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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 16TH JULY, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Tudor:—That the Government is deserving of censure for its general incapacity, and more particularly—
 - (a) for its failure to prevent an inordinate rise in the cost of living;
 - (b) for its failure to keep its pledges with returned soldiers and their dependants;
 - (c) for its failure to take steps to deal with the causes of industrial unrest;
 - (d) for its failure to secure an adequate return to the Australian people for their wool and other primary products sold overseas;
 - (e) for its failure to make definite binding contracts for the sale of such products which would have prevented any possibility of profiteering overseas in Australian products at the expense of Australian producers, and would have made it possible to secure a prompt adjustment of accounts in connexion with such sales.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Higgs
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hill
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marks
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hay	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, Nos. 104, 105, 108, 116.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Midland Junction, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 113.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to 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. Anstey*, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fenton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Greene, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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