

1914.

(SECOND SESSION.)

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 23.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MINISTRY—ALTERATION IN.**—Mr. Fisher announced to the House that Mr. Mahon (late Assistant Minister) had been appointed Minister for External Affairs (in the place of Mr. Arthur, deceased).
3. **LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1914).**—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1912*.  
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.
4. **NOTICE OF MOTION WITHDRAWN.**—Notice of Motion, Government Business (for leave to bring in *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1913 Amendment Bill*) was withdrawn.
5. **LAND TAX BILL (1914).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

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| Mr. Anstey     | Mr. Mathews        |
| Mr. Archibald  | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Bamford    | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Burns      | Mr. O'Malley       |
| Mr. Carr       | Mr. Poynton        |
| Mr. Chanter    | Mr. Sharpe         |
| Mr. Dankel     | Mr. Laird Smith    |
| Mr. Fenton     | Mr. Spence         |
| Mr. Finlayson  | Mr. Tudor          |
| Mr. Fisher     | Mr. Webster        |
| Mr. Hannan     | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Higgs      | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. Hughes     |                    |
| Mr. Jensen     | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Lynch      | Mr. Burchell       |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Page           |

Noes, 19.

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| Mr. Abbott         | Mr. Pigott      |
| Mr. Joseph Cook    | Mr. Rodgers     |
| Mr. Fleming        | Mr. Sampson     |
| Sir John Forrest   | Mr. Sinclair    |
| Mr. Glynn          | Mr. Watt        |
| Mr. Groom          | Mr. Wise        |
| Sir William Irvine |                 |
| Mr. Livingston     |                 |
| Mr. Manifold       | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Palmer         | Mr. Atkinson    |
| Mr. Patten         | Mr. Greene      |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated—

Mr. Patten moved the following amendment:—

Line 14, omit "fifteen" and insert "twenty-five".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Bamford   | Mr. O'Malley       |
| Mr. Brennan   | Mr. Poynton        |
| Mr. Burchell  | Mr. Sharpe         |
| Mr. Burns     | Mr. Laird Smith    |
| Mr. Carr      | Mr. Spence         |
| Mr. Dankel    | Mr. Thomas         |
| Mr. Fenton    | Mr. Tudor          |
| Mr. Finlayson | Mr. Webster        |
| Mr. Fisher    | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Hannan    | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. Jensen    |                    |
| Mr. Lynch     | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Mahon     | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Mathews   | Mr. Page           |

Noes, 22.

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| Mr. Abbott         | Mr. Palmer       |
| Mr. Atkinson       | Mr. Patten       |
| Mr. Boyd           | Mr. Pigott       |
| Mr. Joseph Cook    | Mr. Rodgers      |
| Mr. Fleming        | Mr. Sinclair     |
| Sir John Forrest   | Mr. Stumm        |
| Mr. Glynn          | Mr. Watt         |
| Mr. Groom          | Mr. Wise         |
| Sir William Irvine |                  |
| Mr. Kelly          | <i>Tellers:</i>  |
| Mr. Livingston     | Mr. Greene       |
| Mr. Manifold       | Mr. John Thomson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 debated.

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

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|---------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Archibald | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Bamford   | Mr. Poynton        |
| Mr. Brennan   | Mr. Sharpe         |
| Mr. Burchell  | Mr. Laird Smith    |
| Mr. Burns     | Mr. Spence         |
| Mr. Carr      | Mr. Thomas         |
| Mr. Dankel    | Mr. Tudor          |
| Mr. Fenton    | Mr. Webster        |
| Mr. Finlayson | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Fisher    | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. Hannan    |                    |
| Mr. Jensen    |                    |
| Mr. Lynch     | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Mahon     | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Mathews   | Mr. Page           |

Noes, 19.

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| Mr. Abbott         | Mr. Patten       |
| Mr. Joseph Cook    | Mr. Pigott       |
| Mr. Fleming        | Mr. Rodgers      |
| Sir John Forrest   | Mr. Sinclair     |
| Mr. Glynn          | Mr. Stumm        |
| Mr. Groom          | Mr. Watt         |
| Sir William Irvine |                  |
| Mr. Kelly          |                  |
| Mr. Livingston     | <i>Tellers:</i>  |
| Mr. Manifold       | Mr. Greene       |
| Mr. Palmer         | Mr. John Thomson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 4—

Mr. Patten moved the following amendment:—

Line 25, omit "fourteen" and insert "fifteen".

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Greene moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause omit the words "and all subsequent years."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Fisher the House adopted the Report.  
Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.

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Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

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| Mr. Archibald  | Mr. Mathews        |
| Mr. Bamford    | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Brennan    | Mr. Poynton        |
| Mr. Burchell   | Mr. Sharpe         |
| Mr. Burns      | Mr. Laird Smith    |
| Mr. Carr       | Mr. Spence         |
| Mr. Dankel     | Mr. Thomas         |
| Mr. Fenton     | Mr. Tudor          |
| Mr. Fisher     | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Hannan     | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. Jensen     |                    |
| Mr. Lynch      | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Mahon      | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Page           |

Noes, 12.

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| Mr. Abbott       | Mr. Patten        |
| Mr. Joseph Cook  | Mr. Sinclair      |
| Sir John Forrest | Mr. John Thomson. |
| Mr. Glynn        |                   |
| Mr. Groom        | <i>Tellers:</i>   |
| Mr. Livingston   | Mr. Pigott        |
| Mr. Manifold     | Mr. Rodgers       |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. ADDITIONAL DAY OF MEETING, AND PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m., and that Government Business have precedence on that day.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jolley\*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Riley, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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