

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH MAY, 1916.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of 13th November last.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (WIDE BAY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that during the recent adjournment he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 2nd November last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wide Bay, in the State of Queensland, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Edward Bernard Cresset Corser had been elected in pursuance thereof.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Edward Bernard Cresset Corser, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER IN ENGLAND.—Mr. Tudor stated to the House the arrangements made for carrying out Ministerial duties during the absence of the Prime Minister in England.
5. PAPER [MINISTERIAL STATEMENT].—Mr. Tudor, having, by leave, made a statement to the House in reference to the contribution of Commonwealth troops for the war and the business to be submitted to the House, presented—
Ministerial Statement—The War—Contribution of Commonwealth Troops.—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Joseph Cook 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.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE DEPUTY FOR THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from the Deputy for His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Mr. Speaker :—

[*Income Tax Bill (1915) (No. 2)*]—A. L. STANLEY,
*Deputy for the Governor-General.**Message No. 114.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Act 1915'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill (1915) (No. 2)*]—A. L. STANLEY,
*Deputy for the Governor-General.**Message No. 115.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1915'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

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[*Iron Bounty Bill* (1915)]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 116.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Iron Bounty Act 1914'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[*Officer's Compensation Bill* (1915)]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 117.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for compensation to be paid to the Widow of Major-General Sir William Throsby Bridges, K.C.B., C.M.G.*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[*Quarantine Bill* (1915)]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 118.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Quarantine Act 1908-1912'*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[*Referendum (Withdrawal of Writs) Bill*]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 119.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the withdrawal of writs issued by the Governor-General for the submission of certain proposed laws to the electors, and for matters incidental thereto*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[*River Murray Waters Bill*]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 120.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to ratify and provide for carrying out an Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[*Supply Bill* (No. 3) 1915-16]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 121.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[*Supply Bill* (No. 4) 1915-16]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 122.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

9th May, 1916.

[Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 3) 1915-16]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 123.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 4) 1915-16]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 124.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

[War Loan Bill (No. 3) (1915)]—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy for the Governor-General.

Message No. 125.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Eighteen million pounds for War purposes*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy for the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th November, 1915.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-Sheet at 31st December, 1915, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

The following Papers were presented by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Prime Minister's Department—

Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—(Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions)—

Memorandum and Tables relating to the Food and Raw Materials Requirements of the United Kingdom—Prepared by—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

The War—

Baralong Case—Memorandum of the German Government in regard to incidents alleged to have attended the destruction of a German Submarine and its crew by H.M. Auxiliary Cruiser *Baralong* on 19th August, 1915, and Reply of His Majesty's Government thereto—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Commerce (Sea-borne) of Germany—Statement of the Measures adopted to intercept—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Execution of Miss Cavell at Brussels—Correspondence with the United States Ambassador respecting—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Königsberg—Copy of Second Supplement to *London Gazette*, dated 7th December, 1915, publishing Despatch, dated 15th July, 1915, containing Report of operations against.

National Relief Fund—Report on the Administration of, up to the 30th September, 1915—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Poland—Correspondence forwarded by the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to proposals for the relief of.

Prisoners of War and Interned Civilians (British) in Germany—Correspondence with the United States Ambassador respecting the Treatment of—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Returned Soldiers—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Conference of Representatives of the Commonwealth and State Governments and of the Federal Parliamentary War Committee (together with Appendices) in respect of the settlement of Returned Soldiers on the Land, &c.—Held at Melbourne, 17th-19th February, 1916.

Suvla Bay—Arrangements made for water supply to the troops during landing at—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Trade—Report of a Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Trade on Commercial Intelligence with respect to Measures for securing the position, after the War, of certain Branches of British Industry—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

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PAPERS—continued.

Prime Minister's Department—continued.

Von Papen, Captain—Selection from Papers found in the possession of Captain Von Papen, late German Military Attaché at Washington, Falmouth, 2nd and 3rd January, 1916—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

German Possessions in Western Pacific—Correspondence respecting Military Operations against—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Department of Trade and Customs—

Fisheries—Zoological Results of the Fishing Experiments carried on by F.I.S. *Endeavour*, 1909–1914. Vol. III., Part 7.

Department of Home Affairs—

Wide Bay Election, 11th December, 1915—Detailed Return of Voting.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Fifth Annual Report, 1914–15.

