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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21ST 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. THE WAR—DEATH OF GENERAL BRIDGES, C.M.G.—Mr. Fisher read to the House the following copy of a cablegram received from Alexandria, dated 20th May, 1915:—

“General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Forces.—Telegram begins W.F. a505: Please transmit the following message to Governor-General, Australia, begins—General Bridges died on passage to Alexandria, whole force mourns his irreparable loss, avenged yesterday in brilliant action by his own troops who inflicted loss of seven thousand on enemy at a cost of less than five hundred to themselves.—IAN HAMILTON.”
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—
The War—
Further correspondence (dated 2nd April, 1915) between the United States Government and His Majesty's Government respecting the Rights of Belligerents.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented pursuant to Statute—
Department of Home Affairs—
Lands Acquisition Act—
Land acquired under, at—Depôt Creek, South Australia—For Railway purposes.
4. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-15: SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1913-14].—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.

Mr. McGrath moved, That the amount of the subdivision, £44,468, be reduced by the sum of £1.

Debate ensued.

Debate on main Estimates 1914-15 postponed.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1913-14.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1913-14, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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i. The Parliament	1,344
ii. The Department of Prime Minister	4,885
iii. The Department of the Treasury	54,270
Australian Notes Branch	371
iv. The Attorney-General's Department	4,341
v. The Department of External Affairs	36,728
vi. The Department of Defence	120,567
vii. The Department of Trade and Customs	27,276
viii. The Department of Home Affairs	34,250
ix. The Postmaster-General's Department	105,436

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1913-14.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1913-14, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £34,029.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. Question—put and passed.
6. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted by the House.
7. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1913-14].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1913-14.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1914, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and eighty-nine thousand four hundred and sixty-eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1913-14.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1914, a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand and twenty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1913-14.—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fourteen*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

21st May, 1915.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Schedule agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1913-14.—Mr. Fisher also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fourteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Schedule agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-1915].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

Debate resumed on Division No. 42, Subdivision No. 1, and on the amendment thereto, That the amount of the Subdivision, £44,468, be reduced by the sum of £1.
 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.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Enemy Contracts Annulment Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Contracts*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 21st May, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1913-14*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fourteen*", to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 21st May, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1913-14*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 21st May, 1915.

THOS. GIVENS,
 President.

21st May, 1915.

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

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at

Booroomba, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Chatswood, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Eucolo Creek, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past four 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. Chapman, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Groom, Sir William Irvine, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

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