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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Trade and Customs—
Fisheries—Fishing Experiments carried on by F.I.S. *Endeavour*—Biological results, Vol. III., Part 3.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. FEDERAL CAPITAL—REDUCTION OF EXPENDITURE ON.—Mr. Palmer moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, expenditure upon the Federal Capital should be reduced to a minimum during the financial stress occasioned by the drought and the war.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 3rd June next.
5. MAIL CONTRACTORS AND PRICE OF FODDER.—Mr. McGrath moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, allowances should be made to mail contractors who are suffering severe financial losses owing to the increase in the price of fodder that has taken place since the acceptance of contracts.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JERVIS BAY TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 49.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Acceptance of certain Territory Surrendered by the State of New South Wales to the Commonwealth,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.
7. JERVIS BAY TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Archibald moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.
8. ENEMY CONTRACTS ANNULMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

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9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-15].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

Division No. 42, Subdivision No. 1 further 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.

10. THE WAR—DEATH OF GENERAL BRIDGES, C.M.G.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep sense of the loss sustained by the Commonwealth in the death on the battle-field of Major-General Bridges, C.M.G., Officer Commanding the First Division of the Australian Imperial Force, and places on record its deep appreciation of his great services in the development of our defence system, and its admiration of his organization and leadership of the Australian Forces now in action in the Dardanelles. It also tenders its respectful sympathy to the family of this distinguished soldier.
Mr. Joseph Cook, and Mr. Kelly having spoken in support of the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burns, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Groom, Sir William Irvine, 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.