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By virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the Twelfth day of this instant February, to be then here helden.
Tuesday, 12th February 1918.

Prayers at Twelve of the clock.

A MESSAGE from His Majesty, by Captain Thomas Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The King commands this Honourable House to attend His Majesty immediately, in the House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Majesty:—And having returned;

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their election for which of the places they will serve within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate: and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till the Returns are determined.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall, for the time being, be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any county, city, or borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such person as shall have been wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

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Ordered, That if it shall appear that any Witness hath been tampering with any Witness in respect of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime or misdemeanour: and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that, during the Session of Parliament, the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police Metropolitan Police.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Outlawries clandestine Outlawries was read the first time. and ordered to be read a second time.
Journal.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Courtenay Peregrine Ilbert, G.C.B., K.C.1.1., G.I.E., the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker; and that no other person do presume to print the same.

Parliamentary Papers (Recon.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:

Copy of Third Report, with Appendix, of the Commissioners of Church Temporalties in Wales, 1916-17.

Copy of Colonial Report, No. 951 (Barbados, Report for 1916-17).

Copy of Potato Bags Order, 1918, Jam (Prices) Order, 1918, and Cattle Feeding Stuffs (License) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Copy of Report of the Acquisition of Powers of Sub-Committee of the Reconstruction Committee.

Copy of First Report of the Committee dealing with the Law and Practice relating to the Acquisition and Valuation of Land for Public Purposes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fourteen Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, by the University of Oxford, on 30th October 1917, and sealed on the same day, for varying the constitution of the Boards of Visitors of various Professorships in the said University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Aberdeen for the year 1916-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lang presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 952 (Leeward Islands, Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourth Report on the work of the National Insurance Audit Department, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Rule amending the definition of "School" in the Rules of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Pre-War Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to consider the position of British Manufacturers and Merchants in respect of Pre-War Contracts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the aforementioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

County of Bedford (Parish of Leighton Buzzard).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, this day, attended His Majesty in the House of Peers, when His Majesty was pleased to make a Most Gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The necessities of War render it imperative for Me, after but a brief interval, to summon you again to your deliberations.

The aims for which I and My Allies are contending were recently set forth by My Government in a statement which received the emphatic approval of My peoples throughout the Empire, and provided a fair basis for the settlement of the present struggle, and the re-establishment of national rights and international peace in the future.

The German Government has, however, ignored our just demands that it should make restitution for the wrongs it has committed, and furnish guarantees against their unprovoked repetition. Its spokesmen refuse any obligations for themselves, while denying the rightful liberties of others.

Until a recognition is offered of the only principles on which an honourable peace can be concluded, it is our duty to prosecute the War with all the vigour that we possess. I have full confidence that My forces in the field, in close co-operation with those of My faithful Allies, will continue to display the same heroic courage and My people at home the same unselfish devotion that have already frustrated so many of the enemy's designs, and will ensure the ultimate triumph of a righteous cause.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

You will be asked to make suitable provision for the requirements of the combatant services and for the stability of our national finance.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The struggle on which we are engaged has reached a critical stage, which demands more than ever our united energies and resources. I confidently commend to your patriotism the measures which will be submitted to you, and I pray that the Almighty may bestow His blessing on your labours.

12th February, 1918.
Wednesday, 13th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills

THE Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that in accordance with Standing Order 79 he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting.
Bristol Corporation.
British Gas Light Company (Norwich).
Brixham Gas.
Canvey Deep-Water Wharf and Railway.
Chepstow Gas.
County of London Electric Supply.
Gloucestershire Electric Power.
Harrods' Stores.
Ipswich Dock.
Morecambe Corporation.
Nelson Corporation Water.
Nitrate Railways.
North Cheshire Water Board.
Pontypool Gas and Water.
Pontrypidd and Rhondda Joint Water Board.
Railway Passengers Assurance.
Red Cross and Order of Saint John.
Saint Olave's Church, Southwark.
Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power.
Wandsworth, Wimbledon, and Epsom District Gas.
Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock.
West Sussex County Council (Bridges).
Yorkshire Electric Power.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports Private Bills from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in respect of the Bills comprised in the list reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means, as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following cases, viz.:—

Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting.
Bristol Corporation.
British Gas Light Company (Norwich).
Brixham Gas.
Canvey Deep-Water Wharf and Railway.
Chepstow Gas.
County of London Electric Supply.
Gloucestershire Electric Power.
Harrods' Stores.
Ipswich Dock.
Morecambe Corporation.
Nelson Corporation Water.
Nitrate Railways.
North Cheshire Water Board.
Pontypool Gas and Water.
Pontrypidd and Rhondda Joint Water Board.
Railway Passengers Assurance.
Red Cross and Order of Saint John.
Saint Olave's Church, Southwark.
Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power.
Wandsworth, Wimbledon, and Epsom District Gas.
Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock.
West Sussex County Council (Bridges).
Yorkshire Electric Power.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Reports Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Basingstoke Gas.
Alliance and Dublin Gas.
Dublin and South Eastern Railway (New Works).
Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water.

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions Department of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Black Scab in Potatoes (Special Area, Ireland) Order 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Board of Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Resolution.
Board of Education, dated 13th February 1918, modifying the Regulations for Public Elementary Schools, 1912, in England and Wales, as already modified by the Minutes dated 4th July 1913, 24th June 1914, 25th November 1914, 31st March 1917, and 26th April 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Estimate do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, until the House otherwise determines, and so far as the House does not otherwise determine, no Public Bills other than Government Bills be introduced, and no Ballot be taken for determining the precedence of such Bills.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That, until the House otherwise determines, and so far as the House does not otherwise determine, on every day on which the House sits—

(1) Government Business do have precedence;

(2) At the conclusion of Government Business, Mr. Speaker shall propose the Question, that this House do now adjourn, and, if that Question shall not have been agreed to, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put, not later than one hour after the conclusion of Government Business if that Business has been concluded before 10.30 p.m., but if that Business has not been so concluded, not later than 11.30 p.m.;

(3) If the day be a Thursday the House shall, at its rising, stand adjourned till the following Monday;

(4) Any Private Business set down for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock on any day shall, if Government Business is concluded before that time, be taken at the conclusion of Government Business, and, for the purposes of the preceding provisions of this Order, shall be deemed to be Government Business;

(5) All Select Committees, including Committees on Private Bills, shall have power to sit on Friday, and, if the House adjourns from Thursday or Friday till the following Tuesday, on Monday, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

(6) Whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday, Members desiring to give Notice of Questions for oral answer on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday may send Notices of such Questions to the Clerks at the Table, and any Notices of Questions so received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday shall be accepted as Notices of Questions for oral answer on the following Monday and Tuesday, or Wednesday, respectively, and be printed and circulated with the Votes;

(7) Whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday, Members desiring to give Notice of new Clauses and Amendments to Bills, or of Amendments to Motions, may send such Notices to the Clerks at the Table, and any such Notices received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday shall be printed and circulated with the Votes.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 13, by inserting, after the word "down," the words "or Motion for adjournment standing over under Standing Order No. 10."—(Mr. Lang.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That, until the House otherwise determines, and so far as the House does not otherwise determine, on every day on which the House sits—

(1) Government Business do have precedence;

(2) At the conclusion of Government Business, Mr. Speaker shall propose the Question, that this House do now adjourn, and, if that Question shall not have been agreed to, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put, not later than one hour after the conclusion of Government Business if that Business has been concluded before 10.30 p.m., but, if that Business has not been so concluded, not later than 11.30 p.m.

(3) If the day be a Thursday the House shall, at its rising, stand adjourned till the following Monday.

(4) Any Private Business set down, or Motion for adjournment standing over under Standing Order No. 10, for consideration at a quarter-past Eight of the clock on any day shall, if Government Business is concluded before that time, be taken at the conclusion of Government Business and, for the purposes of the preceding provisions of this Order, shall be deemed to be Government Business.

(5) All Select Committees, including Committees on Private Bills, shall have power to sit on Friday, and, if the House adjourns from Thursday or Friday till the following Tuesday, on Monday, notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.

(6) Whenever the House adjourns from Thursday to the following Monday or Tuesday, Members desiring to give Notice of Questions for oral answer on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday may send Notices of such Questions to the Clerks at the Table, and any Notices of Questions so received by them before Five of the clock on a Friday or Monday shall be accepted as Notices of Questions for oral answer on the following Monday and Tuesday, or Wednesday, respectively, and be printed and circulated with the Votes.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed, The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "But regret that, in accordance with the decision of the Supreme War Council at Versailles, the prosecution of military effort is to be the only immediate task of Your Majesty's Government."—(Mr. Holt.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holt, Yeas, Mr. Hogge:] 28.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Noes, Captain Guest: ] 159.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed: And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Standing Order No. 15 (Business of Supply) was read, as followeth:

(1) As soon as the Committee of Supply has been appointed and estimates have been presented, the business of Supply shall, until disposed of, be the first order of the day on Thursday, unless the House otherwise order on the motion of a Minister of the Crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.

(2) Not more than twenty days, being days before the 5th of August, shall be allotted for the consideration of the annual estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including votes on account. The days allotted shall not include any day on which the Question has to be put that the Speaker do leave the Chair, or any day on which the business of Supply does not stand at first order.

(3) Provided that the days occupied by the consideration of estimates supplementary to those of a previous session or of any vote of credit, or of votes for supplementary or additional estimates presented by the Government for war expenditure, or for any new service not included in the ordinary estimates for the year, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days aforesaid.

(4) Provided also, that on motion made after notice, to be decided without amendment or debate, additional time, not exceeding three days, may be allotted for the purposes aforesaid, either before or after the 5th of August.

