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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 143.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1917.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Works Committee Act—Second General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL.—Mr. Hughes, for Mr. Glynn, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make certain further provision, for the duration of the war and six months thereafter, in relation to Parliamentary Elections.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILLS 1916-17, SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1914-15].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

## SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Sir John Forrest—That a sum not exceeding Three million seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred and fifty-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1917.  
Motion agreed to.

## SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 4) 1916-17.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1916-17, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and eighty-eight thousand two hundred and forty-five pounds.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1914-15 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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i. The Parliament ... ..	1,973
ii. The Department of Prime Minister ... ..	2,038
iii. The Department of the Treasury ... ..	16,194
iv. The Attorney-General's Department ... ..	455
v. The Department of External Affairs ... ..	5,794
vi. The Department of Defence ... ..	243,512
vii. The Department of Trade and Customs ... ..	96,631
viii. The Department of Home Affairs ... ..	32,546
ix. The Postmaster-General's Department ... ..	60,637

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## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1914-15.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1914-15, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £42,630.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Sir John Forrest 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.
7. **SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.**—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, were adopted by the House.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLY BILLS 1916-17, SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1914-15].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

## SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending 30th June, 1917, a sum not exceeding Three million seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred and fifty-two pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

## SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 4) 1916-17.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1916-17, a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and eighty-eight thousand two hundred and forty-five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1915, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-nine thousand seven hundred and eighty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1914-15.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That, towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1915, a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand six hundred and thirty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, were adopted by the House.

*Ordered*—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

9. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.**—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for 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 seventeen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole

*(In the Committee.)*

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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10. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 4) 1916-17.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for 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 seventeen 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.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1914-15.—Sir John Forrest 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 fifteen*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1914-15.—Sir John Forrest 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 fifteen 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.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Glynn, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Patten, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, Mr. West\*, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*