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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AUDIT BILL (1913).—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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 again read, and agreed to.

Clause 2—

Sir John Forrest moved the following amendment:—

Page 1, line 20, after "July" insert—

and the expenditure shall be in accordance with the Appropriation Act for the previous year, and the aggregate amount of expenditure shall not exceed the amount expended in the month of June preceding".

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Resolved, after debate—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend His Excellency in the Parliamentary Library, and having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 4th instant, and that His Excellency had made the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with much pleasure that I receive the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the opening of the First Session of the Fifth Commonwealth Parliament.

I thank you for the expression of loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Majesty the King.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 2—

Amendment moved by Sir John Forrest, viz. :—

Page 1, line 20, after "July" insert—

"and the expenditure shall be in accordance with the Appropriation Act for the previous year, and the aggregate amount of expenditure shall not exceed the amount expended in the month of June preceding".

—further considered.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate, all the words after the word "exceed" in the proposed amendment were omitted, and the words "one-twelfth of the total amount of such appropriation for the whole of the previous year" were inserted in place thereof, and the amendment, as so amended, was agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 read—

Point of Order.—Mr. Higgs raised a Point of Order—That the clause was not within the order of leave.

The Chairman ruled that the clause was in order.

Mr. Higgs having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, by leave, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Dankel, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Riley, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.