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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WHEAT.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the new Wheat Crop and its connexion with the Wheat "Pool".
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (1920) [£4,286,490].—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. 32.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Four million two hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred and ninety pounds for certain purposes.

Melbourne, 21st September, 1920.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Tudor rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The present unsatisfactory position of the promised guarantee of 5s. per bushel for wheat delivered at railway sidings for the 1920-21 harvest". Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.

5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Naval Defence—Statement by the Minister for the Navy explanatory of the Navy Estimates 1920-21.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
6. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1920-21].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1920-21.

Vote—"The Department of Defence—Military £1,302,153"—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Riley, That the vote be reduced by £1.

Question—That the Vote proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Debate on question—That the Vote be agreed to—continued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. West
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Brennan	
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton		
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Greene			
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Vote—"The Department of the Navy £313,214" debated—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 10	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Cunningham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams		
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton		
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Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Vote—"Departments of Navy and Defence—Air Services £294,200" agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs £42,031" agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Works and Railways £392" agreed to.

Vote—"The Postmaster-General's Department £1,074,864" agreed to.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1920–21, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £3,070,502.

Leave to be 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.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Joseph Cook 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.
8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.
9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1920–21].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1920–21.

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. for the year 1920–21, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £3,070,502.
Resolution 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 Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Joseph Cook and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1920–21.—Sir Joseph Cook 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 twenty-one for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Joseph Cook 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.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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11. LOAN BILL (1920)—[£4,286,490].—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. 32—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. Groom, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum of Four million two hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred and ninety pounds for certain purposes.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Groom 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. Groom, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Sir Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Groom 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. Groom 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, 2, and 3 agreed to.

The Schedule—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jackson moved, That the following Items be omitted from the Schedule :—

	Amount required in 1920-21.	Already available under Appro- priations made by pre- vious Acts.	Appropriated under this Act.
	First Column.	Second Column.	Third Column.
UNDER CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS.			
	£	£	£
* * * * *			
Federal Capital Territory—Initial Settlement	90,000	..	90,000
Federal Capital Territory—Preparatory Works	60,000	..	60,000
Railways—Completion of Construction Line—Federal Capital Territory	250	250	..
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Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Makin, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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