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

The following Papers were presented pursuant to Statute—

Department of Trade and Customs—

Inter-State Commission Act—

Reports—

Brasswork.

Brushware, Brushmakers' Drafts and Brushmakers' Woodware.

Cordage.

Corks and Cork Manufactures.

Copper, Refined—Bounty.

Electroplated Ware.

Electrotypes, Stereotypes and Matrices, and Machinery connected therewith.

Furniture.

Gas Meters.

Glass, Glass Bottles, Glassware, and Stained Glass Windows.

Grain and Pulse.

Leatherware, viz. :—Harness ; Travelling and Sporting Goods ; Belting, &c. ; also similar Goods in Canvas and Fibre.

Locks and Lock Furniture.

Machinery—Weighing and Testing.

Marble and Granite.

Miscellaneous Group IV.—Bitumen, Mastic Asphalt, and Powdered Asphalt. Chalk, French, and other Preparations of Steatite. Filters. Flints for Tube Mills. Glue and Gelatine, Isinglass, and Jelly Crystals. Grindstones. Plaster of Paris. Whale Oil.

Miscellaneous Group V.—Alkalis. Calcium Carbide. Disinfectants, Insecticides, &c., Tar Oil, Carbolic Acid. Glycerine. Opium for Medicinal purposes. Rabbit Poison Tablets. Sodium Peroxide and other Chemicals. Sulphur Candles.

Miscellaneous Group VI.—Cinematographs and Bioscopes. Fishing Rods and Tackle. Glasses Field and Marine. Golf Clubs. Photographic Films and Negatives. Sapphires. Spectacle Cases. Teeth, Artificial. Turquoise. Watches. Wooden Plant Pots and Wooden Rules. Wooden Rims for Sieves. Woodware, Printers'.

Miscellaneous Group VII.—Asbestos Manufactures. Concertinas and Aeolas. Earth—Infusorial or Diatomaceous. Explosives—Mining. Knives—Butchers', Farriers', Palette, and Pruning. Mica and Micanite. Saws. Smoking Pipes—Clay ; also Tailors' Chalk. Tricycles and Trolley Cars, Children's and Folding Go-Carts. Undertakers' Requisites. Welding Compounds.

Pianos.

Printing Inks and Printers' Roller Composition.

Rubber Goods.

Slate Slabs, Roofing Slates, and Roofing and other Tiles.

Timber.

Tin Ores and Unrefined Tin—Export Duty.

Type—Printers' Metal.

Vehicles and Parts (including Motor Vehicles).

Vessels—Ships, Dredges, &c.

Works of Art ; Modelled Statues ; and Coloured Printed Pictures.

Writing Inks and Ink Powders.

Appendices to Reports :—Statistical and other information, and Evidence—

Miscellaneous Group V.—Alkalis. Calcium Carbide. Disinfectants, Insecticides, &c. ; Tar Oil ; Carbolic Acid. Glycerine. Opium for Medicinal purposes. Rabbit Poison Tablets. Sodium Peroxide and other Chemicals. Sulphur Candles.

Miscellaneous Group VII.—Asbestos Manufactures. Concertinas and Aeolas. Earth—Infusorial or Diatomaceous. Explosives—Mining. Knives—Butchers', Farriers', Palette, and Pruning. Mica and Micanite. Saws. Smoking Pipes—Clay ; also Tailors' Chalk. Tricycles and Trolley Cars, Children's, and Folding Go-Carts. Undertakers' Requisites. Welding Compounds.

Paper, Paper-boards, Manufactures of Paper and Wood-pulp.

Severally ordered to be printed.

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PAPERS—*continued.*

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 223, 246, 265.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 56 and 57.

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 225, 232, 251, 252, 262.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 6, 20, 21, 25, 32, 60.

Auditor-General's Office—Promotions of—

W. P. Bevan and H. B. Edwards, as Examiners, 3rd Class, Central Staff.

T. W. Moffitt, as Examiner, 3rd Class, Naval and Military Section, Central Staff.

F. L. Jones, as Examiner in Charge, 2nd Class, Queensland.

W. E. M. Yates, as Examiner, 3rd Class, Queensland.

Attorney-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Crown Solicitor's Office—Appointments, &c., of—

H. A. West, appointed as Clerk, 4th Class; and E. R. Harrington promoted as Clerk, 4th Class, New South Wales branch.

L. M. White, appointed as Clerk, Class D, Professional Division, New South Wales branch.

E. H. Trebilco, appointed as Clerk, Class D, Professional Division, Central Staff.

Department of Trade and Customs—

Public Service Act—

Promotion of A. R. Townsend, as Clerk, 4th Class, Central Staff.

