THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 53.

PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1915.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (LT.-COL. ABBOTT). -Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for New England (Lt.-Col. Abbott), absent on public service. Question—put and passed.
- 3. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Department of Defence-

Small Arms (Departmental) Committee-Report on Visit to Small Arms Factory, Lithgow. Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. THE WAR-LOSS OF SUBMARINE AE2.-Mr. Jensen read to the House the following cablegram received from the Naval Representative, dated London, 9th June :-

"United States Ambassador reports that 3 officers and 29 men were saved from Submarine This is total number of officers and men on board when the vessel sank, therefore all have been saved."

- 5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Department of Defence-

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 81.

6. Supply [Estimates 1914-15].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1914-15.

Division No. 35, subdivision No. 1, debated.

Subdivision agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 36 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 37, subdivision No. 1, agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Subdivisions Nos. 3 to 5 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 6 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 7 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 8 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 9 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 10 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 11 agreed to.

Division No. 38 agreed to.

Division No. 39 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 40 agreed to.

Division No. 41 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 98, subdivision No. 1 debated.

Mr. Page moved, That the item Secretary £900 be reduced by the sum of £1.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 10

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7. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of External Affairs-

Papua—Ordinance of 1915, No. 1—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 1914-15.

Department of Home Affairs-

Lands Acquisition Act-

Land acquired under, at-

Brisbane, Queensland—For Meteorological purposes. Gnowangerup, Western Australia-For Postal purposes.

Guildford, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Somerton, near Glenelg, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Wynnum, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

8. Adjournment.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past eleven 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—Lt.-Col. Abbott*, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Orchard, and Colonel Ryrie*. * On leave.

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