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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 1.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1920.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held at the Parliament Houses, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of February, in the tenth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* of Thursday, 19th February, Charles Gavan Duffy, C.M.G., Clerk of the Senate, George Henry Monahan, Clerk-Assistant, and Fred U'Ren, Usher of the Black Rod, attending in the said place, and the other clerks attending according to their duty,

And the Senators having repaired to their seats, and the President having taken the Chair—

Then the aforesaid Proclamation was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia	to wit.	By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.
R. M. FERGUSON,	Governor-General.	

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit: Now therefore I, Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation, appoint Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs: And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m. on the said Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, in the tenth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.)

LITTLETON E. GROOM.
for Prime Minister.

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2. APPROACH OF THE DEPUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The approach of the Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General was announced by the Usher of the Black Rod.

The Honorable Adrian Knox, C.M.G., Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, and the Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, the Deputies of His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, entered the Chamber and took their seats on the dais.

The Senior Deputy (The Honorable Adrian Knox) then, through the Clerk of the Senate, directed the Usher of the Black Rod to request the attendance of the Members of the House of Representatives.

Who being in attendance—

The Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth constituting us his Deputies to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Clerk then read the Commission, as follows :—

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Honorable ADRIAN KNOX, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia ;

AND

The Honorable ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them : Provided always that the appointment of such Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation, dated the eighteenth day of February, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, the twenty-sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs ; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Ten o'clock a.m. on the day and date aforesaid :

NOW KNOW YOU that in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, SIR RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputies for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, (L.S.) in the State of Victoria, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the tenth year of His Majesty's reign.

R. M. FERGUSON.

By His Excellency's Command,
LITTLETON E. GROOM.

3. DIRECTION TO SWEAR AND ELECT TO CHAIR.—The Senior Deputy further addressed the Members of both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that as soon as the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place ; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and thereafter you will present the person whom you shall so choose to His Excellency, at such time and place as he shall appoint.

His Honor Mr. Justice Isaacs will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the honorable Members of that House. The Deputies then retired.

The Members of the House of Representatives also retired.

4. **VACANCY IN REPRESENTATION OF TASMANIA.**—The President informed the Senate that under Section 15 of the Constitution the place of Senator Edward Mulcahy became vacant on the 13th December last, and that by a writ forwarded by the Governor-General it appeared that the said Edward Mulcahy had been elected to hold the place.

At a quarter to eleven a.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till three p.m.

The Senate having resumed—

5. **APPROACH OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.**—The approach of His Excellency the Governor-General was announced by the Usher of the Black Rod.
6. **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SUMMONS TO.**—His Excellency, being seated, commanded the Clerk of the Senate to direct the Usher of the Black Rod to let the Members of the House of Representatives know that His Excellency desired their attendance in the Senate Chamber forthwith. Who being in attendance, with their Speaker—
7. **HIS EXCELLENCY'S OPENING SPEECH.**—His Excellency was pleased to address both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN :

You have been summoned to deal with matters of urgency and importance to the people of Australia.

The state of war with Germany was happily brought to an end on 10th January by the final ratification of the Treaty of Peace.

Simultaneously with the ratification the League of Nations was created. The establishment of the League heralds a new era in international relations, and symbolizes a new spirit in the treatment of international questions. It creates machinery whereby peace and justice may become more widely effective, and military force and military ambition be restrained.

The early decision of the United States of America to share in the responsibilities of the League is earnestly hoped for.

The Mandate to the Commonwealth to administer the territories in the Pacific, south of the equator, captured by Australian naval and military forces, has been delayed by the postponement of the ratification of the treaty with Germany, but its early issue is expected, and your Ministers will introduce legislation providing for the adoption and operation of the Mandate.

It is a matter for great gratification to the Government, a sentiment which I am sure is general throughout the community, that arrangements have been made for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to visit the Commonwealth in May next.

In the name of the people of Australia, I give His Royal Highness the assurance of a joyous and loyal welcome.

The revenue of the current financial year is satisfactory, and the expenditure of the Public Services is proceeding with due regard to economy.

Despite the inevitable dislocation of transport and commerce caused by the war, and the unhappy influence of the drought, production and enterprise within the Commonwealth are vigorous.

Though fighting has ceased, much money is still needed to meet obligations arising out of the war. The loan moneys in hand suffice for immediate requirements, but the Government will be obliged to give early consideration to the question of raising additional loan funds.

Conditions following upon the war make it desirable that the usefulness of the Commonwealth Bank shall be extended, and proposals to effect this will be submitted for your approval.

The great increase in the price of silver bullion and other post-war circumstances render it necessary to reduce the fineness of our silver coinage and to issue notes of smaller denomination. The requisite authority for these changes will be embodied in measures which will be brought before you.