(5) On a day so allotted no business other than the business of Supply shall be taken before eleven, and no business in Committee or proceedings on report of Supply shall be taken after eleven, whether a special order exempting business from interruption under the standing order (sittings of the House) is in force or not, unless the House otherwise order on the motion of a Minister of the Crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.

(6) Of the days so allotted, not more than one day in Committee shall be allotted to any vote on account, and not more than one sitting to the report of that vote. At eleven on the close of the day on which the Committee on that vote is taken, and at the close of the sitting on which the report of that vote is taken, the Chairman of Committees or the Speaker, as the case may be, shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote or the report.

(7) At ten of the clock on the last day but one of the days so allotted the Chairman shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put the question, with respect to each class of the Civil Service Estimates, that the total amount of the votes outstanding in that class be granted for the services defined in the class, and shall in like manner put severally the questions, that the total amounts of the votes outstanding in the estimates for the Navy, the Army, and the Revenue Departments be granted for the services defined in those estimates.

(8) At ten of the clock on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth, of the allotted days the Speaker shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the report of the resolution then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put, with respect to each class of the Civil Service Estimates, the question, that the House doth agree with the Committee in all the outstanding resolutions reported in respect of that class, and shall then put a like question with respect to all the resolutions outstanding in the estimates for the Navy, the Army, the Revenue Departments, and other outstanding resolutions severally.

(9) On the days appointed for concluding the business of Supply the consideration of that business shall not be anticipated by a motion of adjournment, and no dilatory motion shall be moved on proceedings for that business, and the business shall not be interrupted under any standing order.

(10) Any additional estimate for any new matter not included in the original estimates for the year shall be submitted for consideration in the Committee of Supply on some day not later than two days before the Committee is closed.

(11) For the purposes of this order two Fridays shall be deemed equivalent to a single sitting on any other day;

And amended, in paragraph (2), l. 4, by inserting, after the word "Navy," the words "Air Force;" in paragraph (7), l. 11, by inserting, after the word "Army," the words "the Air Force;" and in paragraph (8), l. 12, by inserting, after the word "Army," the words "the Air Force."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Standing Order No. 17 (When Chair to be left without Question put) was read, as followeth:

Whenever the Committee of Supply stands as an order of the day, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any question, unless on first going into Supply on the Army, Navy,
or Civil Service Estimates respectively, or on any vote of credit, an amendment be moved, or question raised, relating to the estimates proposed to be taken in Supply; And amended, in l. 5, by inserting, after the word "Navy," the words "Air Force."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of this day, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 14th February, 1918.

PRAYERS.

Belfast
Harbour Bill.

A BILL to authorise the construction of additional docks and other works at Belfast; to extend the powers of the Belfast Harbour Commissioners, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Brentford
Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Brentford Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Cannock
Gas Bill.

A Bill to alter the standard price for the supply of gas by the Cannock, Wednesford, and District Gas Company, Limited, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Cardiff Gas
Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers on and to give temporary relief to the Cardiff Gas Light and Coke Company from certain statutory restrictions as to maximum prices of gas was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Commercial
Gas Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Commercial Gas Company to raise additional capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Gas Light
and Coke
Company Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Gas Light and Coke Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Hampton
Court Gas
Bill.

A Bill to modify the Hampton Court Gas Act, 1903; to confer further powers upon the Hampton Court Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Hastings and
Saint
Leonards
Gas Bill.

A Bill to give temporary relief to the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Company in respect of the statutory restrictions as to their standard rate of dividend, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lancaster
Corporation
Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Lancaster with reference to their works undertaking; the construction of street improvements, and the local government of the said borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the Liverpool Gas Act, 1914, Liverpool and for other purposes, was presented, and read Gas Bill, the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the London and Dock, London and Dock, and Lough Swilly Railway Company to make a Lough Swilly railway and works at Londonderry, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Londonderry to Corporation to acquire additional sources of water supply and to construct additional waterworks; to make a street improvement; to provide and run trolley vehicles and omnibuses; and to confer further powers on them with respect to the supply of water and electricity, and to make further and better provision for the improvement, health, and local government of the city, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer various powers upon the London United Tramways, Limited, and for United Tramways other purposes, was presented, and read the first bill, time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the Longwood Gas Act, Longwood and 1902, with respect to the dividend payable by the Longwood and Slithwaite Gas Company, during the present war, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Maidhead Gas Company to raise additional capital; to confer Gas Bill, further powers upon the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Newcastle- Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Plymouth and Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Light and Coke Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Portsea Island and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to give temporary relief to the Richmond Gas Company in respect of the statutory restrictions as to their standard rate of dividend, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the transfer of the Rotherham electricity undertakings of the Mexborough and Swinton Tramways Company to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Rotherham; to extend the area for the supply of electricity by the said Mayor,
A Bill to consolidate, with amendments, the local Acts in force within, and to alter the boundaries of, the City of Sheffield; to make provision in regard to the various undertakings of the Corporation; to make better provision for the health and local government of the city, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

South Shields Gas Bill.
A Bill to extend the limits for the supply of gas of the South Shields Gas Company; to confer further powers upon that Company in connection with their undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

South Metropolitan Gas Bill.
A Bill to authorise the acquisition by the South Metropolitan Gas Company of the undertaking of the Dartford Gas Company; to confer further powers upon the South Metropolitan Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

South Suburban Gas Bill.
A Bill to give relief to the Swansea Gas Light Company from certain statutory restrictions as to maximum prices of gas and maximum dividends, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Yeadon and Guiseley Gas Bill.
A Bill to modify temporarily the Yeadon and Guiseley Gas Act, 1899, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

York Gas Bill.
A Bill to confer further powers upon the York Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Government of India Act, 1915.
Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Government of India Act, 1915, dated 12th February 1918, amending the Order in Council of the 9th February 1914, as amended, with respect to the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890.
Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 5th February 1918, entitled the China (Control of Shipbuilding) Order in Council, 1918.

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.
And the Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Question, by adding at the end thereof
the words "But respectfully represent to Your
Majesty that the dual action of Your Government
in, firstly, having sent to the Peace Note of His
Holiness Pope Benedict XV., dated the 1st
August 1917, no reasoned reply such as its
importance and ordinary courtesy demands,
and, in the second place, by the cognate policy
of Your Majesty's Government in adopting and
endorsing without exception or reservation the
terms of the secret treaty with Italy, signed by
Your Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs on the 28th April 1915, including
Clause 15 thereof, which imposes unjust and
impolite restrictions on the potential activities
of the Holy See in regard to any steps it might
take with a view to ending the present calamitous
war or arranging the consequent terms of peace,
calculated to seriously impair the military
and naval efforts of Your Majesty's forces by
spreading demoralisation among Catholic soldiers
at the war front and Catholic seamen and officers
in the Navy, and to weaken the moral of their
friends and co-religionists at home, and calculated
at the same time to prolong indefinitely the
suicidal struggle that is causing the loss of so
many precious lives and devastating so many
otherwise productive lands, by precluding the
intervention of the greatest influence on earth
for the purpose of effecting a just and enduring
peace, and, by excluding from the deliberations
of the Peace Conference the representatives of
the Holy See, to render the terms of settlement
without a guarantee for future peace of the world,
and devoid of the high and solemn sanction they
would have derived from the approval of him
who is the traditional peacemaker on earth."—
(Mr. M'Kean.)

And the Question being put, That those words
be there added.—It passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Question, by adding at the end thereof
the words "But humbly regret that, in view of the
increasing need for economy in transport,
food, and man-power, no mention is made in the
Gracious Speech of any action to be taken to
prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants
during the continuance of the war."—(Mr. Dunbar Miller.)

And the Question being put, That those words
be there added.—It passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his
place and claimed to move. That the Question
be now put.

And the Question being put, That the
Question be now put.—It was resolved in the
Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to
His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal
subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament
assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks
to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech we
have heard from Your Majesty which You have
addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented
to His Majesty by such Members of this House
as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy
Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday supply
next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider
of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—
(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That the several Estimates presented
to this House during the present Session be
referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday ways and
next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider
Means, of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply
to be granted to His Majesty.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment.
Order of the House of the 13th day of this
instant February, proposed the Question, That
this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved
in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till twenty-five minutes after
Eleven of the clock, adjourned till
Monday next, pursuant to the Order of
the House of the 13th day of this instant
February.

Monday, 18th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Board
of Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute Education,
of the Board of Education, dated 15th February
1918, modifying the Regulations for Special
Schools (i.e., Schools for Blind, Deaf, Defec-
tive, and Epileptic Children) dated 20th March
1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Chairman of Committees of the
House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and
Means in the House of Commons, under
Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure
(Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion
that the provisions of the British Aluminium
Company (Lochaber Water Power) Order are
of such a character, and raise such questions of
policy and principle, that they ought to be dealt
with by Private Bill and not by Provisional
Order; that, save as aforesaid, the Provisional
Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such
recommendations as they may hereafter make
with respect to the several Orders.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His University
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the
Commissioners appointed to inquire into and
verify the report on University Education in Wales, with
Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.
Sir Eric Geddes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Navy for the year 1918-19.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1918, with Memorandum by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Estimate showing the several Civil Services and Revenue Departments for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1919.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account of the gross amount of all moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of the Fund for Military Savings Banks, pursuant to the Military Savings Banks Act, 1859, from the 19th September 1846 to the 5th January 1859.

Copy of Abstract Account of the Receipts into and Issues out of the Development Fund in the year ended 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.