Department of Home Affairs—

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act—Goods Rates.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Lands acquired under, at—

Adelaide, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Amungula, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Amungula, partly in Federal Territory and partly in New South Wales—For Federal Capital purposes.

Armidale, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Ballarat, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Ballina, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Bherwerre, New South Wales—For the establishment of a Port, and for Defence purposes.

Brighton, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Broome, Western Australia—For Quarantine purposes.

Bulli, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Camperdown, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Chippendale, New South Wales—For Postal purposes (3 Papers).

Corowa, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Cottesloe Beach, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Cronulla Beach, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Darwin, Northern Territory—For Railway purposes.

Enmore, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Enoggera, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Fremantle, Western Australia—For Quarantine purposes.

Ginninderra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes (2 Papers).

Ginninderra, New South Wales—For Federal Capital purposes.

Ginninderra and Bedulluck, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Glebe, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Glenelg, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Goorooyarroo, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes (2 Papers).

Hampton Location 42, Western Australia—For Railway purposes.

Holbrook, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Lawson, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Liverpool, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Majura, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Merigan and Fairy Meadow, New South Wales—For obtaining building material for use in the Federal Territory, &c.

Mount Barker, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Mundaring, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

North Perth, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

North Sydney, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Northcote, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Ooldea Water, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Phillips Ponds, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Pialligo, New South Wales—For Federal Capital purposes.

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PAPERS—*continued.*Department of Home Affairs—*continued.*

Port Adelaide, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Port Pirie, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Sandgate, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
 Sydenham, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Sydney (Crown-street), New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Tarcoola, South Australia—For Railway purposes.
 Toronto, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Trundle, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Wagga Wagga, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Wilgena, South Australia—For Railway purposes.
 Williams, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
 Willochra, South Australia—For Railway purposes.
 Woocalla, South Australia—For Railway purposes.
 Woy Woy, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Yarraville, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Public Service Act—

Appointments of—

A. Lewis, as Assistant Engineer (Mechanical), Class D, Professional Division, Public Works Branch, Central Staff.
 J. Sheldon, as Clerk of Works, Class E, Professional Division, Public Works Branch, Victoria.
 J. G. Richardson, as Draughtsman, Class E, Professional Division, Public Works Branch, Victoria.

Department of External Affairs—

Naturalization Act—

Return of number of persons to whom Naturalization Certificates were granted during 1915.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 227.

Northern Territory—

Ordinance of 1916—
 No. 1—Liquor.

Papua—

Ordinances of 1915—
 No. 4—Succession Duties.
 No. 5—Places of Public Entertainment.
 No. 7—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 3), 1912–13, Amendment.
 No. 8—Appropriation 1915–16.
 No. 9—War Precautions.
 No. 10—Pearl, Pearl Shell, and *Bêche de Mer*.

Ordinance of 1916—

No. 1—Rules Publication.

Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of the Transactions of the Trustees, 1914–15.

Department of the Treasury—

Audit Act—

Naval Account Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 175.

Treasury Regulations Amended—

(Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 243.
 Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 24, 39.

Commonwealth Bank Act Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 4.

Commonwealth Workmen's Compensation Act—

Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 92.
 Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 34.

Estate Duty Assessment Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 66, 73, 97.

Income Tax Assessment Act—

Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 213.
 Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 245.

Invalid and Old-Age Pensions Act—

Regulations (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 254.

Public Service Act—

Promotions of—

A. V. Afflick, as Clerk, 4th Class, Pensions and Maternity Allowances Branch, New South Wales.
 R. Ewing, as Deputy Commissioner of Land Tax, Class A, Professional Division, Victoria.
 J. S. Eastwood, as Secretary, 2nd Class, Land Tax Branch, Victoria.
 M. T. Keely, as Senior Clerk, 3rd Class, Land Tax Branch, Victoria.
 H. E. Jones, as Senior Clerk, 3rd Class, Land Tax Branch, Central Staff.
 J. G. Lawless, as Clerk, 4th Class, Correspondence Branch.

