Act—Statistics Commodity Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 50	No recommenda- tion	
Customs Act—		
Proclamations prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of—Arms, Rubber and Graphite, Acaroid Resin, Whale Oil, Vessels, Boats, &c., Leather	" "	
Proclamation prohibiting importation of certain seditious Indian publications	" "	
Cancellation of Proclamation prohibiting importation of Newspaper entitled <i>Ghadr</i>	" "	
Defence—		
Physical Training—Report by Hon. Lieut.-Colonel C. Bjelke-Petersen, Director of Physical Training ..	To be printed	
Small Arms Factory—Report for period ended 30th June, 1913	" "	
State Rifle Associations, District Rifle Club Unions, and Rifle Clubs—Report for year ended 30th June, 1914	" "	
Defence Act—Regulations—		
Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 166, 167, 168, 171, 172, 178, 179, 180, 181, 186	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 15, 26, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 43, 44, 45†, 46†, 55†	" "	" "
Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—		
Minutes of Evidence taken in South Africa—Parts I. and II.	" "	
Minutes of Evidence taken in London, June and July, 1914, and Papers laid before Commission	" "	
Fourth Interim Report	" "	
Electoral—		
† Bendigo Election, 6th February, 1915—Detailed Return of Voting	To be printed	
† Grampians Election, 20th February, 1915—Detailed Return of Voting	" "	
† General Election—Statement showing result of checking of Certified Lists and Rolls used in connexion with Elections held on 5th September, 1914	" "	
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 40	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 14	" "	" "
European War—		
Belgian Government—Diplomatic Correspondence published by	To be printed	
French Government—Diplomatic Correspondence published by	" "	
Russian Government—Diplomatic Correspondence published by	" "	
Turkey—Correspondence <i>re</i> events leading to rupture of relations with	" "	

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<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
<i>European War—continued—</i>		
Further Correspondence <i>re</i> Gifts from Oversea Dominions and Colonies	No recommenda- tion	
Correspondence <i>re</i> Treatment of German Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in the United Kingdom	To be printed	
Letter of 31st July, 1914, from President of French Republic to the King <i>re</i> the European Crisis, and His Majesty's Reply of 1st August, 1914.. ..	" "	
Temperance measures in Russia—Despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Petrograd	" "	
<i>Fisheries—</i>		
Zoological Results of Fishing Experiments carried on by F.I.S. <i>Endeavour</i> , 1909–10.—Vol. II., Part 5..	No recommenda- tion	Already in print
Biological Results of Fishing Experiments carried on by F.I.S. <i>Endeavour</i> , 1909–14, Vols. II. and III., Part 2	" "	" "
Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and transactions during year ended 30th June, 1914	To be printed	
Iron Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 17	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 22, 53	" "	" "
<i>Lands Acquisition Act—</i>		
Returns of Land disposed of, at Rockhampton, and Echuca	" "	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
<i>Land acquired under, at—</i>		
Alberton, †Amungula, Arncliffe, Balaklava, Barellan, Bathurst, Baulkham Hills, Bendigo, †Bherwerre (2), Brunswick, Bulli, †Canberra, Cobden, †Cockburn Sound, Congwarra, Corrimal, Fairy Meadow, †Ginninderra, Glanville, Glebe, Glenorchy, Glen Innes, †Goorooyarroo, Goulburn, Grafton, Hamilton, Horsham, Hurstville, Irymple, Junee, Kew, Leederville, Leichhardt (2), Manly, †Majura, Millicent, †Molonglo, Moonta, Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah, Narrogin, North Perth, Petersburg, †Piailigo, Port Augusta (3), Preston, Quambatook, Sea Lake, Subiaco, †Sydney, Tamworth, †Walleraro, †Weetangera, Willyama, Windsor, Wyalong	No recommenda- tion	" "
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 11 ..	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
*Land-Owners in each State, and Value of Lands held, 1910–11, 1911–12, 1912–13	To be printed	
†Meteorology Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1915, No. 49	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Naturalization Act—Return for 1914	To be printed	
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1915, No. 4	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
*Northern Territory—Mining Companies subsidized by the Government—Return	To be printed	
<i>Postal—</i>		
†Statement showing Business Transacted and Details of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of Post-offices in the Commonwealth during the year 1913	No recommenda- tion	
<i>Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—</i>		
Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 151, 152, 162, 163, 164, 165, 169, 173, 177, 183, 184	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 10, 13, 16, 19, 20, 32, 36	" "	" "

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<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
Public Service Act— Tenth Report on the Public Service by the Commissioner	To be printed	
Regulations— Statutory Rules 1914, No. 187.. .. .	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 12, 37, 38, 51, 52, 59, 60	" "	" "
Appointments, Promotions, &c., in cases of—J. J. H. Airey, R. H. Bailey, D. P. Davies, L. F. East, S. R. Ephraim, E. A. Guillier, J. H. W. Hardie, W. F. Ferguson, J. Henry, W. H. Holloway, †A. Joyce, W. H. Leck, L. Little, S. A. T. M. Macrow, S. G. McFarlane, M. Mortimer, S. Morris, R. E. Munster, J. W. O'Halloran, E. J. S. Parkinson, T. T. Pearson, †S. Rankin, D. H. Reader, F. G. Shedden, H. S. Temby, W. A. Varley, N. L. Wallis, A. Wilson ..	" "	
†South African Union—Rebellion—Report on outbreak of, and Policy of Government <i>re</i> suppression ..	" "	
†Strategic Railway—Instructions issued to Mr. Surveyor Combes in connexion with preliminary inquiries ..	To be printed	
†Trading with the Enemy—German Marine Insurance Companies—Grant of Licence to W. and J. Lempriere to certify to claims for general average, &c.	No recommendation	
War Pensions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 41	" "	Already in print and circulated to Members
War Precautions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 28, 31, †47.. .. .	" "	" "
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 155, 170	" "	" "
Wireless Telegraphy Act and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 156, and 1915, No. 9	" "	" "
*Yacca, or Grass-Tree Gum—Statement showing Exports during years 1905–1914	" "	

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Committee Room,
13th May, 1915.

W. J. MCWILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Mr. Charlton moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

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

Department of Home Affairs—

Public Service Act—

Promotion of H. W. Hilton as Divisional Returning Officer, 3rd Class, Clerical Division,
Electoral Division of Angas, Department of Home Affairs, South Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Appointment of G. F. Chilton, as Officer-in-Charge, Class E, Professional Division,
Wireless Telegraph Station, Port Moresby.

Department of External Affairs—

Papua Act—

Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of the Transactions of the Trustees,
1913–14.

4. ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL.—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.

Mr. Watt, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A he was given leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

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 read—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1914-15.—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. 57.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen,*" 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, 14th May, 1915.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1915).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Acts 1914 '*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th May, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burns, Mr. Catts, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Groom, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Rodgers, Colonel Ryrie*, and Mr. Sharpe.

* On leave.

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