Account for the year 1916-17, showing all the sums which have been received into and paid out of the Treasury Chest between the 1st April 1916 and the 31st March 1917, and the Liabilities and Assets on the latter day; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and be printed; and that the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Mr. Maudslay presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third and Final Report of the Committee on Promotion of Officers in the Special Reserve, New Armies, and Territorial Forces; together with a Note by the Army Council.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-ninth Report of the General Prisons Board (Ireland), for 1916-17, with an Appendix.

Mr. Duke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts by the Local Government Board for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Affidavits, filed in the late High Court of Chancery or in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents, existing or accruing in the General Register Office and in the Offices of the Local Registration Officers, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Baldwin presented a Bill to amend the Trustee Savings Banks Acts, 1863 to 1904, with respect to Special Investments and the Separate Surplus Fund: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1917-18.

Class I.

1. £4,000 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

2. £3,400 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cathedrals Abroad.

3. £83,000 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of Ministry of Labour, Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain.

4. £74,500 (Supplementary) for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

5. £800 (Supplementary) to pay the Expenses of maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants for Harbours.

6. £21,000 (Supplementary) for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c. in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expenses of the London Fire Brigade.

Class II.

7. £20,000 (Supplementary) for His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

8. £17,442 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Board of Control for Scotland.

9. £50 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Class III.

10. £12 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Trustee.

11. £25 (Supplementary) for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills; and that such Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of the same, in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, provided that on every separate sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; that such Committee have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it; and that such Committee have power to report their opinion and observations thereupon to the House.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir William Bull, Sir James Boyton, Mr. Burn, Mr. Charles Dunwoody, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Leitner, Mr. Leith, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Haydn Jones, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Sir Arthur Marshall, Mr. Mackinder, Colonel Pryce-Jones, Mr. Reddy, and Mr. Torton.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.——(Colonel Gibbs.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Accounts do consist of Fifteen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Bland, Mr. Brady, Sir Hildred Cecil, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. Hazleton, Mr. Haslam, Sir Charles Henry, Mr. Higham, Colonel Sir Herbert Jessel, Mr. Leif Jones, Mr. Lovett, Sir Robert Williams, and Mr. McManus Wood.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.——(Colonel Gibbs.)

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Tuesday, 19th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Treasurer of the Household reported King's Speech to the House, That His Majesty, having been attended with their Address of the 14th day of this instant February, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received with great satisfaction the loyal and dutiful expression of your thanks for the Speech, with which I have opened the present Session of Parliament.
The Belfast Harbour Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Brentford Gas Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Cannock Gas Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Hampton Court Gas Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Lancaster Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Liverpool Gas Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill was read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Londonderry Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the London United Tramways Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Longwood and Slaitwaite Gas Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Sheffield Corporation (Consolidation) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Tendion and Gruiseley Gas Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Sir Thomas Esmen, Mr. George Faber, Sir Arthur Fell, Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir Charles Nicholson, Mr. John O'Connor, Mr. O'Grady, Sir Samuel Roberts, Mr. Eugene Watson, and Mr. John William Wilson were nominated Members of the select Committee on Standing Orders. (Mr. Vaughan-Davies.)

Sir John Barlow, Mr. Beland, Mr. Boxerman, Sir Daniel Goddard, Colonel Humersley, Mr. Laurence Hardy, Mr. Holmes, Sir William Priestley, Sir Samuel Roberts, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. William Nicholson were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection.—(Sir Daniel Goddard.)

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 964 (Uganda, Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Irish Land Purchase Fund in the year ended 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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Adjournment.  

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to report from time to time.  

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Towny Jones.)

The House, according to Order, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  

(In the Committee.)  

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of February 18th, That the Report be received to-morrow.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brentford Gas Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cannock Gas Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hampton Court Gas Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liverpool Gas Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. 

The London United Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Longwood and Slaithwaite Gas Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield Corporation (Consolidation) Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yeardley and Guiseley Gas Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. 

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Regulations made by the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, dated 8th February 1918, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Amendment Regulations (Scotland), 1918.  

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions for each month of 1918.—(Sir Albert Stanley.) 

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  

Army Estimates, 1918-19.  

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces (including Air Forces) not exceeding 5,000,000, all ranks, be maintained for the service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919:  

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House. 

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of February 18th, That the Report be received to-morrow.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow. 

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.  

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. 

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until fifteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Thursday, 21st February 1918.

THES Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Londonderry Corporation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Londonderry Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Balfour presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Provisional Order (Marriages) Act, 1905: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Transport of British Prisoners of War to Germany, August—December 1914.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Chasing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the Undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretaries of State under the Provisional Order (Public Buildings, Great Britain) Bill, 1917-18.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Abstract of Accounts of Loan Societies in England and Wales for the year 1916, furnished to the Central Office for the Registry of Friendly Societies.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return giving the names of Members of this House who hold Office under the Crown, the amount, if any, received by each placeman as remuneration, and the date of each appointment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply (Air Force Estimates).

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Major Baird);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to Air Attacks the Question, by leaving out from the words "That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words "air attacks on enemy should be carried out with military objectives, and in such a manner as to avoid, as far as possible, injury to non-combatants, women, and children"
—(Mr. King), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Air Forces, not exceeding 1,000, all ranks, be maintained for the service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Major Baird)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Edward Cornwall acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee Supply [18th Supply of the 18th day of this instant February several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1917-18.

Class I.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £4,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £33,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Ministry of Labour, Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain.

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £72,500 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Supply of the 18th day of this instant February several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Ministry of Labour, Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain.

Ordered, Ths,t the Main Question being put:
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Eric Geddes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Departmental Committee of the Board of Trade on the Post-War Position of the Sulphuric Acid and Fertiliser Trades.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Statute V. of University College, Galway, under the Irish Universities Act, 1908.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Eric Geddes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Departmental Committee of the Board of Trade on the Post-War Position of the Sulphuric Acid and Fertiliser Trades.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Transport of British Prisoners of War to Germany, August—December 1914.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Chasing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the Undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1917-18.

Class I.

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2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £33,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Ministry of Labour, Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain.

4. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £72,500 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Expenditure in respect of Supply of the 18th day of this instant February several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:
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1918 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

5. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £800 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 to pay the Expenses of maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants for Harbours.

6. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £21,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expenses of the London Fire Brigade.

Class II.

7. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £200,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

8. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £17,442 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Board of Control for Scotland.

9. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £50 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Class III.

10. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £12 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Trustee.

11. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £25 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.

12. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £2,454 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

13. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £200 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

Class VI.

14. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £10,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and other Expenses of Temporary Commissions, Committees, and Special Inquiries.

15. That a sum not exceeding £3,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for a Grant in Aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Class VII.

16. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £408,900 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee (including sundry Grants in Aid).

17. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the payment of Grants towards the cost of the extension of Sanatorium Benefit to the Dependents of insured persons under the National Insurance Acts, 1911, and of the treatment of Tuberculosis generally.

18. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Expenses of the Ministry of Munitions.

19. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Expenses of the Ordnance Factories for the cost of the production of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, Ministry of Munitions, and Indian and Colonial Governments, &c.

20. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Shipping.

21. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expenses of the London Fire Brigade.

The first fifteen Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Resolutions, being read a second time, were postponed.

The Nineteenth Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Twenty-first Resolution, being read a second time, was postponed.

Ordered, That the postponed Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the arrangements for the Official Report of Debates, and to inquire into the Expenditure on Stationery and Printing for this House and the Public Service generally.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir James Agg-Gardner, Mr. Benneman, Colonel Collins, Mr. Doris, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Grant, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Butler Lloyd, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Partington, and Sir George Teulon.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Colonel Gibb.)

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of this instant February.

Monday, 25th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Cardiff Gas Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Commercial Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Maidenhead Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Portsea Island Gas Light Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Richmond Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Southampton Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the South Metropolitan Gas South Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the South Shields Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the South Suburban Gas Bill South be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Swansea Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the York Gas Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented.—(Mr. Herbert Fisher);

Mr. Herbert Fisher, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of thirty thousand pounds Two and one-half per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual dividends whereof amount for 1918-19 to seven hundred and fifty pounds; of a bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about three hundred and sixty-five pounds; of a bequest of Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of which amount to about seventy-two pounds; of a fund bequeathed by the late Mr. Charles Drury Edward Forrnum, amounting at the present time to one thousand nine hundred and seventeen pounds, of which one thousand eight hundred and five pounds are invested in Five per cent. War Loan, 1929-47, the annual dividends whereof amount to ninety-five pounds; and of a bequest by the late Mr. Henry Louis Florence, invested in Five per cent. War Loan, 1929-47, the annual proceeds of which amount to fifty-two pounds; that the establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot with benefit to the public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Macpherson presented, by His Majesty's Army Command,—Estimate of the further sum required during the year ending 31st March 1918 to be voted for the Army.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the Army directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(Appropriation Account for Army Services for 1916-17, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Army.

Annual Accounts of the Royal Army Clothing Factory for the year 1916-17, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Potatoes (Export from Ireland) Order, 1918, Potatoes (Distribution) Order, 1918, Rice (Retail Prices) Order, 1918, Live Stock (Restriction of Slaughter) Order, 1917 (General Licence), Horse and Poultry Mixtures Order, 1917 (General Licence), Beans, Peas, and Pulse (Retail Prices) Order, 1917 (General Licence), Oats (Scotland and Ireland Restriction) Order, 1918, Order amending Grain (Prices) Order, 1917, Bacon, Ham, and Lard (Provisional Prices) Order, 1917, Milk (Registration of Dealers) Order, 1918 (General Licence), and Cattle Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Board of Education, dated 25th February 1918, increasing the value of Pensions which have been granted under the Code of Regulations for Public Elementary Schools and are in force at the date of this Minute.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order 175a,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Saint Olave's, Southwark, Church Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Shops Act, 1918.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undersigned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:

Urban District of Lisburn.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education Bill, Bill 3.

