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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1915.

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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1915).—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. 58.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Acts 1914,'*" 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, 15th May, 1915.

3. THE WAR.—AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN ACTION—GENERAL BRIDGES.—Mr. Fisher, by leave, made the following statement to the House :—

"I regret to inform the House that since it last met we have received word that General Bridges, our Officer Commanding the Commonwealth Forces at the Dardanelles, was seriously wounded on the 15th instant. Subsequently he displayed great courage and cheerfulness, but those near him apparently realise the very serious nature of his injuries.

I am sure that I only express the wishes and hopes of this Parliament and the people of Australia that his wounds may not prove fatal.

We are proud of our Forces and the heroic deeds performed by them in the enormously difficult task with which they were confronted at the Dardanelles, and whilst we deeply regret that the casualties sustained in all ranks are high we are consoled by the knowledge that our gallant soldiers have earned the admiration of all.

They have made history that will inspire Australians in all ages to come, and General Bridges' name will always be associated with their splendid performances."

Mr. Joseph Cook also addressed the House, in sympathetic and complimentary terms.

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

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation Reports—

Spirits for manufacturing purposes ; Sulphuric Ether ; Perfumes, Medicines, &c.

Spirits, Potable.

Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes.

Severally ordered to be printed.

5. 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 Erection of Buildings at Flinders Naval Base.

Ordered to be printed.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Joseph Cook 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 unsatisfactory method of announcing casualties to the relatives by the Department of Defence."
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. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
7. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Prime Minister's Department—
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional) Statutory Rules 1915, No. 71.
Department of Home Affairs --
Lands Acquisition Act--
Land acquired under, at—
Abermain, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Chippendale, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Eden, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Homebush, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Miller's Point, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Muswellbrook, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Richmond, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Ryde, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Waratah, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Postmaster General's Department—
Public Service Act—
Promotion of R. J. Avard, as Postmaster, 2nd Class, Grade I., Geelong.
Appointment of S. W. Gleed and J. G. Kilpatrick, as Assistant Engineers, Class C, Professional Division, Chief Electrical Engineer's Office, Central Staff.
Department of Defence—
Defence Act—
Military College—Report 1913-14.
Regulations amended—Provisional—
Factories (Government)—Conduct and Management of, and Employment of Persons.—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 63.
Universal Training.—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 64.
Military Forces—
Statutory Rules 1915, No 62.
(Financial and Allowance)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 61.
War Precautions Act—Provisional Regulation—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 65.
8. **ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill 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.)

Clause 2 again read—and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Hughes moved the following amendment :—

Page 2, line 15, omit "in relation" and insert "such rights and obligations as relate".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following amendments were made, after debate—

Page 1, line 26, omit "an" (*second time occurring*) and insert "in the opinion of the Attorney-General, a material".

Page 2, line 15, omit "in relation" and insert "such rights and obligations as relate".

Page 2, line 17, at end of sub-clause (5) insert "or such as arise out of or in consideration for such delivery or performance".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Report to be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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9. THE WAR—SUBMARINE *AE2*.—Mr. Jensen, having obtained leave to make a statement, informed the House, with great regret, that it appeared that the reported loss of the Australian submarine *AE2* was authentic.
10. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-15].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1914-15

Division No. 34 postponed.
Division No. 42, Subdivision No. 1, debated.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Groom, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Sharpe, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

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