

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Fleming presented a petition from certain persons engaged or interested in the industries of grazing and of meat preserving and meat canning in New South Wales praying that provision be made for granting a bonus in connexion with the export of canned beef. Petition received and read.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet, as at 30th June, 1922, &c., together with a memorandum setting out the basis of preparation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Yungaburra, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR—COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CONTROL—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Rodgers :—That the Paper [*presented on the 21st ultimo*], viz. :—

Commonwealth Government Sugar Control—Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1922 ; profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922 ; trading and profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922—operating and trading accounts—

be printed—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That the following words be added to the motion :—“and the retail price of sugar be reduced to 4½d. per lb. from the 7th August, 1922”—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mathews
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Makin	Mr. Riley

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Question again proposed—That the motion be agreed to.

Mr. Prowse moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

“and (a) That consideration of the question of the price of sugar be postponed until Wednesday next and/or the tabling of full details of the sugar position as promised by the Minister for Trade and Customs.

(b) That a Select Committee of the House be appointed to inquire into the question of the Government transactions in sugar and to report to this House.”

Debate continued.

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Mr. Anstey moved, as an amendment on the proposed amendment, That the following words be added to paragraph (a) of the amendment :—“and the retail price of sugar be reduced to 4½d. per lb. from the 21st August, 1922.”

Debate continued.

Mr. Laird Smith 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 the next sitting.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE RETIREMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the retirement or discharge of certain persons from the permanent service of the Defence Department and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 27th July, 1922.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth.

Melbourne, 27th July, 1922.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Taxation—Royal Commission on—Third Report.

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

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, in New South Wales, at Albany.

8. SYDNEY GENERAL POST OFFICE—REMODELLING, ETC.—APPROVAL OF WORK.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. R. W. Foster :—
That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act* 1913 1914, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work :—

Remodelling and Additions, General Post Office, Sydney,

which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Gregory*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jowett*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wienholt, and Mr. Wise.

* On leave.

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