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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD MAY, 1918.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Racing, 1918–19—Cabinet Decisions as to Regulation of.

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

The War-

Report on the Transport of British Prisoners of War to Germany—August-December, 1914. (Paper presented to the British Parliament).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. WAR LOAN BILL (1918) [±80,000,000].—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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Tudor, viz. :—That after the word "That" the following words be inserted :— "this House condemns the action of the Government in enlisting for service abroad youths of eighteen years who have not obtained the consent of their parents"— Debate resumed.

Mr. Mathews 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.

4. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty eight minutes 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— Lieut.-Col. Abbott^{*a}, Mr. Anstey^{*}, Mr. Burchell^{*a}, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^{*a}, Lord Forrest, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold^{*}, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Page^{*}, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie^{*a}, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Yates^{*a}.

> * On leave. (a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

> > WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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