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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Electoral Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 2, 6AA, 9—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 64.
3. SUGAR—PRODUCTION—WHITE AND BLACK LABOUR EMPLOYED, ETC.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*—That a tabulated Return be laid on the Table, showing for the years 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6, 1906-7, 1907-8, 1908-9, 1909-10, the following information regarding sugar :—
 - (a) The amount of refined sugar produced in the Commonwealth, distinguishing that produced by white labour from that produced by black labour.
 - (b) The number of labourers employed in such production in each case.
 - (c) The amount of sugar imported.
 - (d) The amount of sugar exported.
 - (e) Customs duties received.
 - (f) Excise duties received.
 - (g) Bounty paid for sugar grown by white labour.
 - (h) Drawback paid on the export of manufactures containing sugar.
 - (i) Cost of the deportation of Pacific Islanders, and number deported.
 - (j) Estimated cost of administration in connexion with the collection of Excise duty and payment of Bounties on white-grown sugar.

Question—put and passed.

4. PEARL-SHELLING INDUSTRY—PERMITS TO COLOURED ALIENS.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing, for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1909, and for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1910, the number of permits applied for and the number of permits granted for the introduction of coloured aliens to be employed in the pearl-shelling industry, giving the number for Queensland and Western Australia respectively.

Question—put and passed.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency at a suitable opportunity.

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6. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.
Question—put and passed.
7. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—
On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.
On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.
Question—put and passed.
8. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL (1910).—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. 3, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Financial Relations between the Commonwealth and the several States.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And, after debate, the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Fisher 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1910).—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. 4, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenues and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sugar Bounty Act 1905*.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Fisher 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion.
11. EXCISE BILL (SUGAR) (1910).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff 1905*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fisher 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. NAVAL LOAN REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Naval Loan Act 1909*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fisher 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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13. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Use of Municipal or Shire Halls for Military Purposes—Correspondence with the Premiers of the several States.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Census and Statistics Act—
Official Year-Book of the Commonwealth—No. 3.—1901 to 1909.
Bulletins—
Finance—No. 3.—Summary, 1901 to 1909.
Population and Vital Statistics—
No. 17.—Quarter ended 30th September, 1909.
No. 18.—Quarter ended 31st December, 1909.
No. 19.—Demography, 1909, &c.
No. 20.—Vital Statistics, 1909.
Production—No. 3.—Summary, 1901 to 1908.
Social Statistics, 1908—No. 2.
Transport and Communication—No. 3.—Summary, 1901 to 1909.
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—
No. 33.—September, 1909.
No. 34.—October, 1909.
No. 35.—November, 1909.
No. 36.—December, 1909.
No. 37.—January, 1910.
No. 38.—February, 1910.
No. 39.—March, 1910.
No. 40.—April, 1910.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Cluden, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Parker Moloney, and Mr. Salmon.

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