THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1923.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Papers.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Department—Estimates of Expenditure, 1923-24—Explanatory Statement prepared by direction of the Minister for Defence.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1923, No. 99.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Nundah, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Goulburn, New South Wales.

- 3. Postfonement of Business.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2 and Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postfoned until after Order of the Day No. 2.
- 4. Supply [Budget Debate].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (see p. 95 ante), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—
The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

First Item agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

- 5. Adjournment.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Donald Cameron*, Mr. Fenton, Sir Neville Howse*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. McGrath,
Mr. Edward Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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

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