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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH JULY, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. 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—

And on the Amendment moved by Mr. Deakin, viz.:—That the following words be added to the Address :—“and to inform Your Excellency that the Government merits the censure of the House and the country for its failure to realize its national and constitutional obligations, for flagrant neglect of its duty to secure industrial peace and good order and to uphold the law within the Commonwealth ; for its maladministration of public affairs and public departments, for its grossly partisan actions and appointments and its reckless irresponsibility in the financial affairs of the Commonwealth”——

Debate resumed.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1912-13.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

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 for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirteen,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,

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4. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Land Tax Assessment Act—First Annual Report of the Commissioner of Land Tax.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to, Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—

Official Year-Book of the Commonwealth, No. 5, 1901-1911.

Cost of Living in Australia, 1910-11—Inquiry into, by Commonwealth Statistician.

Bulletins—

Australian Statistics—Monthly Summaries, 1912—

No. 1.—January.

No. 2.—February.

No. 3.—March.

No. 4.—April.

Census—

No. 1.—Population of States and Territories.

No. 2.—Persons of non-European Race.

No. 3.—Ages.

No. 4.—Population of Counties, Local Government Areas, &c.

No. 5.—Population of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions and State Electoral Districts and Provinces.

No. 6.—Birthplaces.

No. 7.—Length of Residence in Australia.

No. 8.—Religions.

No. 9.—Education.

No. 10.—Blindness and Deaf Mutism.

No. 11.—Schooling.

No. 12.—Conjugal Condition.

Finance—No. 5—Summary of Australian Financial Statistics, 1901-1911.

Population and Vital Statistics—No. 28—Commonwealth Demography 1910, and previous years.

Production—No. 5—Summary of Commonwealth Production Statistics 1901-1910.

Social Statistics—No. 4—Statistics as to Education, Hospitals and Charities, and Law and Crime, 1910.

Transport and Communication—No. 5—Summary of Commonwealth Statistics of Transport and Communication, 1901-1911.

Trade, Shipping, Migration, and Finance—

No. 59.—November, 1911.

No. 60.—December, 1911.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir. William Lyne, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Spence.

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