

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 20th December, 1918.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (CORANGAMITE DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that during the recent adjournment he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 12th November last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Corangamite, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable James Chester Manifold, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that William Gerrand Gibson had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—William Gerrand Gibson, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 89.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Black Steel Sheets and Galvanized Sheets in the Commonwealth,*" 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.

Sydney, 20th December, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 90.

The following Bills intituled :—

- "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1915,'*"
- "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,*"
- "*An Act to amend the 'War-time Profits Tax Assessment Act 1917,'*"
- "*An Act to provide for the Grant of a Pension to the First Chief Justice of Australia,*"
- "*An Act to extend the duration of the 'War Precautions Act 1914-1916' and for other purposes,*"
- and
- "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*"

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 Acts.

Sydney, 25th December, 1918.

25th June, 1919.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 91.

The following Bills intituled:—

- “An Act to make provision for Homes for Australian Soldiers and female dependants of Australian Soldiers,”
 “An Act relating to the Estates of Deceased Soldiers,”
 “An Act to amend the ‘Naval Defence Act 1910–1912,’ ”
 “An Act to amend the ‘Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902–1917,’ ” and
 “An Act to amend the ‘Defence Act 1903–1918,’ ”

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 Acts.

Sydney, 25th December, 1918.

5. THE LATE LORD FORREST.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received a communication from Lady Forrest which, omitting references of a personal nature, was as follows:—

Hotel Imperial, Queen's Gate,
London, 7th December, 1918.

MY DEAR MR. JOHNSON,

My deepest gratitude and thanks are due to you and all the Members of the Federal Parliament for kind expressions of sympathy at the sad loss of my dear husband, Lord Forrest.

My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Very sincerely yours,

MARGARET ELVIRE FORREST.

6. THE LATE SIR GEORGE REID.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received the following communication from Mr. Douglas W. Reid:—

10 Brendon House,
Great Woodstock-street,
London, W., 9th January, 1919.

DEAR MR. ELLIOT JOHNSON,

My mother has asked me to thank you most sincerely for your great kindness in sending her copies of the Resolution passed in the House when the death of my father was announced. She is greatly touched by the kind references which were made to my father's work for Australia's welfare, and the record of the expression of sympathy by the Commonwealth Parliament with us in our sad time will always remain a most cherished possession.

Yours very sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. REID.

The Hon. the Speaker.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1918; together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth—Committee concerning causes of—Report on Diphtheria.

Defence—Report by Surgeon-General R. H. Fetherston, Director-General A.A.M.S., to the Minister for Defence on—1. Australian Army Medical Services Overseas. 2. The Medical Services of Great Britain and the Allies. 3. Re-education and Re-establishment of War Cripples in America, Europe, and India.

Northern Territory—Report of the Administrator for year ending 30th June, 1918.

Small Arms Factory—Report for year ended 30th June, 1918.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

*Advisory Bodies (other than Reporting Committees) appointed by the Minister of Reconstruction—Statement with regard to.

*Agricultural Wages Board—Report of Committee appointed by, to inquire into the Financial Results of the Occupation of Agricultural Land and the Cost of Living of Rural Workers.

*Agriculture—Wages and Conditions of employment in—

Vol. I.—General Report.

Vol. II.—Report of Investigators.

*Bolshevism in Russia—Collection of Reports on.

*Coal Industry Commission—Two Interim Reports and Report (all dated 20th March, 1919).

*Cost of Living—Report of the Working Classes Cost of Living Committee, 1918.

*Criminal Law Amendment Bill and Sexual Offences Bill—Report from the Joint Select Committee of the House of Lords and the House of Commons; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

*Dye Industry—State Assistance to—Memorandum by the Board of Trade.

*Electric Power Supply—Report of the Committee of Chairmen, Advisory Council.

* Papers presented to the British Parliament.

25th June, 1919.

Papers—continued.

