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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 29.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION *re* SELECT COMMITTEE (TARIFF MATTER).—Mr. McNeill, by leave, withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name for to-morrow with reference to the appointment of a Select Committee in regard to the alleged non-fulfilment of a verbal undertaking, placed before the House by the Minister for Trade and Customs, in relation to Item 275 of the Customs Tariff.
3. NAVIGATION ACT—EFFECT ON TRADE—SELECT COMMITTEE—DISCHARGE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.—Mr. Prowse moved, by leave, That Mr. Thomas Paterson be discharged from attending the Select Committee on Navigation Act—Effect on Trade, and that Mr. Lister be appointed in his place.  
Question—put and passed.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—IMPERIAL AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCES, 1923—SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister)—That the Papers [*presented on the 24th ultimo*], viz. :—  
Imperial Conference, 1923—Subjects listed for discussion ;  
Economic Conference, 1923—Subjects listed for discussion—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1923).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Sydney, 27th July, 1923.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the Export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 1st August, 1923.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

7. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1923-24.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

## ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1923-24.

- Vote—"The Home and Territories Department, £39,270," debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"The Department of Defence, £371,108," debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £21,022," agreed to.  
Vote—"The Postmaster-General's Department, £220,000," debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"The Department of Health, £30,121," agreed to.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—

That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1923-24, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £681,521.  
Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.
9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1923-24.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

## ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1923-24.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1923-24, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £681,521.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

*Ordered*—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1923-24.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A 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-four for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

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Mr Earle Page moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Donald Cameron\*, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Neville Howse, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

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