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PAPERS—*continued.*Department of the Treasury—*continued.*

H. Magee, as Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Land Tax Branch, New South Wales.
 A. D. B. Rowley, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Land Tax Branch, New South Wales.
 H. J. Stepleton, as Clerk, 4th Class, Stamp Printing Branch, Central Staff.
 C. V. Kellway, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accountant's Branch, Central Staff.

War Pensions Act—

Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 244.

War Precautions Act—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 29.

Department of the Navy—

Naval Defence Act—

Regulations Amended—

Royal Australian Naval College—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 230 (Provisional).

Naval Forces—

Employment of Persons—

Statutory Rules 1915, No. 249 (Provisional).

Statutory Rules, 1916, No. 44 (Provisional).

Financial and Allowance—

Statutory Rules 1915, No. 248 (Provisional).

Statutory Rules 1916, No. 69 (Provisional).

Department of Defence—

Defence Act—

Employment of Persons in a civil capacity—

Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 221.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 43.

Military Forces—Regulations amended—

Regulations—

(Provisional) Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 220, 257, 258, 266.

Financial and Allowance—

Statutory Rules 1915, No. 263.

(Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1915, No. 250.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 7, 18.

Royal Military College—

Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1916, No. 17.

Report 1914-15.

Universal Training—Regulations amended—

Statutory Rules 1915, No. 271.

(Provisional) Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 226, 255, 256.

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

J. T. Fitzgerald, as Accountant, 3rd Class, Queensland.

F. J. Reardon, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch, Victoria.

War Precautions Act—Regulations amended—

(Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 228, 229, 238, 253, 260.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 1, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 24, 30, 37, 48, 67.

Statutory Rules 1916, No. 47.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations amended—

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 194, 201, 231, 236, 239-242, 268, 269, 270.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 3, 5, 9, 16, 23, 33, 58, 59,

(Provisional)—

Statutory Rules 1915, Nos. 198, 214, 215, 233, 234, 235, 237.

Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 2, 10, 31, 50, 51, 68.

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

W. J. Baker, as Postmaster, 3rd Class, Grade IV., Port Augusta.

C. G. Brown, as Clerk in Charge, 2nd Class, Accounts Branch (Expenditure), New South Wales.

J. S. Buchanan, as Inspector, 3rd Class, Inspection and Inland Mail Branch, Victoria.

T. H. Camerou, as Controller of Stores, 3rd Class, Stores Branch, Western Australia.

C. E. Critchley, as Clerk, 4th Class, Accounts Branch (Expenditure), Victoria.

L. B. Fanning, as Senior Traffic Officer, 3rd Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch (Telephones), New South Wales.

A. M. Faulkner, as Inspector, 3rd Class, Inspection and Inland Mail Branch, Victoria.

A. Macdonald and A. W. White, as Inspectors, 3rd Class, Inspection Branch, South Australia.

W. T. Skeet, as Postmaster, 3rd Class, Hughenden.

C. W. Reinhold, as Clerk, 4th Class, Stores Branch, Queensland.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE DEPUTY FOR THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1915-1916.—The following Messages from the Deputy for His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 126.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th May, 1916.

A. L. STANLEY,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 127.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th May, 1916.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Higgs having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will forthwith again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. PAPER.—Mr. Higgs presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget, 1915-16—Papers prepared by the Honorable William Guy Higgs for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1915-16.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
11. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILLS].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Two million and sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and five pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1916.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1915-16, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £213,560.

Resolutions 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.

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Higgs moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
13. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, were adopted by the House.

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14. WAYS AND MEANS—RESOLUTIONS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1916, a sum not exceeding Two million and sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Higgs—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1915-16, a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirteen thousand five hundred and sixty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolutions 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.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Higgs and Mr. Tudor do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

15. SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.—Mr. Higgs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Higgs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule.—On the motion of Mr. Higgs the following amendment was made:—

III.—The Department of the Treasury—Division No. 27—Miscellaneous.

Omit Item No. 8—Grant to Australian Soldiers Repatriation Fund—£250,000.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the Chairman was authorized to make consequential amendments in the Bill.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. SUPPLY (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL (No. 5) 1915-16.—Mr. Higgs also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and sixteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Higgs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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17. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to six 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. Bamford, Mr. Carr, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Patten, General Ryrie*, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

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