Mr. Herbert Fisher, supported by Mr. Barnes, Mr. Baldwin, and Sir Herbert Lewis, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to Education in England and Wales, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1918-19.

1. Land Forces (including Air Force) not exceeding 5,000,000; all ranks, for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India).


3. Air Forces not exceeding 1,000, all ranks, for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad.

4. £1,000 for the Pay, &c. of His Majesty's Air Force at Home and Abroad.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, the Order of the House of the 13th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 26th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir George Care presented, by University His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Education Report of the Commissioners appointed to in Wales, with Minutes of Evidence (March 1917—June 1917), Appendices, and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the Board of directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Report of the proceedings of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Small Holding Colonies Act, 1916, for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Sir Alfred Mond presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report by the First Commissioner of Works on the Cultivation of certain Areas in the Royal Parks.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Minute of the Board of Education, dated 26th February 1918, modifying the Regulations for Public Elementary Schools, 1918, in England and Wales, as already modified by the Minutes dated 4th July 1913, 24th June 1914, 25th November 1914, 21st March 1917, 26th April 1917, and 13th February 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Local Distribution (Misuse of Documents) Order, 1918, Seed Potatoes (1917 Crop) Prices Order, 1918, Poultry and Game (Cold Storage) Order, 1918, Milk (Registration of Dealers) Postponement Order, 1918, Oats Produce (Retail Prices) Order, 1917, General Licence, Oatmeal (Restriction) Order, 1918, Condensed Milk (Distribution) Order, 1918, Barley (Export from Ireland) Order, 1918, and Canned Meat (Maximum Prices) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(N. in the Committee.)

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1917-18.
1. £10 (Supplementary) for Wages, &c. to Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines.
2. £10 (Supplementary) for Pay, &c. of the Army.
3. £50,000 (Supplementary) for Intermediate Education in Ireland, including the Teachers' Salaries (Class IV).
4. £2,085 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Overseas Trade Department.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Twentieth of the

Resolved, That, upon the 21st day of this instant February, were reported from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant February, and which Resolutions were then postponed; and the same were again read, as follow:

Sixteenth Resolution, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £408,900 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee (including sundry Grants in Aid).

Seventeenth Resolution, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £50,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the payment of Grants towards the cost of the Extension of Sanatorium Benefit to the Dependents of insured persons under the National Insurance Act, 1911, and of the treatment of Tuberculosis generally.

Eighteenth Resolution, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Expenses of the Ministry of Munitions.

Twentieth Resolution, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Shipping.

And the said Resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. James Parker reported from the Committee of Supply of Supply (25th of this instant February) several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Army Estimates, 1918-19.
1. That a number of Land Forces (including Land Forces Air Force) not exceeding 5,000,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.
2. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Pay, &c. of the Army, (less Allotments, Annuities, &c. Allowing Army Reserve) at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.
3. That a number of Air Forces not exceeding Air Forces, 1,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.
4. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Pay, &c. of His Majesty's Air Force at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.

The First Resolution being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution — And a Debate arising thereupon;
Wednesday, 27th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

**THE ORDER OF THE DAY.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Pancras Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maidstone Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newcasle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Portsea Island Gas Light Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Suburban Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Swansea Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
York Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the York Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Cambridge.)

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on the 10th November 1917, and sealed on 17th of the same month, amending Statutes XVI. and XX. of the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bankruptcy Court (Ireland.)

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Returns of the Official Assignee of the King's Bench Division in Bankruptcy in Ireland and the Local Courts, Belfast and Cork, for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

New Member sworn.

Patrick Donnelly, Esquire, Member for the County of Armagh (South Armagh Division), was sworn.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Vaughan-Davies reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Basingstoke Gas, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That in the case of the Alliance and Dublin Gas, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That in the case of the Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Chairmen's Panel.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had selected the following Members to be the Chairmen's Panel:—Sir Godfrey Barrie, Mr. Laurence Hardy, Mr. Mount, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Sir Samuel Roberts, Sir Arthur Stanley, Mr. Eugene Wason, and Mr. John William Wilson.

Appointment of Members under the Parliament Act, 1911.

Six Daniel Goddard further reported from the Committee; that in pursuance of Section 1, subsection (3), of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had appointed Mr. Laurence Hardy and Mr. John William Wilson from the Chairmen's Panel, with whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before giving his Certificate to a Money Bill.

Unopposed Bill Committees (Panel)

Sir Daniel Goddard further reported from the Committee; that they had selected the following Members to be the Panel to serve on unopposed Bill Committees under Standing Order 109:—Sir William Beats, Mr. Brunner, Sir Francis Edwards, Sir Francis Leyland-Barratt, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Mr. Money, Colonel Sir Alan Sykes, Mr. Thomas-Stanford, and Mr. Torton.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords communicate, that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £45,864,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, viz.:

Civil Services.

CLASS I.

Royal Palaces — — — 28,000
Oxford — — — 7,000
Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens — — 44,000
Houses of Parliament Buildings — — 19,000
Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain — — — 24,000
Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain - Diplomatic and Consular Buildings — 16,000
Revenue Buildings — — — 185,000
Ministry of Labour, Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain — — — 230,000
Public Buildings, Great Britain — 837,000
Surveys of the United Kingdom — — — 55,000
Harbours under the Board of Trade — — — 4,000
Peterhead Harbour — — — 4,000
Rates on Government Property — — — 500,000
Public Works and Buildings, Ireland — 85,000
Railways, Ireland — — — 7,000

CLASS II.

United Kingdom and England:

House of Lords Offices — — — 20,000
House of Commons — — — 85,000
War Cabinet — — — 4,000
Treasury and subordinate Departments — — — 58,000
Home Office — — — 130,000
Foreign Office — — — 30,000
Colonial Office — — — 57,000
Privy Council Office — — — 4,000
Board of Trade — — — 200,000
Overseas Trade Department — — — 50,000
Mercantile Marine Services — — — 55,000
Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade — — 3
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries — — — 300,000
Charity Commission — — — 18,000
Government Chemist — — — 14,000
Civil Service Commission — — — 17,000
Commission and Arbitration Board — — — 1,000
Exchequer and Audit Department — — — 290,000
Ferries and Bridges Registry — — — 10,000
Local Government Board — — — 250,000
Board of Control — — — 70,000
Mint (including Coinage) — — — 15
National Debt Office — — — 6,000
Public Record Office — — — 9,000
Public Works Loan Commission — — — 9,000
Registrar General's Office — — — 20,000
Stationery and Printing — — — 800,000
Wood, Forests, &c., Office of — — — 9,000
Works and Public Buildings, Office of Secret Service — — — 350,000
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Mr. King moved, That the Chairman do Chairman report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but declines to the Chairman being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee. Question again proposed:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman put the Question forthwith (pursuant to Standing Order No. 16), to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote. Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: 

- Mr. James Hope. 
- Mr. James Parker.

Yeas: 38.

Tellers for the: 

- Mr. Hogge. 
- Mr. Pringle.

Noes: 0.

Resolution to be reported.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
8 GEO. V.  

27th—28th February.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of this instant February:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 28th February 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Londonderry Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Londonderry Corporation Bill to insert a Clause therein so as to provide that the Corporation shall not borrow for the provision of trolley vehicles and the electrical equipment, and the construction of other works necessary for these vehicles, any greater sum than fifty thousand pounds until they shall have taken all the requisite steps to introduce into Parliament in the next Session available for Private Bill legislation, or the next succeeding Session, a Bill for the extension of the city boundaries.—(Mr. Mooney.)

A Bill to amend the Basingstoke Gas Act, 1907, with respect to the dividend payable by the Basingstoke Gas Company during the present war, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Illingworth presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Foreign and Colonial Post and Postage Services (No. 83) Warrant, 1917, dated 15th October 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the interment of Seaplanes, &c., salvaged on the High Seas and brought into Netherlands jurisdiction.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee of the Board of Education for inquiring into the Principles which should determine the construction of scales of Salary for Teachers in Elementary Schools. Volume II. Summaries of Evidence and Memoranda.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Prime Minister, at the Bar, acquainted Lady Maude, the House that he had a Message from His Majesty the King, signed with His Majesty's own hand; and he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered), and is as followeth:

GEORGE, R.I.

His Majesty, taking into consideration the eminent services rendered by the late Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Stanley Maude, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., while commanding His Majesty's Forces during the campaign in Mesopotamia, and being desirous, in recognition of those services, of conferring some signal mark of His favour upon his widow, Lady Maude, recommends to His faithful Commons that He should be enabled to grant to Lady Maude the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds.

Ordered, That His Majesty's Most Gracious Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

(The Prime Minister.)

Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen reported from Supply, the Committee of Supply of the 27th day of this instant February a Resolution; which was read and confirmed as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Department Estimates, 1918-19 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £46,984,000 be granted to His Majesty, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, viz.:

CLASS I.

Civil Services.

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Royal Palaces — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 23,000
Osborne — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 7,000
Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens — — — — — — — — — — — 44,000
Houses of Parliament Buildings — — — — — — — — — — — — 19,000
Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain — — — — — — — — — — — — — 24,000
Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 25,000
Diplomatic and Consular Buildings — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 16,000
Revenue Buildings — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 185,000
Ministry of Labour, Employment Ex- change and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain — — — — — — — — — — — — — 200,000
Public Buildings, Great Britain — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 637,000
Surveys of the United Kingdom — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 55,000
Harbours under the Board of Trade — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,600
Peterhead Harbour — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,000
Rates on Government Property — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 500,000
Public Works and Buildings, Ireland — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 88,000
Railways, Ireland — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 7,000

CLASS II.

