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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1912.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Privilege—Notice of Motion Withdrawn.—Mr. Riley stated that, having received an apology from the representatives of the Age newspaper, he desired to withdraw the notice of motion which he had given in regard to the exclusion of the representatives of that journal from the press galleries of the House.

The notice of motion was then withdrawn.

- 3. Papers.—Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Public Service Act—Department of Trade and Customs, New South Wales—Promotion of J. N. Silk as Examining Officer, 4th Class.
 - Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute-
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Port Augusta, South Australia—For Commonwealth purposes.
 - Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute-
 - Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 162.
- 4. Supply [Estimates—Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1912-13].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1912-13.

Division No. 3. Subdivision No. 5 further considered.

Subdivision No. 5 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 6 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 7 debated.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, That Item No. 5 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Subdivision agreed to.

Division No. 4.

Subdivision No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Subdivisions Nos. 2, 3, and 4 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 5 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 6 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 7 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 5 debated-

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight -

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1912.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, That Item No. 12 be reduced by the sum of £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, That the amount of Division No. 5 be reduced by the sum of £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 6 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 7 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 8 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 9 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 10 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 11 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 12 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 13 agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Povnton reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered-That the consideration of the resolution reported from the Committee be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thomas moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine*, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne*, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Webster. * On leave.

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