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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1909-10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 38.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament," to which it has agreed without request.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.
3. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Old-age Pensions—*Re* Particulars required to be furnished by applicants for the Old-age Pension.
—Replies received from Deputy-Commissioners and Magistrates.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Acts—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1908-9 (dated 7th December, 1909).

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Regulation No. 142 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 130.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Deakin moved, That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Further ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 8 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 9.
5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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6. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1908-9—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1909, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

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

7. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendment as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT AGREED, BUT HAS INSTEAD MADE AN AMENDMENT IN THE CLAUSE.

Page 2, clause 4, leave out this clause.

Amendment not agreed to, but in place thereof the following amendment made in the clause:—

At the end of the clause add the following new sub-section:—

“(6) Sub-sections (2) and (3) of this section shall apply only to telegraph messengers who attain the age of eighteen years before the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.”

On the motion of Mr. Fuller, the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

9. OFFICERS COMPENSATION BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House, after debate, adopted the Report.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909, No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*”.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

8th December, 1909.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment omitting clause 4, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agrees to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in clause 4.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

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The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to Bills of Exchange, Cheques and Promissory Notes.*"

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—OFFICERS COMPENSATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7, 8, and 10, be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. SUPPLY [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1907-8].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

17. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Deakin, moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1907-8.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1907-8, for the several services hereunder specified, viz.:—

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| I. The Parliament | 68 |
| II. The Department of External Affairs | 493 |
| III. The Attorney-General's Department | 653 |
| IV. The Department of Home Affairs | 2,660 |
| V. The Department of the Treasury... | 1,084 |
| VI. The Department of Trade and Customs | 4,439 |
| VII. The Department of Defence | 2,853 |
| VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department | 9,655 |

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1907-8.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1907-8, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £2,459.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.

19. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1907-8].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

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20. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1907-8.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1908, a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand nine hundred and five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1907-8.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1908, a sum not exceeding Two thousand four hundred and fifty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

21. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1907-8.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

22. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1907-8.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

23. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence Department—

Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the financial year 1909-10.

Memorandum on Australian Military Defence and its Progress since Federation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act—Additional Regulation No. 134A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 132.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Return showing Land disposed of at Port Elliot, South Australia.

24. HINDMARSH ELECTORAL DIVISION.—PROPOSAL NOT TO ISSUE WRIT.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—

As honorable Members are aware a vacancy has occurred in the representation of the Electoral Division of Hindmarsh through the death of the Honorable James Hutchison.

It is generally understood that this is the last sitting day of the Session, and that it is not intended to hold any further Session prior to the General Election early next year.

If an election were held it could not take place until after the lapse of several weeks. The Member returned would therefore have no opportunity of taking his seat in Parliament, and after the expiry of a few weeks would, on the dissolution of Parliament, cease to be a Member.

An election would, of course, cause considerable expense to the Commonwealth and trouble to the electors of the Division, without any appreciable advantage to either; therefore my present intention is not to issue a Writ, under the circumstances, for the vacant Division.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts 1906-7.'*"

Message No. 43.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

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26. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
27. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1907-8.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight,*" to which it has agreed without request.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1907-8.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

29. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
30. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday next at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir George Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 8th December, 1909 :—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 25.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the se vice of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" 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.

10th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Three million five hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of Naval Defence,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Naval and Military Defence,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Patents Act 1903,'*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906,'*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the definition of the word Income in the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908,'*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 35.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Acceptance of the Territory surrendered by the State of New South Wales for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts 1906-1907,'*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Bills of Exchange, Cheques, and Promissory Notes,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

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A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904,'*" 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.

13th December, 1909.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 42.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to compensation to Seamen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment,*" 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.

13th December, 1909.
