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No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1918.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 27th September last.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (GRAMPIANS DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that during the recent adjournment he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 25th September last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Grampians, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Edmund Jowett had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Edmund Jowett, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Repatriation of Australian Soldiers,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to 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, 28th September, 1917.

[*Supply Bill (No. 3) 1917-18*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

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 eighteen,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to 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, 28th September, 1917.

[*Income Tax Bill (1917)*]—R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

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

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[Ministers of State Bill (1917)]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 54.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the maximum number of Ministers of State from eight to nine and to increase the amount appropriated for their salaries from Thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty pounds to Fifteen thousand three hundred pounds,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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5. THE LATE HONORABLE C. CARTY SALMON.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received the following communication from Mrs. Carty Salmon :—

"Warrane," Walsh-street,
South Yarra, 1st November, 1917.

DEAR MR. JOHNSON,

Will you, on behalf of myself and sons, convey to the Members of the House of Representatives our sincere thanks for the resolution of sympathy and appreciation passed by them on the occasion of the death of my husband.

With kind regards,
Believe me, yours truly,
NANCY CARTY SALMON.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions—Papers laid before the Commission 1914–1917—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).
The War—German East Africa—Reports on the Treatment by the Germans of British Prisoners and Natives—(Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 286, 295.

Customs Act—

Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Goods to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

Margarine.

Pig-iron, Machinery, and Manufactures of Metals.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 256, 257, 258, 273, 307.

Defence Act—

Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 235–239, 241, 248, 249, 250, 261, 262, 268, 269, 270, 276, 279, 287, 288, 292, 297, 312, 313.

Royal Military College—Report, 1916–17.

Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 227.

Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 267.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 280.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Booroomba, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Congwarra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Cottlesloe, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

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

Gigerline, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

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

Leeton, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Port Augusta, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

Townsville, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Tuggeranong, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Lighthouses Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 331.

Naturalization Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 296.

Norfolk Island—Ordinance of 1917—No. 1—Importation of Plants.

Northern Territory—Ordinances of 1917—

No. 9—Stamp.

No. 10—Darwin Pound.

Papua—Ordinances of 1917—

No. 4.—Supplementary Appropriation 1916–17 (No. 2).

No. 5.—Supply 1917–18 (No. 1).

No. 6.—Supplementary Appropriation 1916–17 (No. 3).

No. 8.—Real Property.

No. 10.—Appropriation 1917–18.

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Papers—continued.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 199, 215, 246, 247, 284, 305, 309, 321, 329, 330.

Public Service Act—

Appointments, Promotions of—

C. J. Cornell, Department of the Treasury.
 R. B. Curd, Department of Trade and Customs.
 H. W. Hyett, Postmaster-General's Department.
 E. Johns, Postmaster-General's Department.
 R. Kidston, Department of Trade and Customs.
 H. E. Neal, Department of Trade and Customs.
 H. F. Nevin, Postmaster-General's Department.
 O. H. Nielson, Home and Territories Department.
 J. T. Robinson, Postmaster-General's Department.
 J. McK. Willoughby, Postmaster-General's Department.

Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, as on 30th June, 1917—List of Temporary Employees—Return for year 1916-17.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 244, 266.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report as to the Proceedings from 31st January to 30th June, 1917, and Progress Reports regarding Investigations and Works carried out by the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, for the purposes of the River Murray Agreement, during the period 31st January to 30th June, 1917.

Shale Oil Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 277.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 242, 245, 251, 255, 259, 260, 272, 274, 275, 278, 285, 298, 310, 311.

War-time Profits Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 300.

7. RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY.—ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes, having informed the House that the Ministry had resigned, moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House at twenty-nine minutes past three 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.-Col. Abbott*^a, Mr. Anstey, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Burchell*^a, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. McGrath*^a, Brigadier-General Ryrie*^a, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(^a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.