- *Employers and Employed—Committee on Relations between—Final Report.
- *Emigration Bill 1918—Correspondence.
- *Engineering Trades (New Industries) Committee—Report.
- *Gold Production of the British Empire—Report of Committee.
- *Indian Industrial Commission, 1916-18—Report.
- *Machinery of Government—Report of Committee.
- *Trade—Report on the Trade of Australia for the year 1917, by Mr. G. T. Milne (H. M. Trade Commissioner in the Commonwealth).
- The War—
 - *Armistices with Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey—Terms of, signed 11th November, 1918.
 - *Armistice with Germany—
 - Conditions of, signed 11th November, 1918.
 - Convention prolonging, signed 16th January, 1919, together with the Financial Protocol, signed 13th December, 1918.
 - *Austro-Hungarian Government—Note addressed by, to the Governments of all the belligerent States, September, 1918.
 - *Building Industry after the War—Report of the Committee appointed by the Minister of Reconstruction to consider the position of.
 - *Civil War Workers' Committee—2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Interim Reports.
 - *Demobilization and Re-settlement—Regulations made by the Military Service (Civil Liabilities) Committee.
 - *Education in the Army—Second Interim Report of the Adult Education Committee.
 - *Emergency Legislation—First and Second Reports from the Select Committee.
 - Emergency Legislation passed by the Parliaments of the Empire in consequence of the War—Summary of.
 - *Employment of Women during the War—Report of the Board of Trade on the increased employment in the United Kingdom, with Statistics up to April, 1918.
 - Finland—Treaty of Peace signed at Berlin between Germany and Finland, together with the Commercial and Shipping Agreement.
 - *Government War Insurance Schemes—Preliminary Statement of Results.
 - *German Colonies—Correspondence relating to the wishes of the natives of the German Colonies as to their future Government.
 - Germany—Reports by British (Army) Officers on the Economic Conditions prevailing in—December, 1918—March, 1919.
 - Hospital Ships—Circular Despatch addressed to His Majesty's Diplomatic Representatives in Allied and Neutral Countries respecting torpedoing of certain Hospital Ships by German Submarines.
 - *Imperial War Conference, 1918—Extracts from Minutes of Proceedings and Papers laid before the Conference.
 - *Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (War Restrictions) Acts—Report of the Committee on.
 - *Merchant Tonnage and the Submarine—Supplementary Statement, showing, for the United Kingdom and for the World, for the period August, 1914, to October, 1918—(1) Losses; (2) Shipbuilding Output; (3) Enemy Vessels Captured, &c.
 - *Ministry of Reconstruction (British)—Report on the Work of, for the period ending 31st December, 1918.
 - *National Expenditure—Select Committee—
 - Memorandum on Sixth Report.
 - Ninth Report (Procedure of the House), together with an Appendix.
 - Tenth Report.
 - *National Relief Fund—Report of the Administration of, to 30th September, 1918.
 - Prisoners of War—
 - *Agreement between the British and German Governments concerning combatant prisoners of war and civilians.
 - *Employment in Coal and Salt Mines of British prisoners of war in Germany—
 - Report on.
 - Treatment by the Germans of prisoners of war taken during the Spring offensive of 1918—
 - *Report.
 - Further Report.
 - *Treatment of British prisoners of war in Turkey—Report.

Wool Clip—Statement *re* the British Imperial Government's Purchase through the Commonwealth Government of the Australian Wool Clip—Balance of Season 1916-17.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1918, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Immigration Act—Return for 1918 showing—(a) Persons refused admission; (b) passed dictation test; (c) admitted without being asked to pass test; (d) departures of coloured persons.

Severally ordered to be printed.

25th June, 1919.

Papers—*continued.*

- Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Awards and Orders of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with complaints submitted by the—
Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association—
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
- Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association—
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
Dated 14th March, 1919.
- Australian Letter Carriers' Association—
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
- Australian Telegraph and Telephone Construction and Maintenance Union—Dated 3rd March, 1919.
- Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association—
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
Dated 6th March, 1919.
- Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association—Dated 6th March, 1919.
- Federated Public Service Assistants' Association—
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
Dated 31st March, 1919.
- General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department—
Dated 16th December, 1918.
Dated 18th December, 1918.
Dated 6th March, 1919.
- Meat Inspectors' Association—Commonwealth Public Service—Dated 27th March, 1919.
Postal Sorters' Union of Australia—Dated 16th December, 1918.
- Audit Act—
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 47, 52, 60.
Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1918-19—
Dated 26th March, 1919.
Dated 30th April, 1919.
Dated 28th May, 1919.
Dated 6th June, 1919.
- Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 11, 88.
- Customs Act—
Proclamations prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Cheese containing margarine or other foreign fatty substance (dated 30th April, 1919).
Condensed milk (dated 5th March, 1919).
Goods per parcel post (dated 8th January, 1919).
Russian rouble notes (dated 29th January, 1919).
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 41, 86, 87, 137, 138.
- Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 67.
- Defence Act—
Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 319, 320, 321, 322, 333, 334.
Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 6, 10, 13, 15, 16, 23, 24, 26, 33, 38, 39, 42, 48, 49, 50, 54, 61, 64, 65, 66, 72, 73, 74, 91, 92, 95, 104, 105, 111, 114, 121, 122, 126, 127.
- Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 57.
- Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1918, No. 289.
Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 51, 68.
- Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 118.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Currie, King Island, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.
Fairy Meadow, New South Wales—For purpose of obtaining Building Material.
Five Dock, Sydney, New South Wales—For Repatriation purposes.
Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, Queensland—For Repatriation purposes.
Launceston, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
Lithgow, New South Wales—For Defence purposes (3).

