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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21st JULY, 1915.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. METAL COMPANIES.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a statement to the House respecting the metal industry, and the manner in which it was dominated in Australia mainly by German influence. He also stated what steps the Government intended to take in regard to the matter.
- 3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Prime Minister's Department—

The War—Collected Diplomatic Documents relating to the outbreak of the European War. Ordered to lie on the Table.

Department of External Affairs-

High Commissioner's Fifth Aunual Report, 1914.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act - Regulations Amended-Statutory Rules 1915, No. 121.

Department of the Treasury-

Public Service Act—

Promotions of-

- J. F. Hughes, as Clerk, 4th Class, Land Tax Branch, Central Staff.
- C. M. Walsh, as Clerk, 4th Class, Land Tax Branch, Victoria.

Department of External Affairs-

Norfolk Island-Ordinance of 1915, No. 3-Public School.

Postmaster-General's Department-

Public Service Act-

Promotions of-

- P. W. N. Ferris and H. H. Sugden, as Traffic Inspectors, 4th Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch (Telephones), New South Wales.
- F. C. Jackson, as Clerk, 4th Class, Chief Electrical Engineer's Office, Central Staff.
- A. Little, as Controller of Stores, 1st Class, Victoria.
- Department of Defence-

Defence Act—

Aerial Navigation Regulations (Provisional)-Statutory Rules 1915, No. 113.

Military Forces--Financial and Allowance Regulation Amended (Provisional)-Statutory Rules 1915, No. 115.

War Precautions Act-

Aerial Navigation Regulations (Cancelled) (Provisional) - Statutory Rules 1915, No. 114.

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4. WAR LOAN BILL (No. 1) (1915).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading —Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Anstey moved the following amendment :--After the word "That" insert the following words----"bonds to the extent of £20,000,000 be deposited in the Commonwealth Bank, and that the Governor of the said bank be instructed to credit the Commonwealth Government to a like amount, less such charges as are necessary to pay the expenses of the bank in operating the account of the Government."

Debate ensued.

Question-That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted-put. The House divided-

Ayes, 3. Mr. Anstey

Tellers: Mr. Hampson Mr. McGrath

Noes, 41.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Burns	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Catts	Mr. Patten
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Spence
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr Greene	Mr. West
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hannau	
Mr Higgs	••••
Sir William Irvine	Tellers :
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Page

And so it was negatived.

Sir John Forrest 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 to-morrow.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question--put and passed.
- And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, and Mr. Wise. * On leave.

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

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