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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1921.

1. The House met, at three 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—
 War Indebtedness—Memorandum of Agreement made between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Australia with reference to the repayment of the war debt, &c., due by the Commonwealth to the Imperial Government—dated 2nd February, 1921.
 Postmaster-General's Department—Tenth Annual Report, 1919-20.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Shipping Casualties—Merchant Shipping 1st July, 1914, to 31st December, 1918—Return of Shipping Casualties and Loss of Life for period ended 31st December, 1918. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Navy Losses—Return showing losses of Ships and of Auxiliary Ships of Royal Navy for period 4th August, 1914, to 11th November, 1918. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Newcastle, New South Wales—For Repatriation purposes.

Public Service Act—Appointments, Promotions, &c.—

E. Kidston, Home and Territories Department.

S. G. Adamson, J. A. Bolton, A. P. la M. Chauncy, C. W. Chivers, C. A. Deane, E. H. James, R. H. Lewis, T. A. R. Lewis, W. E. B. Neilson, L. Radcliffe, L. B. Rule, W. B. Topp, C. H. Trafford, Attorney-General's Department.

F. McCallum, W. C. Sawers, F. G. Morgan, A. H. D. Gransbury, N. G. Roskrige, B. A. Thorpe, H. P. Miller, Department of Trade and Customs.

W. E. Cooper, Department of Trade and Customs.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT *RE* IMPERIAL CONFERENCE—MANDATE FOR GERMAN POSSESSIONS IN THE PACIFIC—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes, That the Paper [*presented on the 7th instant*], viz. :—

League of Nations—Mandate for German possessions in the Pacific Ocean situated south of the Equator other than German Samoa and Nauru—be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Anstey addressing the House and, on account of illness, not being able to conclude his speech the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech at a future time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Higgs 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.

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Laird Smith moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes 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. Bruce, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Gabb, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Wienholt.

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