25th June, 1919.

Papers—*continued.*

- North Sydney, New South Wales—
 For Defence purposes.
 For Repatriation purposes.
 Port Augusta, South Australia—For Railway purposes (2).
 Port Pirie, South Australia—
 For Customs purposes.
 For Defence purposes.
 Redfern, New South Wales—For Repatriation purposes.
 Rosemount, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
 Westernport, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
- Naturalization Act—Return of Number of Persons to whom Naturalization Certificates were granted during 1918.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 18, 19, 58, 62, 63, 110, 135.
- Northern Territory—
 Ordinance of 1918—
 No. 13—Real Property.
 Ordinances of 1919—
 No. 1—Interpretation.
 No. 2—Bush Fires.
 No. 3—Jury.
 No. 4—Bank Holidays.
 No. 5—Workmen's Dwellings.
- Papua—
 Ordinances of 1918—
 No. 11—Native Taxes.
 No. 13—Venereal Diseases.
 Ordinance of 1919—
 No. 1—Native Plantations.
- Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 14, 30.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—
 Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 327, 330, 335.
 Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 22, 37, 56, 124, 131, 132, 133, 136, 146.
- Public Service Act—
 Appointments, Promotions, &c.—
 W. Carrick, Postmaster-General's Department.
 H. W. Conolly, Postmaster-General's Department.
 A. Crisp, A. J. Harney, A. H. Harper, Department of Defence.
 V. R. Driscoll, Prime Minister's Department.
 A. W. B. Fawcett, Postmaster-General's Department.
 J. Fennessy, Prime Minister's Department.
 T. S. Harrison, Department of the Treasury.
 R. H. Henniker, Postmaster-General's Department.
 H. C. Hine and D. E. Aikins, Prime Minister's Department.
 G. J. Hogben, Prime Minister's Department.
 M. O. Matthes, Prime Minister's Department.
 G. E. R. McCarthy, Attorney-General's Department.
 W. Y. O'Driscoll, A. Perry, and T. J. Webster, Prime Minister's Department.
 J. M. Ramsay, Attorney-General's Department.
 G. H. Waite, Prime Minister's Department.
 K. C. Waugh, Attorney-General's Department.
 S. M. White, Department of the Treasury.
 S. M. White and M. T. Keely, Department of the Treasury.
- Regulations Amended—
 Statutory Rules 1918, No. 312.
 Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 17, 25, 27, 40, 59, 93, 94, 99, 109, 120.
- Railways Act—
 By-law No. 9.
 By-law No. 10.
- Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 139.
- Seat of Government—Ordinances of 1919—
 No. 2—Timber Protection.
 No. 3—Fish Protection.
 No. 4—Cotter River.
- Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 69.
- War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—
 Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 326, 331, 332.
 Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 4, 5, 8, 29, 34, 36, 46, 53, 70, 71, 112, 113, 116, 128.
- Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules, No. 134.

25th June, 1919.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.—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. 92.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of 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 twenty.

Melbourne, 25th June, 1919.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. PAPER—[MINISTERIAL STATEMENT].—Mr. Watt, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Ministerial Programme, and concluded by moving, That the Statement be printed. Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned. Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed. Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.

Mr. Watt moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1919-20 a sum not exceeding £4,337,335.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And then the House, at seven minutes past ten 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Burchell*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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