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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 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. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Mr. H. Chinn, Engineer, Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Copy of testimonials in regard to his qualifications.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—RETURN OF PLANS.—Mr. O'Malley moved, by leave, That the original plans, presented to the House in connexion with the Reports of the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions, be returned to the Department of Home Affairs.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Hughes, for Mr. Fisher, presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—
Temporary Employés—Return for year 1911-12.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 160.
Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Boolaroo, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Meteorology Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 159.
Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during year 1911-12.
Shale Oils Bounties Act—Return of Bounty paid during year 1911-12.
5. BUTTER TRADE—INQUIRY BY HIGH COMMISSIONER.—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should instruct the High Commissioner for Australia to make arrangements for having the fullest inquiries made into the Australian butter trade in London and the United Kingdom, having special regard to the workings and effect of the Commerce Act and the regulations thereunder, particularly the regulation on grade marking as affecting the price of Australian butter.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Sinclair 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 Thursday next.
6. BUTTER—MOISTURE IN.—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation limiting the moisture contents of export butter to 15 per cent. is detrimental to the best interests of the dairying industry in the Commonwealth.
Mr. Greene 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 a later hour this day.

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7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the remaining General Business be postponed until after Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1912-13.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1912.

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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Sydney, 30th July, 1912.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. SUPPLY—[BUDGET STATEMENT AND SUPPLY RESOLUTION].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Fisher, having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That the further consideration of the Budget be postponed until after the Supply Bill is dealt with.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That a sum not exceeding One million five hundred and three thousand five hundred and seventy-four pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1913.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

11. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1913, a sum not exceeding One million five hundred and three thousand five hundred and seventy-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution, reported from the Committee, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, 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.

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13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1912-13.—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1912-13—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Andrew Fisher, P.C., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1912-13.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-four 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hedges*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Ryrie.

* On leave.

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