

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 109.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR SIMON FRASER.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), by leave of the Senate, moved—That the Senate places on record its appreciation of the public services of the late Honorable Sir Simon Fraser, who was a member of the Federal Convention and a representative of the State of Victoria in this Chamber from the inception of Federation for several years. The Senate tenders its sincere sympathy to his bereaved widow and family. And the motion having been seconded by Senator Gardiner and supported by Senator Keating—And all Senators present having risen, in silence—Question passed unanimously.
4. PAPERS.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
  - By Command—
    - Women in Industry.—Report of War Cabinet Committee. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)
  - Pursuant to Statute—
    - Public Service Act 1902-1918.—Appointments, Promotions, &c.—
      - H. A. Peterson, Prime Minister's Department.
      - P. E. Butler, Department of the Treasury.
      - W. J. Penfold, Department of Trade and Customs.
- The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
  - Pursuant to Statute—
    - Customs Act 1901-1916—
      - Proclamations—
        - Dated 16th July, 1919, prohibiting exportation of Preventives of Conception, &c.
        - Dated 16th July, 1919, revoking proclamation of 4th September, 1918, relating to the exportation of Broom Millet.
    - War Precautions Act 1914-1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 178.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE: THIRD REPORT.—Senator Barker brought up the following Report from the Printing Committee :—

## THIRD REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

- Inter-State Commission Act—Index to Reports, Tariff Investigations.
- †Price Fixing—Reports relating to Jam Fruits by the Prices Commissioner for Tasmania.
- Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1917-18.
- †Pastoralists—Statement showing number who have died during the last two years, Net Value of their Estates, and Commonwealth Duty payable thereon.
- Factories—Commonwealth Government Factories—Reports for year ended 30th June, 1917.
- Commonwealth Bank—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1918: together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.
- Commonwealth Bank—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1918: together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.
- †Export of Australian Products—Return giving information relating to Zinc, Zinc Concentrates, Lead, Copper, Tin, Wolfram, Scheelite and Molybdenite, Wheat, Wool, Butter, Cheese, Leather, Hides, Rabbits, and Evaporated Apples.

Report of the Royal Commission on Navy and Defence Administration in regard to (1) the purchase of the Shaw Wireless Works at Randwick, New South Wales, in August, 1916; (2) the purchase of the following vessels for the purposes of the Navy Department, viz., the *Emerald*, in June, 1916, and the *Phillip* (late *Togo*), in August, 1916.

Bolshevism in Russia—Collection of Reports on.

Naturalization Act—Return of Number of Persons to whom Certificates were granted during 1918.

Navy and Defence Administration—Royal Commission—Report on Navy Administration (dated 13th February, 1919).

\*Merchant Tonnage and the Submarine—Statement issued by British War Cabinet for period August, 1914, to December, 1917.

\*Boards, Committees, Pools, &c., operating under Commonwealth Government control—Names, &c., of Persons appointed since 10th May, 1918.

\*Oil Development in Papua—Memorandum.

† Presented to House of Representatives only.  
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STEPHEN BARKER,  
Chairman.

Committee Room,  
31st July, 1919.

6. ADJOURNMENT TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Needham, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., The case of Major W. D. Evans and the Mount Bardwell Estate, moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till 11 a.m. on Thursday, 7th inst.

At the termination of half-an-hour, Senator Needham not having concluded his speech, the Standing Orders were suspended, and leave given him to continue his speech for an additional half-hour.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

8. PAPER.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—  
By Command—

Shaw Wireless Works, Randwick: Correspondence between Ex-Senator J. J. Long and the Acting Prime Minister respecting the question of a further inquiry into purchase

9. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 94.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to certain Commercial Activities carried on by the Commonwealth in time of War*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,  
Speaker.

House of Representatives,  
Melbourne, 6th August, 1919.

Bill read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. NORTHERN TERRITORY ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 1919: DISALLOWANCE.—Senator Newland proceeding, pursuant to notice, to move—That Northern Territory of Australia Ordinance No. 8 of 1919, entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for a Council of Advice for the Northern Territory", be disallowed.

And Senator Newland not having concluded his speech—

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Newland have leave to continue his speech.

11. LIGHTHOUSES BILL.—Order of the Day read for the consideration of the Bill, as reported.

The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the Bill be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

12. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: FIRST REPORT (NEW STANDING ORDER NO. 416A).—Order of the Day read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the Whole, agreeing to the following new Standing Order, viz.:—

416A. Where a Session of Parliament has continued for more than fifteen months, Standing Orders Nos. 133, 413, 414, and 416 shall not apply to any subject or matter that has transpired or been dealt with more than six months previously.

The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at half-past six p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

14. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Crawford (on leave), Guthrie, Guy (on leave), Lynch, Pearce (on leave), and Senior.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
Clerk of the Senate.