It is the intention of my Advisers to appoint at an early date a Royal Commission to consider the whole incidence of Commonwealth taxation.

My Ministers have devoted much attention to a revision of the existing Customs and Excise Tariffs, and measures calculated to stabilize and extend the industries of Australia will be laid before you.

Problems for the future defence of Australia are receiving the earnest consideration of my Advisers, and proposals suggested by the experience of war and by the new international situation will, in due course, be submitted for your consideration.

I record with pleasure the visit to Australia of General Sir William Birdwood, Bart., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., D.S.O., who commanded the Australian Forces with such distinction throughout the war.

My Ministers will invite Parliament to express the thanks of the people of the Commonwealth to the Navy and Army for their splendid services in the Great War.

In order to encourage aviation, the Government offered a prize of £10,000 for a flight, in a machine manned by Australians, from Great Britain to Australia in 30 days.

The people of Australia hail with admiration and pride the magnificent achievement of Captain Sir Ross Smith and his gallant comrades. They have added fresh lustre to the name of Australia, and have written an indelible page not only in our history, but in that of the Empire and of civilization.

My Ministers are deeply impressed with the necessity of substantially increasing the population of the Commonwealth by the encouragement of suitable schemes of immigration, and your sanction of the proposals of the Government will be sought.

My Advisers deeply regret the defeat of the Referendum proposals recently before the people. They intend to introduce legislation to authorize the summoning of a Convention, representing the people and the Parliaments of the Commonwealth and the States, for the revision of the National Constitution.

A Bill for the payment of a War Gratuity to members of the Australian Expeditionary Force will be submitted for your early consideration.

It is also proposed to seek your acquiescence to a Bill to amend the Repatriation Act, with a view to facilitating its administration by the co-ordination of departmental activities for the restoration of our soldiers and sailors to civil life.

Financial and business disorganization continues as a result of war, and the task of restoring normal conditions is great. There is a dearth of world products and shipping, with consequent dislocation of commerce and industry.

The Government policy is at the earliest moment to divest itself of the present pools and controls, and thus permit the trade of the Commonwealth to revert to non-Governmental channels, while affording the primary producers every possible assistance in extending the co-operative organization of their important interests.

My Ministers are giving careful consideration to proposals for worthily commemorating the illustrious deeds of the Australian Forces in the Great War by the erection of National Memorials in Australia and in those lands where their efforts contributed so much to crown the Allied Arms with victory.

My Ministers will introduce a measure to amend the law relating to the prevention and for the settlement of those industrial disputes which come within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, and to give effect to the principle of a basic wage.

With the object of stimulating the steady development of the resources of the Commonwealth, the Government will seek authority for the prosecution of a Public Works policy compatible with the financial position of the country.

My Advisers propose to invite the representatives of the States who are parties to the River Murray Waters Agreement to confer with the Government of the Commonwealth with a view to expediting that great national work.

Now that the war is over, steps will be taken to further the plan for the establishment of the Federal Capital.

It is proposed to appoint a Commission to report on the stages to be followed, and the methods to be employed to develop the resources of the Federal Territory and reduce the financial burden upon the Commonwealth.

A Bill will be introduced providing for the better regulation and control of the Public Service.

Ministers propose to proceed with the Bill to constitute an Institute of Science and Industry.

Proposals for the co-ordination and further development of the ship-building industry will be laid before you.

It is proposed to introduce Bills dealing with the following matters :—

Finance.
The Inter-State Commission.
The Bureau of Commerce and Industry.
The Commonwealth Shipping Line.
War Indemnity.
Territorial Representation.
Aviation.
Naturalization.
Health, and Maternity Allowance.
Customs.
Crimes.

Commending your deliberations to the guidance of Divine Providence, I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties.

His Excellency was then pleased to retire, and the Members of the House of Representatives also retired.

8. PRAYERS.

9. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, assenting to Bills passed during the last Session of the Parliament, was presented, and the same was read by Mr. President :—

R. M. FERGUSON,

Governor-General.

Message No. 60.

The following Bills intituled :—

Nauru Island Agreement Act 1919,
Income Tax Act 1919,
Land Tax Act 1919,
Entertainments Tax Act 1919,
Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1919–20,
Loan Act 1919,
Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1919,
Matrimonial Causes (Expeditionary Forces) Act 1919,
Sugar Industry Commission Act 1919,
Customs Tariff Validation Act 1919,

Excise Tariff Validation Act 1919,
Tasmanian Loan Redemption Act 1919,
Treaty of Peace Act 1919,
Supply Act (No. 3) 1919–20,
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1919,
Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act 1919,
Northern Territory Acceptance Act 1919,
Loans Securities Act 1919,
Termination of the present War (Definition) Act 1919,
Land, Mining, Shares and Shipping Act 1919,
War Service Homes Act 1919,
Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1919,
Legal Proceedings Control Act 1919,
Commonwealth Electoral Act 1919,

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Government House,
 Melbourne, 28th October, 1919.