United Kingdom and England:

House of Lords Offices — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 20,000
House of Commons — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 55,000
War Cabinet — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,000
Treasury and subordinate Departments — — — — — — — — — — — 55,000
Home Office — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 130,000
Foreign Office — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 30,000
Colonial Office — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 77,000
Privy Council Office — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,000
Board of Trade — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 200,000

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**Total for Civil Services and Revenue Departments**: £45,864,000

The said Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by leaving out "£45,864,000," and inserting "£45,863,900"—(Mr. Whitehouse), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That £45,864,000 stand part of the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.
Supply.

Ways and Means.

Adjournment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of this instant February, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of this instant February.

Monday, 4th March 1918.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to confer further powers upon the Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further powers on the Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do nominate a Committee, not exceeding Fifteen Members, to be called the Local Legislation Committee, to whom shall be committed all Private Bills promoted by municipal and other local authorities by which it is proposed to create powers relating to police, sanitary, or other local government regulations in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the provisions of the general Law.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 124, 150, and 173a apply to all such Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Four be the quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That if the Committee shall report to the Committee of Selection that any Clauses of any Bill referred to them (other than Clauses containing police, sanitary, or other local government regulations) are such as, having regard to the terms of reference, it is not, in their opinion, necessary or advisable for them to deal with, the Committee of Selection shall thereupon refer the Bill to a Select Committee, who shall consider those Clauses, and so much of the Preamble of the Bill as relates thereto, and shall determine the expenditure (if any) to be authorised in respect of the parts of the Bill referred to them; that the Committee shall deal with the remaining Clauses of such Bill, and so much of the Preamble as relates thereto, and shall determine the period and mode of repayment of any money authorised by the Select Committee to be borrowed, and shall report their whole Bill to the House, stating in their Report what parts of the Bill have been considered by each Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power, if they so determine, to sit as two Committees, and in that event to apportion the Bills referred to the Committee between the two Committees, each of which shall have the full powers of, and be subject to the instructions which shall be given to the undivided Committee; and that Four be the quorum of each of the two Committees.—(Mr. Brace.)

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Ecclesiastical Majesty’s Command.—Copy of the Seventieth Commission.

Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copies of Milk (Mothers and Children) Food. Order, 1918, Potatoes Order, 1917, General Licence, Food Hoarding (Amnesty) Order, 1918, Horse and Poultry Mixtures Order, 1917, General Licence, Egg (Restriction) Order, 1918, Most (Licensing of Wholesale Dealers) Order, 1918, Food Control Committee (General Distribution) Amendment Order, 1918, Tea (Prices) Order, 1918, Tea (Distribution) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Supplementary Report on Works Committees by the Committee on Relations between Employers and Employed.

Copy of Second Report on Joint Standing Industrial Councils by the Committee on Relations between Employers and Employed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the amount required to be voted for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War (Vote of Credit, 1918-19).

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(1) An Account of the gross amount of all sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, from their commencement at 6th August 1817 to the 20th November 1917.—(2) An Account of the several transactions which have taken place during the year ended 20th November 1917, in the investment of all moneys which came into the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies. —(3) A Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to the trustees of Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively on 20th November 1917, &c.

An Account of the gross amount of all Bank National Debt Annuities and any Annuities for terms of years Annuities transferred, and of all sums of money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the gross amount of Annuities for lives in terms of years which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for payments on death which have
been made under the provisions of the National Debt Act, 1828, and other Acts, within the year ended 5th January 1918.

Copy of the Appropriation Account of the Navy for 1916-17, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon the Store Accounts of the Navy.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 29th February 1918, declaring that Thomas Brogan, Telegraphist, General Post Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the Papers relative to National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies), National Annuities, and Navy ( Appropriation Account) be printed; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Agricultural Wages (Constitution and Proceeding of District Committees) (Ireland) Regulations, 1917, made under the Corn Production Act, 1917.

Copy of Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland (Constitution and Proceeding) Regulations, 1917, made under the Corn Production Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—Copy of Rule, dated 1st March 1918, as to Intestates’ Estates, entitled the Workmen’s Compensation Rule, 1918.

Ordered, That the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on National Expenditure in Session 1917-18 be referred to the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Grant to Lady Maude.

The King’s Message of the 28th day of February last was read.

Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be granted to His Majesty, to be issued to Lady Maude in recognition of the eminent services rendered by the late Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Stanley Maude, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., while commanding His Majesty’s Forces during the campaign in Mesopotamia—(The Prime Minister),—put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee of Supply [26th of Supply of the 26th day of February last] a several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:


That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Wages, &c. £10 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Wages, &c. to Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1917-18.

2. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Pay, &c. £10 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for Pay, &c. of the Army.

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1917-18.

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3. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Intermediate Education £50,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Overseas Trade Department.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself trustee into a Committee on the Trustee Savings Banks Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords’ Message Consolidation of the 27th day of February last as communicates Bills. the following Resolution, That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Tuesday, 5th March 1918.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations which under Special Grants in Aid of certain Local Education Authorities in England and Wales will be paid in 1918-19.

Mr. Herbert Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 3rd November 1917, and sealed on 30th November 1917, amending Statute III., Clause 7, of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Order in Council under the War Office Act, 1870, dated 27th February 1918, defining, inter alia, the Duties of the Master General of the Ordnance and the Finance Member of the Army Council.

Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 4th March 1918, fixing the date of operation of the first Register to be prepared under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Carew presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-seventh Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, for the year preceding 1st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 555 (Nyassaland, Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider all Consolidation Bills in the present Session, and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords. The Lords have referred the Income Tax Bill to the said Committee.

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Wednesday, 6th March 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brentford Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Cannock Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cannock Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hampton Court Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hampton Court Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Liverpool Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liverpool Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Longwood and Slaidburn Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Longwood and Slaidburn Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Yeadon and Guiseley Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yeadon and Guiseley Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Cardiff Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cardiff Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Commercial Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Maidenhead Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maidenhead Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Portsea Island Gas Light Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Richmond Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Southampton Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South Shields Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South Suburban Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Swansea Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the York Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir Richard Winfrey presented a Bill to con LAND Drainage Act, 1914, relating to Lotting Fen, in the County of Huntingdon: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Appropriation Account of the Ministry of Pensions and for sundry Contributions in respect of the administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, in the year ended 31st March 1917, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Com-Selection mittee of Selection; That, in pursuance of the (Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, they had selected the fol-lowing Fourteen Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners:—Sir John Ainsworth, Major Astrether-Grey, Sir Henry Crath, Mr. Currie,
Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty’s War Cabinet, Command,—Copy of Report of the War Cabinet for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the Army, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rates of Payment for Sterilising Soldiers under the Army Act (Amendment).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Currie presented, by His Workmen’s Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending the provisions of Section 8 of the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1905, relative to Industrial Diseases.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Bristol Standing Order 175a,—Copy of Report of the Attorney General on the Bristol Corporation Bill.

Copy of Report of the Attorney General on Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers be referred to the Committees on the Bills.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty’s Ministry of Command,—Copies of Potatoes (Distribution) Food Order, 1918, Irish Pigs (Control) (Ireland) Order, 1918, Potatoes (Protection) Order, 1918, Oats Products (Retail Prices) Order, 1918, Malt (Restriction) Order, 1918, Barley (Restriction) Order, 1918, and Sugar (Confectionery) Order, 1917, General Licence, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the proceeding on Government business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and any Business may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote of Credit, 1918–19.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £600,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1918 for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.)

Ordered, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £906,468 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. —(Mr. Baldwin.)

Ordered, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, the sum of £645,867,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Resolved to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant March ;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message of the 5th day of this instant March as relates to the appointment of a Committee of Five Lords to join with a Committee of this House to consider all Consolidation Bills of the present Session be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords, as mentioned in their Lordships' Message of the 5th day of this instant March, to consider all Consolidation Bills of the present Session.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith : And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the jewel Light and Coke Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Suburban Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Suburban Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
11th March. 1918.

Mr. James Parker reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 7th day of this instant March several Resolutions; which were read, as follow :

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution which, upon the 26th day of February last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which was then agreed to by the House, be now read; and the same was read, as followeth:

That a number of Land Forces (including Air Forces) not exceeding 5,000,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army; And that Mr. Macpherson, Sir Eric Geddes, Dr. Maconochie, Mr. Forster, and Major Baird do prepare and bring it in.

Major Baird reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant March several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Voter of Credit, 1918-19.

That a sum not exceeding £600,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1919 for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Food-stuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

1. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £206,468 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, the sum of £845,867,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Baldwin accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen and one thousand nine hundred and nineteen: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;  

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage Second Reading of the Marriage Hours (Ireland) Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 12th March 1918.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London United Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Carnarvon, Halifax, and Wallasey; and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Military Service Council Act, 1916, and the Military Service (Conventions with Allied States) Act, 1917, dated 27th February 1918, making Regulations as to the Constitution, Functions, and Procedure of Tribunals and rescinding the Regulations herebefore made.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 4th March 1918, settling the Forms for Registration purposes under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Secretary Balfour, presented a Bill to make provision for the joint appointment by the Board of Trade and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of a Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department; and the same was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Marriage Hours (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill,—(Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(End of the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 13th March 1918.

Mr. Proctoro, presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Agricultural Statistics, 1917, Volume II. Part I. Acreage and Live Stock Returns of England and Wales, and with Summaries for the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return (Ireland) showing (I.) the number of Eviction Notices (Eviction filed under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Notice) Act, 1887, and (II.) the number of Evictions in Ireland during the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the University of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Saint Andrews for 1915-16.

Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Saint Andrews for the year 1915-16.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts of the National Health Insurance Fund (England), the Welsh National Health Insurance Fund, the Scottish National Health Insurance Fund, and the Irish National Health Insurance Fund, established pursuant to Sec-
13th—14th March. 1918.

