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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND JULY, 1915.

- The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. McWilliams, Chairman, brought up the Third 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—		
† Necessary Commodities—Butter—From Dairy Factories Association, New South Wales, praying that steps be taken to preserve Inter-State Free Trade, &c.	To be printed	
* Referendum Bills—From certain electors praying for postponement of, by the Senate	” ”	
Papers—		
Arbitration (Public Service Act)—Memorandum by the Public Service Commissioner on Award in the plaint of the Postal Sorters Union of Australia	” ”	
Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 78, 86	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 48	” ”	” ”
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1915, Nos. 68, 69, 70	” ”	” ”
Defence—		
† Colonel Lee—Return (Legislative Assembly, New South Wales, 1905) respecting charges against Major Lee	” ”	
Military College—Report, 1913-14	” ”	
Defence Act—		
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 62, 63, 64, 84, 85, 99, 100, 101, 109, 113.. . . .	” ”	Already in print and circulated to Members
Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 61, 90, 102, 115.. . . .	” ”	” ”

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Papers—continued.		
Electoral—		
Commonwealth Electoral Law and Administration—Report of Royal Commission ..	To be printed	
Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 76	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 98	" "	" "
European War—		
Alcoholic Drink and Lost Time, &c.—Return to Order of the House of Commons.. ..	Copies to be obtained	
Censorship—Memorandum on, presented to British Parliament	No recommendation	
<i>Dresden</i> —Notes exchanged with Chilean Minister respecting sinking of German cruiser <i>Dresden</i> in Chilean Territorial Waters	" "	
Employment, Provision of, for Sailors and Soldiers disabled in the War—Report of Committee (British)	" "	
Gold Coast—Togoland—Correspondence relating to Military Operations	" "	
Gifts from the Oversea Dominions and Colonies—Further correspondence	" "	
Outbreak of War—Collected Diplomatic Documents relating to	" "	
Outrages, Alleged German—Committee appointed by Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, First Lord of H.M. Treasury—		
Report by the Committee	" "	
Appendix to the Report	" "	
Press Bureau, Official Memorandum on—Presented to British Parliament	" "	
Prisoners of War—		
Correspondence, &c., between His Majesty's Government and the United States Ambassador respecting—		
Release of Interned Civilians, &c., in the United Kingdom and Germany respectively	" "	
*Treatment of Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians in the United Kingdom and Germany—Correspondence	" "	
Treatment of British Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians at certain places of detention in Germany—Reports by United States Officials	" "	
Rescues, Navy—Return showing number of rescues effected from German War-ships by H.M. vessels and from H.M. vessels by German War-ships respectively	" "	
Rights of Belligerents—Further correspondence between United States Government and His Majesty's Government	To be printed	
Violation of Rights of Nations and of the Laws and Customs of War in Belgium—Reports of Official Commission of Belgian Government; with Appendix and Extracts from Pastoral Letter of Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines	Copies to be obtained	
Excise Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 67	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members

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Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers—continued—		
Fisheries—		
Biological Results of Fishing Experiments carried on by F.I.S. <i>Endeavour</i> , Vol. III., Part 3 ..	No recommenda- tion	In print
Iron Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 83 .. .. .	.. .. .	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
*Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Report of Engineer-in-Chief on allegations of <i>West Australian</i> newspaper .. .. .	.. .. .
* <i>Kanowna</i> , s.s.—Alleged Mutiny! on—Findings of Court of Inquiry, &c.	To be printed	
Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 54	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Lands Acquisition Act—		
Drainage Easement over Land acquired at Taree Land Acquired under, at—	.. .. .
Abermain, Albury, Ardlethan, Ashfield, Bacchus Marsh, Beaufort, Booroomba, Brisbane, Bunbury, Carlton, Charing Cross (Waverley), Chatswood, Chippendale, Congwarra, Coogee, Coraki, Depôt Creek, Eden, Eucolo Creek, Gnowangerup, Guildford, Homebush, Kalgoorlie (2), Kingoonya, La Perouse, *Lindfield, Lismore, Midland Junction, Miller's Point, Molong, Moonah, Moonta, Muswellbrook, North Fitzroy, North Sydney, Pingelly, Port Hedland, Richmond, Rose Bay, Roseville, Ryde, Somerton, South Melbourne, Southport, St. Kilda, Surry Hills, Toowong, Victor Harbor, Waratah, Wynnum .. .. .	.. .. .	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Library Committee (Joint) Report for 1915 ..	.. .. .
Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 96 .. .. .	.. .. .	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Naval Defence Act—Financial and Allowance Regulation—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 91, 104 ..	.. .. .	.. .. .
Papua—Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement <i>re</i> , 1913-14 .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Premier's Conference (Sydney), May, 1915—Report, &c. .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Public Service Act—		
Appointments, Promotions, &c., in cases of—		
†C. W. Abbott, R. J. Avar, J. Banks, †A. Bennett, G. F. Chilton, M. J. Clavin, W. J. Cole, E. W. Daddo, E. J. Farrell, P. W. N. Ferris, S. W. Gleed, J. F. Hughes, E. H. Henderson, H. W. Hilton, F. C. Jackson, P. D. Kewish, J. G. Kilpatrick, W. Layton, A. Little, L. Luscombe, H. P. Ponton, C. L. Quinlivan, E. P. Ramsay, H. H. Sugden, A. C. Threlfall, C. M. Walsh, H. R. Waterman, A. E. Whiteside .. .. .	.. .. .
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 71, 103, 110, 116, 121 .. .. .	.. .. .	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Public Works Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 111 .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 88, 95 .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
War Precautions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 65, 77, 81, 105, 114..

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

W. J. McWILLIAMS,
Chairman.

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3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Attorney-General's Department—
 Rabaul—Alleged Misuse of Red Cross Gifts, and Looting by Military Officers and Privates—
 Report on, by Hon. W. M. Hughes, Attorney-General.
 Department of External Affairs—
 Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine, Townsville, Queensland—Half-yearly Reports from
 1st July to 31st December, 1914 ; and from 1st January to 30th June, 1915.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. WAR LOAN BILL (No. 1) (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.
 Sir William Irvine, 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to
 enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
 Question—put and passed.
 On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the Bill was read a third time.

5. WAR LOAN BILL (No. 2) (1915) [UNITED KINGDOM].—The Order of the Day having been read for
 the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's
 Message No. 74—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That it is expedient that an
 appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the
 borrowing of money from the Government of the United Kingdom.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.
 Mr. Archibald 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.
 The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Archibald was adopted by the House.
 Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Archibald do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the
 foregoing Resolution.
 Mr. Archibald 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.
 Mr. Archibald 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 to 6 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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6. LOAN [KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY] BILL (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 75—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million five hundred thousand pounds (£1,500,000) for the Construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Archibald do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Fisher 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—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Attorney-General's Department—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

- (1) Copy of an Order dated the 24th June, 1915, made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, varying the Award given on a plaint submitted by the Small Arms Factory Employees' Association.
- (2) Statement of the Laws and Regulations of the Commonwealth which, in the opinion of the Deputy-President of the Court, may be affected by the Order.
- (3) Copy of the "Reasons for the variation of Award" by the Deputy-President.
- (4) Memorandum by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia in connexion with the variation of the Award.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to eleven 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—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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