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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Storrer, for the Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petition and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations with respect to such Papers as were not ordered by either House to be printed:—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petition—From W. H. Romanis and others, natural-born British subjects, <i>re</i> difficulty in getting employment on Queensland Sugar-cane fields	No recommenda- tion	
Defence—Visit to England of the Inspector-General —Papers relating to	„	
Defence Acts— Military Forces — Additional Regulations — Statutory Rules 1908, No. 102	„	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Military Orders 288-298 of 1908 ... ..	„	„ „
Regulations, Amendments, &c.—Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 103 to 106 inclusive	„	„ „
Papua— Ordinance of 1908—Arms Restriction ...	To be printed	
Report by Hon. Staniforth Smith on the Pro- gress of the Territory, dated 2nd Septem- ber, 1908	No recommenda- tion	
Sessional Committees—Meetings and Attendances of Senators for Session 1907-8	„	
Census and Statistics Act— Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance —Official Bulletin No. 19	„	„ „
Shipping and Oversea Migration 1907 ...	„	„ „
Federal Capital Sites—Report of E. M. De Burgh on the gaugings of the Cotter and Mowambah Rivers, dated 18th September, 1908	„	
President Roosevelt—Visit to Australia—Invita- tion sent by Prime Minister	„	

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D. STORRER,  
For Chairman.

Mr. Storrer moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT—BALLOT TO DETERMINE SITE OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the taking of an open exhaustive Ballot to determine the opinion of Members as to the site of the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth—

The House proceeded to the said ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the first ballot was as follows :—

Dalgety	...	...	27	Albury	...	...	2
Yass-Canberra	...	...	19	Orange	...	...	2
Armidale	...	...	7	Bombala	...	...	1
Lyndhurst	...	...	6	Canberra	...	...	1
Tooma	...	...	4	Lake George	...	...	0
Tumut	...	...	3				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Lake George was struck out of the ballot-papers.

The House then proceeded to a second ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the second ballot was as follows :—

Dalgety	...	...	26	Tooma	...	...	3
Yass-Canberra	...	...	22	Bombala	...	...	1
Lyndhurst	...	...	8	Canberra	...	...	1
Armidale	...	...	5	Albury	...	...	0
Tumut	...	...	4	Orange	...	...	0

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

Question—That Albury continue in the ballot—put and negatived.

Question—That Orange continue in the ballot—put and negatived.

The House then proceeded to a third ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the third ballot was as follows :—

Dalgety	...	...	28	Tooma	...	...	5
Yass-Canberra	...	...	23	Tumut	...	...	3
Lyndhurst	...	...	7	Canberra	...	...	1
Armidale	...	...	5	Bombala	...	...	0

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Bombala was struck out of the ballot-papers.

The House then proceeded to a fourth ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the fourth ballot was as follows :—

Dalgety	...	...	28	Armidale	...	...	5
Yass-Canberra	...	...	21	Tumut	...	...	2
Lyndhurst	...	...	8	Canberra	...	...	1
Tooma	...	...	7				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Canberra was struck out of the ballot-papers.

The House then proceeded to a fifth ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the fifth ballot was as follows :—

Dalgety	...	...	27	Lyndhurst	...	...	8
Yass-Canberra	...	...	22	Armidale	...	...	5
Tooma	...	...	9	Tumut	...	...	1

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Tumut was struck out of the ballot-papers.

The House then proceeded to a sixth ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the sixth ballot was as follows :—

Dalgety	...	...	27	Lyndhurst	...	...	8
Yass-Canberra	...	...	22	Armidale	...	...	5
Tooma	...	...	9				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Armidale was struck out of the ballot-papers.

The House then proceeded to a seventh ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the seventh ballot was as follows :—

Dalgety	...	...	24	Tooma	...	...	13
Yass-Canberra	...	...	24	Lyndhurst	...	...	11

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Lyndhurst was struck out of the ballot-papers.

The House then proceeded to an eighth ballot.

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The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the eighth ballot was as follows:—

Yass-Canberra	...	...	31	Tooma	...	...	14
Dalgety	...	...	27				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Tooma was struck out of the ballot-papers.

The House then proceeded to a ninth ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes for each site given in the ninth and final ballot was as follows:—

Yass-Canberra	...	...	39	Dalgety	..	...	33
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4. GENERAL BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Ordered—That General Business have precedence during the remainder of this day's sitting.

5. STRIPPER HARVESTERS AND DRILLS—SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRICES CHARGED.—Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prices charged to farmers for Stripper Harvesters and Drills.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion "and the wages paid, and other conditions observed in their production."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Reid
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Page	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Coon	Mr. Poynton	Colonel Foxton	Mr. Willis
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Roberts	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Ewing	Mr. Spence	Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Storrer	Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins	Sir John Quick	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Watson		
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise		
Sir William Lyne			
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Catts		
Mr. Mauger	Mr. Tudor		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 29th October.

6. DEFENCE.—PAYMENT FOR, BY TAXATION OF PRIVATE WEALTH.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of defraying the cost of national defence out of Customs and Excise Taxation is inequitable and unjust, and ought to be discontinued.

(2) That, as one of the main objects of national defence is the protection of private wealth in its various forms, the possessors of such wealth should be required to contribute by direct taxation an adequate sum towards the naval and military expenditure of the Commonwealth.

And Mr. Mahon not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th November next.

7. INSURANCE COMPANIES—SELECT COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMS OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. O'Malley:—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to appoint a Select Committee for the purposes of—

(1) Inquiring into the methods of operating Fire, Life, Prudential, and Industrial Insurance Companies.

(2) Reporting on and recommending a system which, while economical, will guarantee the poor against extortion—

and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Mahon, viz.:—That the words "Select Committee" be omitted from the motion, with a view to the insertion of the words "Royal Commission of persons with special knowledge" in place thereof—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words "Select Committee" proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Watson	Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Crouch		Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Fisher	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Carr	Mr. Palmer
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Hume Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Coon	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Ewing	Mr. Spence
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Storrer
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson
		Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Hall	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Hedges	
		Mr. Hutchison	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Liddell	Mr. Poynton
		Sir William Lyne	Mr. John Thomson

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Storrer moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment of Mr. Mahon, That the words "of persons with special knowledge" be omitted from the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put and negatived.

Question—That the words "Royal Commission" proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And the motion having, after debate, been further amended as follows:—In paragraph (1) after "inquiring into" insert "the law relating to and"; after "Industrial" omit "Insurance Companies" and insert "and other Insurance"; in paragraph (2) omit "poor" and insert "public"—

Mr. Fisher moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the motion—"and to report not later than June 30th, 1909."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Catts	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Page	Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Spence
Mr. Coon	Mr. Reid	Mr. Carr	Mr. Webster
Mr. Ewing	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Hall	
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Watson		
Sir Philip Fysh			
Mr. Groom			
Sir William Lyne	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Crouch		
Mr. Mauger	Mr. Wise		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to appoint a Royal Commission for the purposes of—

(1) Inquiring into the law relating to and the methods of operating Fire, Life, Prudential, and Industrial and other Insurance.

(2) Reporting on and recommending a system which, while economical, will guarantee the public against extortion; and to report not later than June 30th, 1909—

—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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8. MOTOR CARS IMPORTED, AND DUTY PAID.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Salmon—That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing number and value of motor cars, and duty paid thereon, imported into each State of the Commonwealth since 1st January, 1901—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman.

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