The Order of the day being read, for the Overseas Trade Department (Secretary) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds to the Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, appointed under any Act of the present Session to make provision for the joint appointment by the Board of Trade and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of a Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department—(Lord Edmund Talbot);

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 14th March 1918.

Prayers.

The Order of the day being read, for the Brentford Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cannock Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hampton Court Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Longwood and Slaithwaite Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yeaton and Guiseley Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cardifl Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maidstone Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Suburban Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the York Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rhymney and Abergavenny Valleys Gas and Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fortescue Island Gas Light Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

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Monday, 18th March 1918.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Manchester Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to Borough make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Manchester (South Division), in the room of Major Philip Kirkland Glazebrook, killed in action.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Rules for application of the additional sum of £50,000 granted by Parliament for Intermediate Education in Ireland.

Mr. Duke also presented, pursuant to the Motor Car directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts of the Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order, 1918, made by the Local Government Board for Ireland under the Motor Car Acts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's science Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Prime Minister to inquire into the Position of Natural Science in the Educational System of Great Britain.

Copy of Irish Teachers' Pension (Supplementary Rules, 1918 (No. 2)), made under the Education (Ireland) Act, 1910, (Supplementary Rules.)

Mr. Baldwin also presented,—Return to an Supreme Order, dated the 14th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland).

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the Trustee directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts of Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the proceedings of the Inspectorate Committee of Trustee Savings Banks, for the year ended 20th November 1917, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) and Trustee Savings Banks be printed.
Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of London and Home Counties (Rationing Scheme) Order, 1918, Rationing Scheme Order Directions, Directions to Retailers of Meat other than Butchers' Meat, including Pork, Directions to Butchers, Directions to Retailers of Butter and Margarine, Directions to Self-suppliers, Waste of Food stuffs Order, 1918, National Kitchens Order, 1918, Freshwater Fish (Ireland) Order, 1917, Amendment, 1918, and Desiccated Cocoanut (Maximum Prices) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 18th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Education Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months;"

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Main Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee on Overseas Trade Department (Secretary) [Salary] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand pounds to the Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, appointed under any Act of the present Session to make provision for the joint appointment by the Board of Trade and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of a Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Overseas Trade Department (Secretary) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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2. Mercantile Shipbuilding Output;
3. Enemy Vessels captured and brought into Service;
   together with Diagrams showing Mercantile Losses and Shipbuilding Output for the United Kingdom and for the World, for the same period.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Account of Cash Receipts and Payments of the Welsh Church Commission for the year ended 31st December 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to remove disqualifications on the ground of sex or marriage for the admission of persons as Solicitors, and their acting and practising as Solicitors under the Solicitors Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional Grants as may become payable in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to Education in England and Wales. (Mr. Herbert Lewis);

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the desire of this House, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply (Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates);

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Baldwin);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the word "That", to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in the opinion of this House, a Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs should be appointed, representative of all parties and groups in the House, in order that a regular channel of communication may be established between the Foreign Secretary and the House of Commons, which will afford him frequent opportunities of giving information on questions of foreign policy, and which, by allowing Members to acquaint themselves more fully with current international problems, will enable this House to exercise closer supervision over the general conduct of foreign affairs"—(Mr. Trewelyn),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Royal Assent.

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the request of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as follows:

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1918.

And the Question being again proposed, That Supply the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £34,800 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Royal Yachts, including a Grant in Aids.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Pratt),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustees Third Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "be" to the end of the Question, and adding...
the words "recommitted in respect to Clause 1"—(Mr. Watt)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Wednesday, 20th March 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, which was presented upon the 26th day of February last, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence with the Netherlands Government regarding the requisitioning by His Majesty's Government of British-owned, or chiefly British-owned, Ships under Neutral Flags.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the amounts due by the public to depositors in Military Savings Banks on 31st March 1916, and of the Receipts, Interest, and Disbursements during the year ended 31st March 1917, &c.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to restrict the meaning of the expression "landlord" in subsection (3) of section one of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (War Restrictions) Act, 1915; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Clynes, supported by Mr. Solicitor General Defence of Food Profits Motion made, and Question proposed. That a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. France.)

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 8, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Order of the day being read, for the Brentford Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—The Chairman of Ways and Means—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cannock Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hamilton Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Longwood and Slaintheathwaite Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yeaden and Guiseley Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Leondards Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maidenhead Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fortsea Island Gas Light Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of April next.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Education (Grants).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such additional Grants as may become payable in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to Education in England and Wales.—(Mr. Herbert Lonsdale.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from His Majesty's Government, addressed to the House, had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Marriage Hours (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Overseas Trade Department (Secretary) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Nitrate Railways Company, Limited (Conversion of Shares), Act, 1891, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Lighthouses, and the Nitrate Railways Company, Limited, Act, 1891, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Nitrate Railways Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Clynes presented a Bill to give full effect to the Defence of the Realm Regulations: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Bill 15.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Education [Grants] Report and the Motion for the House adjournment of the House for Easter have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.—

Land Drainage (Letting Fen) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Tyrone (East Tyrone Division), in the room of Captain William Archer Redmond, who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltem Hundreds of Stoke, Dushborough, and Burcham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Boland.)

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House of Deptford Strand, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons in 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for the Army Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill. Resolved, This House will, upon Tuesday the 9th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the defence of Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Food Provisions) Bill. Ordered, The Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill; Ordered, The Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Second Reading of the Horse Breeding Bill; Ordered, The Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of April next.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Adjournment to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That This House do now adjourn. And the Question being put — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 9th day of April next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Tuesday, 9th April 1918.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Land Drainage (Lotting Fen) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his York County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member (Riding) to serve in this present Parliament for the (Keighley Division) Writ. County of York, West Riding, Keighley Division, in the room of Sir Swire Smith, Knight, deceased. — (Mr. Gulland.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his King's County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland (Tullamore Division) Writ. to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for King's County, Tullamore Division, in the room of Edward John Graham, Esquire, deceased. — (Mr. Patrick White.)

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Easter Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons, during the Recess, pursuant to Standing Order No. 95:—

Copy of correspondence with the German Death of Government respecting the Death of A. P. Genower, Able Seaman, when Prisoner of War at Brandenburg Camp.

HE Land Drainage Bill Order, (Lotting Fen) Provisional Bill.
Copy of Colonial Reports, Nos. 856 (Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, Report for 1916) and 957 (British Honduras, Report for 1916).


Copy of Sixtieth Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for the year 1917.

Copy of Record of Proceedings of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government Employees for 1917.

Copy of Irish Teachers' Pension Rules, 1916 (Supplementary Rule), 1918 (No. 1).

Copy of Report of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for the year 1916.


Copy of London Central Markets Order, 1918, Milk (Registration of Dealers) Order, 1918, General Licences, Bacon, Ham, and Lard (Provisional Prices) Order, 1917, Appointment of the Department for the year 1916-17.

Copy of Grant of Parliament, to pay the expenses of distress; and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war, in the year ended 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th March 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance Transfer Values (Amendment) Regulations, 1918.

Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Court of Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Ministry of Munitions (Ordinance Factories), and Vote of Credit (Appropriation Account, 1916-17), be printed.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of Pensions granted to Governors of Dominions, &c., during the financial year 1917-18, 1911.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Auckland Geddes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Ireland,—Copy of National Service Instruction, No. 67 of 1916, Instructions for the financing of the purchase and resale of foodstuffs and materials, or otherwise; for relief of distress; and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of war, in the year ended 31st March 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Order, dated 9th April 1918, made by the Minister of National Service under Section 2 of the Military Service Act, 1918, by the Minister of National Service.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889, for the year 1917.

Copy of Order in Council under the Naval Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 22nd March 1918, relative to the Pay, &c., of the Royal Marine Labour Corps.

Copy of Order in Council under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, dated 22nd March 1918, with respect to the dates in relation to the preparation of the First Register, &c., to the Forms to be used in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland (Provisional Order, except with respect to Scotland).


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the Paper relative to Board of Education (Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889), be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of London Central Markets Order, 1918, Milk (Registration of Dealers) Order, 1918, General Licences, Bacon, Ham, and Lard (Provisional Prices) Order, 1917, Appointment of the Department for the year 1916-17.
1918, Live Stock (Restriction of Slaughter) Order, 1919; Cocoa-Butter (Provisional Price) Order, 1918; Raw Cocos (Prices) Order, 1918, Dutch Cheese (Requisition) Order, 1918, and Cannied Condensed Milk (Requisition) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, dated 22nd March 1918, made under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1908.

Copy of Order No. 42, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, dated 28th March 1918, post-postponing the operation of the two Orders described in the Schedule thereto until the 1st October 1918.

Copy of Order made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D.I.P. 517, suspending the operation of the Potatoes (Corky Scab) Order of 1914.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Naval Savings Banks.

No. 40.

Sir Eric Geddes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks and the payments thereof and of interest thereon; of all investments under the Naval Savings Banks Act, 1866, and the application of the interest or dividends accruing in respect thereof; and of the proceeds of any sale of any stocks, annuities, or securities, during the financial year 1916-17.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Intermediate Education (Ireland.)

Shops Act, 1918.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations for the Register of the Intermediate School Teachers in Ireland.

Mr. Duke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned local authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:—

County Borough of Cork.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

University of Aberdeen.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Aberdeen for the year 1916-17.

Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Glasgow for the year ended 30th September 1917.

Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance.)

No. 41.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 65 (Edinburgh, No. 24) (Foundation of a Chair of Therapeutics) and No. 65 (Aberdeen, No. 8) (Institution of a Degree in Education and relative Regulations), of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance) be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—


No. 42.

Copy of Annual Accounts of Exchequer Bills and other Government Securities purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends, &c., for the year ending 5th January 1918.

Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Home Office (Official Press Bureau), which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Office.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bank of England be printed.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received two letters relating to the arrest and imprisonment of Mr. Laurence Ginnell, a Member of this House, which he read to the House as follows:—

Metropolitan Police Courts, Inn's Quay, Dublin.

Sir, 23rd March 1918.

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Laurence Ginnell, a Member of Parliament, has been arrested at Kilkenny and brought before me this day upon a warrant issued by Mr. T. C. Drury, one of the Divisional Justices of the Dublin Metropolitan Police District, charging that Mr. Ginnell did unlawfully incite and labour to persuade a large number of persons to commit the crime of unlawful assembly.

I have remanded Mr. Ginnell in custody until Tuesday next when he will again be brought before this Court.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Metropolitan Police Courts, Inn's Quay, Dublin.

The Right Honourable, the Speaker of the House of Commons, London.

Sir, 5th April 1918.

I have the honour to report that on the 30th ultimo Mr. Laurence Ginnell, M.P., was brought before me at this Court on remand charged, inter alia, with having, at Sneezy, in the County of Sligo, unlawfully incited and laboured to persuade certain persons to commit the crime of unlawful assembly.

Having heard the evidence I was satisfied that there was a danger of a future breach of the peace by Mr. Ginnell and I required him to find sureties to be of the peace, himself in the sum of £5,000 with two sureties each in the sum of £1,000 for the term of one year, and, in default of finding sureties as aforesaid, I directed that Mr. Ginnell be imprisoned for a period of six months unless in the meantime he shall find sureties.

Mr. Ginnell declined to find sureties and was committed to the Mountjoy Prison, Dublin.

I would have reported the committal to you in due course but for the fact that a circular dated the 24th Oct. 1902 from the then Under Secretary, Sir D. Harrel, appears to require that the arrest only should be reported.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

T. C. DRURY,
Divisional Justice of the Police District of Dublin Metropolis.

The Right Honourable the Speaker, M.P., House of Commons, London.
The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Army Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Drainage Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Breeding Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Breeding Bill; Second Reading of the Horse Breeding Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And, it being half-an-hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, till to-morrow.
PRAYERS.

Wednesday, 10th April 1918.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, and which the Chairman of Ways and Means had directed to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

- British Aluminium Company (Lochaber Water Power) Bill [Lords]. (Substituted Bill.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- West Bromwich Corporation [Lords].
- Sligo Corporation [Lords].

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Lancaster praying that provision may be made in the Lancaster Corporation Bill for the confirmation of an agreement, dated 6th November 1901, made between the Petitioners and the Trustee and Commissioners for improving the Navigation of the River Lune relative to St. George’s Quay, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report on the Treatment by the Enemy of British Prisoners of War behind the Firing Lines in France and Belgium, with two Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Returns of Local Taxation in Ireland for the year 1916-17, collected and compiled by desire of the Lord Lieutenant, by the Local Government Board for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with amendment, by the Secretary for Scotland:

Borough of Kirkcaldy.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Received, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the names and other particulars of all Aliens to whom certificates of Naturalisation have been issued, and whose oaths of allegiance have, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1917, been registered at the Home Office, and including information as to any Aliens who have, during the same period, obtained Acts of Naturalisation from the Legislature (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 129 of Session 1917).—(Mr. Bruce.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bill, That, after conferring with the Chairman of Legislation Procedure Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Act, 1899, Parliament the British Aluminium Company (Lochaber Water Power) Bill should be first considered, had determined that the aforesaid Bill should originate in the House of Lords.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Robert Burden Stoker, Esquire, Member for New Member the Borough of Manchester (South Division), sworn.

Mr. Bruce, supported by Mr. Secretary Cave Workmen’s Compensation (Illegal Employment) Bill, and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to amend the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1906, with respect to persons suffering injury while working under an illegal contract: And the Bill 17. same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Second Reading of the Military Service Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House, while recognising the gravity of the military situation in France and the urgent necessity of giving all possible support to the British and Allied forces, is of opinion that this measure diminishes the naval and economic power of the nation without adding commensurate military strength”—(Sir Charles Hoare).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Clement Edwards rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and the Question was accordingly put. That the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holt, Mr. Pringle];

Yea's, 319.

Noes, 105.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.
Means.

Adjournment.

Way and Army The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. (Amial) Bill. Education Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill; resolve itself into the said Committee. Committee of Ways and Means; Committee of Supply; Committee on the Education Bill. of the whole House—(Mr. James Hope); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, (Captain Guest : 323. Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Noes, (Mr. Anderson: 78. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The Bill was accordingly read a second time. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr. James Hope); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, (Captain Guest: 299. Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Noes, (Mr. Anderson: 100. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The Bill was accordingly committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. The Order of the day being read, for the Army (Annual) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. The Order of the day being read for the Committee on the Education Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. Adjournment. And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [Lords]. from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Nitrate Railways Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Brentford Gas the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill, upon the 20th day of March last, That the Brentford Gas Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cannock Gas Second Reading of the Cannock Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hampton Court Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Gas Second Reading of the Liverpool Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Longwood and Second Reading of the Longwood and Slaithe Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Yeading and Second Reading of the Yeading and Guiseley Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cardiff Gas Second Reading of the Cardiff Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commercial Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gas Light and Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hastings Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Leonard's Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

Tellers for the (Captain Guest, Yeas, (Lord Edmund Talbot: 321. Tellers for the (Mr. Pringle, Noes, (Mr. Holt: 106.
Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Income Tax Command,—Copy of Statement on Income Tax respecting Allowances for Wear and Tear and Obsolescence of Plants and Machinery.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the Trading with Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Enemy Supplementary List of Persons, Firms, and Act, 1916, Companies as to whom orders have been made under Section 1 (1) of the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the year 1917; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Gas Company and to authorise the Company to raise additional capital and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to modify the requirements of the Solicitors Acts, 1839 to 1917, with respect to Articled Clerks who have served in His Majesty's forces or in other public service, or have been prisoners of war or interned in connection with the present war; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Brixham Gas Bill [Lords] was read the Brixham Gas Bill first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker presented, by His Majesty's Income Tax Command, a Statement on Income Tax respecting Allowances for Wear and Tear and Obsolescence of Plants and Machinery.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maidenhead Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Portsea Island Gas Light Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Suburban Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the York Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.

The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of May next.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Guest,
Yes;-- Lord Edmund Talbot ;-- 282.
Tellers for the Captain Donelan,
Noes,-- Mr. Boland :-- 99.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the ( Lord Edmund Talbot,
Yes;-- Captain Guest:-- 315.
Tellers for the Captain Donelan,
Noes,-- Mr. Boland :-- 83.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow
—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That the Committee stage, Report
stage, and the Third Reading of the Military
Service Bill, shall, unless previously disposed
of, be proceeded with and brought to a conclusion
at the times and in the manner hereinafter mentioned:

(1) Committee Stage.

Three allotted days shall be given to the
Committee stage of the Bill, and the pro-
ceedings on each of those days shall be made
in the second column of the table annexed to
this paragraph ; and those proceedings shall, if
not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought
to a conclusion at the time shown in the third
column of that table, and on the conclusion of
the committee stage the Chairman shall report
the Bill to the House without Question put:

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(2) Report Stage and Third Reading.

The Report stage and the Third Reading
shall be proceeded with and brought to a con-
clusion on the fourth allotted day, and the
proceedings on that day shall, if not previously
brought to a conclusion, be brought to a con-
clusion at 11 p.m.:

After this Order comes into operation any day
shall be considered an allotted day for the
purposes of this Order on which the Bill is put
down as the first Order of the day, and then
proceeded with:

Provided that 5 p.m. shall be substituted for
11 p.m. as respects any allotted day which is a
Friday, and the third allotted day shall not be a
Friday.

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For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion
any proceedings which are to be brought to a con-
clusion on an allotted day, and have not
previously been brought to a conclusion, the
Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time
appointed under this Order for the conclusion of
those proceedings, put forthwith the Question on
any Amendment or Motion already proposed
from the Chair, and shall next proceed success-
ively to put forthwith the Question on any
Amendments, new Clauses, or new Schedules
moved by the Government of which notice has
been given, but on no other Amendments, new
Clauses, or new Schedules, and on any Question
necessary to dispose of the Business to be
concluded, and in the case of Government
Amendments or of Government new Clauses or
new Schedules, he shall put only the Question that
the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or
Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may
be:

The Chair shall have power to select the
Amendments to be proposed on any allotted day,
and Standing Order No. 26 shall apply as if a
Motion had been carried and under paragraph (b)
that Standing Order empowering the Chair to
select the Amendments with respect to each
Motion, Clause, or Schedule under Debate on
that day:

When the Order of the day is read for the
House to resolve itself into Committee on the
Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without
putting any Question, notwithstanding that
notice of an Instruction has been given:

Any Private Business which is set down for
consideration at 6.15 p.m. and any Motion for
Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10 on
an allotted day shall, on that day, instead of
being taken as provided by the Standing Orders,
be taken after the conclusion of the proceedings
which are to be brought to a conclusion under
this Order on that day; and any Private Business
or Motion for Adjournment to take may be
proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding
any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of
the House:

On any day on which any proceedings are to
be brought to a conclusion under this Order
proceedings for that purpose shall not be inter-
rupted under the provisions of any Standing
Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

On any day on which any proceedings are to
be brought to a conclusion under this Order
no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor Motion to
recommit the Bill, nor Motion that the Chair-
man do report Progress or do leave the Chair,
shall be received unless moved by the Govern-
ment, and the Question on such Motion shall be
put forthwith without any Debate:

