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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—  

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 10.*

A Bill intituled "*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 eight,*" 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. (Supply Act (No. 2) 1907-8.)  
15th August, 1907.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. DEAKIN, MR. KINGSTON, AND MR. HARPER).—Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted, on account of ill-health, to the honorable Member for Ballarat (Mr. Deakin), the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston), and the honorable Member for Mernda (Mr. Harper).  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—  
Public Service Act—Recommendation and Approval of Promotion of Mr. J. G. Cameron, clerk, 4th class, Accounts Branch, Department of Defence, Queensland, to vacancy for an Accountant, 3rd class.  
Defence Acts—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulation No. 98—Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 84.  
Mr. Mauger presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Statistical Methods.—Conference of Statisticians of the Commonwealth and States of Australia and Colony of New Zealand, on Unification of Australasian Statistical Methods and Co-ordination of the Work of the Commonwealth and State Bureaux—Melbourne, November and December, 1906.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

21st August, 1907.

Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—

Census and Statistics Act—Statistics of the Commonwealth—

Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue 1906.—Part I.

Official Bulletins, 1907—

Trade, Shipping, and Oversea Migration—

No. 1.—January.

No. 2.—February.

No. 3.—March.

Trade, Shipping, and Oversea Migration, and Finance—

No. 4.—April.

No. 5.—May.

Population and Vital Statistics—

No. 1.—Determination of the Population of Australia for each quarter, from 31st December, 1900, to 31st December, 1906, comprising a Review of Census Methods, &c.

No. 2.—Summary of Commonwealth Demography, 1901–1906.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Culcairn, New South Wales—As a site for a Post Office.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos 1 and 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Deakin\*, Mr. Harper\*, Mr. Kingston\*, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

\* On leave.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*