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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EX-GUNNER YATES.—Sir Granville Ryrie, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Report of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the services of ex-Gunner Yates in the Australian Imperial Force.
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also made a statement in connexion with the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Ex-Gunner Yates—Report of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the Services of ex-Gunner Yates in the Australian Imperial Force, together with the Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Civil Re-establishment of the A.I.F.—A Summary of the work of the Department of Repatriation from April, 1918, to the end of June, 1920, with some account of the Activities which preceded the Department's formation.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—
Islington, New South Wales.
Mosman, New South Wales.
Orange, New South Wales.
Weston, New South Wales.
4. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 5—

Debate resumed on the following amendment moved by Mr. Charlton :—That the following words be inserted after the word "them" (line 6) "and for that purpose may acquire or establish, with the consent of Parliament, brickworks, sawmills, and cement works".

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. James Page	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fenton	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.
Clause agreed to.

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Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated—

Mr. Lamond moved, as an amendment, That the words "if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the circumstances of any case justify the excess" (lines 21 and 22) be omitted from the clause.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11, 12, 13, and 14 agreed to.

New Clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Rodgers, after debate, the following clause was added to the Bill to stand as Clause 15 :—

15. Section thirty-nine of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) thereof the following proviso :—

War Service
Homes Trust
Account.

"Provided that the Treasurer may at any time direct that the whole or part of any moneys which by paragraph (c) of this sub-section are directed to be credited to that Trust Account shall be paid to the Treasurer for credit to the Loans Sinking Fund, and any moneys so paid to the Treasurer shall be credited to that Fund."

Mr. Gregory moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill to stand as Clause 16 :—

16.—(1.) The Commissioner shall as soon as possible after the close of the financial year submit to the Minister an annual report, showing, for each State, the number of applications received and dealt with, homes erected and average costs, a *résumé* of operations, and a balance-sheet showing cash and stocks on hand, and an account of moneys received and expended during that year, also a balance-sheet showing trading operations in connexion with timber mills, giving superficial feet of pine and hardwood cut, cost of same delivered on rails, such costs to include interest, depreciation and overhead charges, price of same charged to soldiers' homes, and a profit and loss account of each timber mill.

(2.) The annual report shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after its receipt by the Minister if the Parliament is then sitting, or if the Parliament is not then sitting, within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, as an amendment, That the words of sub-clause (1.) after the word "mills" (line 5) up to and inclusive of the word "homes" (line 7) be omitted from the proposed new clause.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

New clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Rodgers 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.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1920-21.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 twenty-one for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1920.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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