10. **BILL RESERVED.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, intimating the reservation of the Navigation Bill, was presented and the same was read by Mr. President :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 61.

A Bill intituled :—

Navigation Act 1919,

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure.

Government House,
 Melbourne, 28th October, 1919.

11. **ASSENT OF HIS MAJESTY TO RESERVED BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, intimating the Assent of His Majesty to the Navigation Bill, was presented and the same was read by Mr. President :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 62.

The Governor-General informs the Senate that the proposed law intituled "*Navigation Act 1919*," which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has, by an Order in Council dated the 25th day of November, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, declared His assent to the said proposed law.

The Governor-General has caused the King's approval to be proclaimed in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 139, dated 20th December, 1919, a copy of which proclamation is attached hereto.

Government House,
 Melbourne, 7th January, 1920.

12. **THE LATE GENERAL LOUIS BOTHA.**—The President informed the Senate that he had received from Mrs. Botha a letter expressing the gratitude of herself and family for the sympathy of the Senate in their bereavement. The President further stated that he had also received a letter from the Prime Minister of South Africa conveying his grateful thanks for the sympathy expressed by the Senate on the death of his friend and colleague.
13. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT : CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF GOVERNMENT.**—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) by leave, announced to the Senate that consequent on the resignations of the Hon. P. McM. Glynn and the Hon. W. Webster of the portfolios of Minister for Home and Territories and Postmaster-General respectively, His Excellency had been pleased to appoint the Hon. A. Poynton as Minister for Home and Territories and the Hon. G. H. Wise Postmaster-General. His Excellency had also approved of the appointment of Major-General Sir Granville de L. Ryrie and Mr. W. H. Laird Smith as Honorary Ministers.
14. **THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR EDMUND BARTON.**—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), by leave of the Senate, moved—That this Senate places on record its profound regret at the loss the Commonwealth has sustained in the death of the late Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G., and its sincere appreciation of the eminent public services rendered by him as a Minister of the Crown for the State of New South Wales, as a member of the Federal Convention, as first Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, and as a Judge of the High Court of Australia. This Senate tenders its deepest sympathy to Lady Barton and the members of her family in their bereavement.
- And the motion having been seconded by Senator Gardiner,
 And all Senators present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed unanimously.

15. COMMITTEE OF DISPUTED RETURNS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President read and laid on the Table his Warrant appointing a Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications, as follows :—

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 38, I hereby appoint the following Senators to be "The Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications" :—

Senator J. Barnes,
 Senator the Hon. J. H. Keating,
 Senator P. J. Lynch,
 Senator W. J. R. Maughan,
 Senator the Hon. D. J. O'Keefe,
 Senator H. E. Pratten,
 Senator W. Senior.

Given under my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

16. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The President read and laid on the Table his Warrant appointing a Panel of Temporary Chairmen of Committees, as follows :—

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 31, I hereby nominate—

Senator T. J. K. Bakhap,
 Senator R. Buzacott,
 Senator A. McDougall,
 Senator J. Newland,

a Panel to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees, or when the Chairman of Committees is absent.

Given under my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

17. PAPER.—The President laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—

Finance : Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1919, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

At twenty-five minutes to four p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till a quarter past four p.m.

And the Senate having resumed,

18. PAPERS.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz.:—

By Command—

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1920.

Norfolk Island—Report of the Administrator for the year ended 30th June, 1919.

Wool—

Statistical Bulletin No. 2, Wool Season 1918-19, prepared by Central Wool Committee.

Supplement to Statistical Bulletin No. 2.

Papers presented to British Parliament—

Afghanistan—Papers regarding Hostilities, 1919.

Dardanelles Commission—Final Report.

Income Tax—Royal Commission—Minutes of Evidence with Appendices—

Second Instalment.

Third Instalment.

Fourth Instalment.

Fifth Instalment.

National Relief Fund—Report on Administration up to 30th June, 1919.

Peace Proposals made by His Holiness the Pope to the Belligerent Powers on August 1, 1917, and Correspondence relative thereto.

Treaties and Agreements, &c., signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, September 10, 1919, between—

The Allied and Associated Powers and Austria.

The Principal Allied and Associated Powers and the Serb-Croat-Slovene State.

The Principal Allied and Associated Powers and Czechoslovakia.

The Allied and Associated Powers, with regard to the contributions to the cost of liberation of the territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

The Allied and Associated Powers, with regard to the Italian Reparation Payments.

Pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act.—Orders of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with awards or variation of awards in the following cases :—

Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association—Dated 19th December, 1919 (2 cases).

- Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association and Commonwealth Postmasters' Association—Dated 19th December, 1919.
- Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association—
Dated 19th December, 1919 (2 cases).
Dated 24th December, 1919.
- Australian Letter Carriers' Association—Dated 19th December, 1919 (2 cases).
- Australian Postal Electricians' Union—Dated 19th December, 1919.
- Australian Postal Linesmen's Union—Dated 19th December, 1919.
- Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association—Dated 19th December, 1919.
- Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association—Dated 19th December, 1919.
- Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia—Dated 19th December, 1919 (4 cases).
- General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia—
Dated 19th December, 1919 (2 cases).
- Postal Sorters' Union of Australia—Dated 19th December, 1919.
- Audit Act.—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—
Financial Year 1918-19—
Dated 12th November, 1919.
Dated 14th January, 1920.
- Contract Immigrants Act.—Return for 1919, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.
- Electoral Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 262.
- Electoral (War-time) Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 259—No. 285—No. 287.
- Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act.—Regulations amended.—
Statutory Rules 1919, No. 229—No. 260—No. 276.
- Immigration Act.—Return for 1919, respecting persons admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.
- Lands Acquisition Act.—Land acquired at—
Alpha, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
Brighton, Victoria—For War Service Homes purposes.
Hobart, Tasmania—For Repatriation purposes.
Rupanyup, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
Stanthorpe, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
Sunshine, Victoria—For War Service Homes purposes.
Tamworth, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
- Naturalization Act.—Return of Persons to whom Naturalization Certificates were granted during 1919.
- Northern Territory.—Ordinances of 1919—
No. 11. Deputy Administrator (No. 2).
No. 12. Justices' Appeals (No. 2).
- Papua.—Ordinances of 1919—
No. 5.—Appropriation, 1919-20.
No. 9.—Native Labour.
- Patents Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 239.
- Territory for the Seat of Government.—Ordinances of 1919—
No. 6.—Rabbit Destruction.
No. 7.—Leases.
- Public Service Act—
Appointments, Promotions, &c.—
Prime Minister's Department—
J. Mundy.
E. L. Piesse.
G. A. Whitlam.
Department of the Treasury—
E. F. Hamilton.
J. H. B. Cuthbertson, C. P. McKinnon, and A. E. Hayes.
H. B. Jackson.
Attorney-General's Department—M. M. Stewart.
Department of Trade and Customs—M. J. Holmes.
Department of Works and Railways—C. S. Daley.
Postmaster-General's Department—
G. L. Berrie.
A. M. Cameron and J. R. McDonald.
A. H. Moseley.
- List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service as on 30th June, 1919.
- Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 246—No. 256—No. 258—No. 264—
No. 275—No. 286; 1920, No. 9—No. 10—No. 17—No. 20—No. 21—No. 22—
No. 23.
- War Service Homes Act.—Land acquired for War Service Homes purposes at—
Adamstown, New South Wales.
Belmore, New South Wales.
Bulimba, Queensland.

Coburg West, Victoria.
 Concord, New South Wales (two notifications).
 Drummoyne, New South Wales.
 Kelvin Grove, Queensland.
 Malvern, Victoria.
 Moonah, Tasmania.
 Newcastle, New South Wales.
 Yeerongpilly, Queensland.

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—

Pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—

Royal Military College of Australia.—Report for 1918–19.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 252—No. 253—No. 254—No. 255—No. 266—No. 267—No. 268—No. 269—No. 270—No. 271—No. 272—No. 273—No. 282—No. 283 ; 1920, No. 3—No. 4—No. 5—No. 14—No. 26.

Naval Defence Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 248—No. 284—No. 297—No. 298.

War Precautions Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 250.

War Precautions Act and Moratorium Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules, 1919, No. 251—No. 261.

Customs Act—

Proclamation prohibiting importation (except under certain conditions) of Absolute Alcohol and other goods.

Proclamations prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
 Birds of Paradise and their Plumage.

British and Australian Silver Coin.

Cinematograph Films.

Dried Fruits.

Goods to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria.

Trade Spirits and certain Beverages.

Woollen Fabrics and Yarns.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 243.

Post and Telegraph Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 247—No. 249—No. 257—No. 279—No. 280—No. 281—No. 291—No. 292 ; 1920, No. 1—No. 6—No. 15—No. 24.

Railways Act—

By-law No. 12.

By-law No. 13.

19. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH REPORTED.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General.

20. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.—Senator Lynch moved—That the following Address-in-Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's opening speech be agreed to :—

To His Excellency the Governor-General.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Senator Newland seconded the motion.

On motion of Senator Grant, the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

21. NEXT MEETING OF SENATE.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday next at three p.m.
 Question—put and passed.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twenty-two minutes past six p.m. till Wednesday next at three p.m.

23. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Earle, Guy, Henderson, Mulcahy, and Needham.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.