Nothing in this Order shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings which under
this Order are to be concluded on any
particular day or at any particular time
being proceeded with on any other day
or at any other time, or necessitate any
particular day, or part of a particular
day, being given to any such proceedings
if the proceedings to be concluded have
been otherwise disposed of ; or

(b) prevent any other Business being pro-
ceded with on any particular day, or part
of a particular day, in accordance with the
Standing Orders of the House, after any
proceedings to be concluded under this
Order on that particular day, or part of
a particular day, have been disposed of;:

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in l. 5, by leaving out the word "Three" and inserting the word "Four"—(Mr. Holt)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Three" stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "Four" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was made to the Question in l. 18, by leaving out "11" and by inserting, after l. 18—

"Second — | Clause 1 - - | 3"; in l. 16, by leaving out the word "Second" ; in l. 20, by inserting, at the beginning, the word "Third," and by leaving out "6," and inserting "11" instead thereof; in l. 22, by leaving out the word "Third," and inserting the word "Fourth" instead thereof; and, in l. 27, by leaving out the word "Fourth," and inserting the word "fifth" instead thereof.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 32, by leaving out "4" and inserting "4"—(Mr. Holt)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "5" stand part of the Question, as amended:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Question as amended in l. 33, by leaving out from the first word "a," to the end of the line, and inserting the word "Saturday" instead thereof, and in line 62, by leaving out the words "for that purpose," and inserting the words "on the Bill" instead thereof.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Committee stage, Report stage, and the Third Reading of the Military Service Bill, shall, unless previously disposed of, be proceeded with and brought to a conclusion at the times and in the manner hereinafter mentioned:

(1) Committee Stage.

Four allotted days shall be given to the Committee stage of the Bill, and the proceedings on each of those days shall be as shown in the second column of the table annexed to this paragraph; and those proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time shown in the third column of that table, and on the conclusion of the Committee stage the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without Question put:

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(2) Report Stage and Third Reading.

The Report stage and the Third Reading shall be proceeded with and brought to a conclusion on the fifth allotted day, and the proceedings on that day shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at 11 p.m.:

After this Order comes into operation any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Bill is put down as the first Order of the day and then proceeded with:

Provided that 5 p.m. shall be substituted for 11 p.m. as respects any allotted day which is a Saturday:

For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on an allotted day, and have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time appointed under this Order for the conclusion of those proceedings, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments, new Clauses, or new Schedules moved by the Government of which notice has been given, but on no other Amendments, new Clauses, or new Schedules, and on any Question necessary to dispose of the Business to be concluded, and in the case of Government Amendments or of Government new Clauses or new Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be:

The Chair shall have power to select the Amendments to be proposed on any allotted day, and Standing Order No. 26 shall apply as if a Motion had been carried under paragraph 3 of that Standing Order empowering the Chair to select the Amendments with respect to each Motion, Clause, or Schedule under Debate on that day:

When the Order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into Committee on the Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that notice of an Instruction has been given:

Any Private Business which is set down for consideration at 8.15 p.m. and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10 on an allotted day shall, on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken after the conclusion of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order on that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

On any day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order proceedings on the Bill shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

On any day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Order no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor Motion to recommit the Bill, nor Motion that the Chairman do report progress or do leave the Chair, shall be received unless moved by the Government, and the Question on such Motion shall be put forthwith without any Debate:
The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation (Illegal Employment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Army Annual Committee on the Army Annual Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half-an-hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 12th April 1918.

Mr. Duke presented a Bill to confirm certain Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Cork, Lurgan, and Tralee: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Petitions and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to inquire into the charges for squitching flax and the disposal of tow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Carew presented,—Returnstreet to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 21st day of March last, for a Return relative to Street Accidents caused by Vehicles.

Secretary Sir George Carew also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1906,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the refusal of the Secretary of State's Certificate under Section 17 (2) of the Police Act, 1890, to the Tyne River Police Force, for the year ended 29th September 1917.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Fish (Prices) Order (No. 2), Food, 1918, Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Order, 1918,

Supply.

Ordered, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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and Margarine (Retail Prices) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Edmund was nominated a Member of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms).—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Service Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of obligation to military service).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words "the Service Bill, 1916."—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Tennant.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "shall," in p. 1, l. 24, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Captain Guest, Mr. Tyson Wilson, Mr. King : 201.
Tellers for the: Lord Edmund Talbot, Noes, Mr. Thomas : 94.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, at the beginning, to insert the words "the Military Service Act, 1916."—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Tennant.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Captain Guest, Lord Edmund Talbot : 249.
Tellers for the: Captain Guest, Leif Jones, Colonel Ashley : 95.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Denman.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

And, it being Three of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of 11th April, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Captain Guest, Lord Edmund Talbot : 267.
Tellers for the: Mr. T. M. Healy, Mr. Sheehan : 10.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at Three of the clock this day.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Captain Guest, Lord Edmund Talbot : 279.
Tellers for the: Mr. Anderson, Daniel Boyle : 105.

Clause No. 2 (Power by Order in Council to apply Act to Ireland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, at the beginning, to insert the words "After the passing of a Resolution by an Irish Parliament set up under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1914, praying therefor.—(Mr. Lardner.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Captain Donelan, Lord Edmund Talbot : 108.
Tellers for the: Captain Guest : 280.

And, it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceed, pursuant to the Order of the House of 11th April, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Business to Order be concluded at Eleven of the clock this day.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Captain Guest, Lord Edmund Talbot : 291.
Tellers for the: Mr. Thomas : 116.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Secretary Sir George Carew),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Five of the Clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twenty-one minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MAJOR Baird presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of King’s Regulations and Orders for the Royal Air Force made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Copy of Regulations for the Pay and Allowances of the Royal Air Force made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.


Copy of Rules for Field Punishment in the Royal Air Force made under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of all Loans raised in England under the provisions of any Act of Parliament chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ended on the 31st March, 1918, with the rates of interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the debt incurred during the half-year, the moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Second Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of documents existing or accruing in the General Register Office which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Service Bill.

Clause No. 3 (Power by proclamation to withdraw certificates of exemption in case of national emergency).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 7, after the word “may,” to insert the words “in pursuance of an address from each House of Parliament.”—(Mr. Leif Jones.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, after the word “men,” to insert the words “other than skilled agricultural workers.”—(Captain Sir Charles Bathurst.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Anderson: 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord Edmund Talbot: 234.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Whitehouse: 85.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord Edmund Talbot: 228.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Auckland Geddes)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 15th April 1918.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to regulate the expenditure on London capital account and lending of money by the London County Council during the financial period from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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Land Drainage (Pinchbeck) Orders Bill.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Drainage Bill.

Sir Richard Winfrey presented a Bill to confirm Provisional Orders under the Land Drainage Act, 1861, in the matter of proposed Drainage Districts in the Parish of Pinchbeck, in the Holland Division of the County of Lincoln: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Drainage Bill.

Clause No. 4 (Provisions as to applications for certificates of exemption and as to calling up).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, to leave out the words "His Majesty may by Order in Council," in order to insert the words "the Local Government Board may, subject to the provisions hereinafter set out."—(Sir Ryland Adkins.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 33, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

And it being half-past Nine of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 11th April, to put forthwith the Question upon the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Business to be concluded at half-past Nine of the clock this day.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Mr. Anderson, |
Yea, | Mr. Thomas; |
Noes, | Lord Edmund Talbot: |
271. |

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment moved by the Government, of which notice had been given, and the Questions necessary to dispose of the Business to be concluded at Eleven of the clock this evening.

Schedule 1 amended, and agreed to.

Schedule 2 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 11th April.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Drainage Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Breeding Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation (Illegal Employment) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 16th April 1918.

Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Brixham Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Prebutional Order Bills (No Standing Orders applicable.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Lancaster Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Nitrates Railways Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Holt,
Yea,  { Mr. Sherrard: }  156.
Noes,  { Mr. Loyd: }  154.

Tellers for the Captain Guest,
Yea,  { Lord Edmund Talbot: }  249.
Noes,  { Mr. Pringle: }  246.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the subsequent word “and” was omitted.

And the proposed Clause was further amended.

in l. 4, by leaving out the word “within,” to the word “after,” in l. 5, and inserting the words “fourteen days” instead thereof; in l. 5, by leaving out the words “regulation or”; and in l. 6, by leaving out the first words “regulation or,” and by leaving out the second words “regulation or,” and so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 25, by leaving out the words “and section eight,”—(Mr. Pringle.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 38, by leaving out Clause 2,—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.

And it being Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House of 11th day of this instant April, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the { Lord Edmund Talbot: }  301.
Yea,  { Captain Guest: }  300.
Noes,  { Mr. James Thomas: }  103.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 17, by inserting after the word “but,” the words “notices served for the purposes of the Reserve Forces Acts, 1882 to 1907, shall not be deemed to be invalid on the ground only that they were served before any such man become liable for service, and: “”—(Sir Auckland Geddes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division and Mr. Speaker stated that he thought the Ayes had it; and on his decision being challenged it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed, and accordingly he called upon the Members who challenged his decision to rise in their places, and several Members having accordingly risen, Mr. Speaker named Tellers for the Division.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Business to be concluded at Eleven of the clock this day.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the { Lord Edmund Talbot: }  313.
Yea,  { Mr. Hogg: }  312.
Noes,  { Mr. Pringle: }  87.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Business to be concluded at Eleven of the clock this day.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the { Lord Edmund Talbot: }  301.
Yea,  { Captain Guest: }  300.
Noes,  { Mr. James Thomas: }  103.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment, clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 17th April 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, Marriages according to Order, read a second time, Provisional and committed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Insurance Regulations made under the National Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1918, by the Minister of Labour, dated 19th April 1918, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Munition Workers) Fund Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the Destructive directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Insects and Order under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, numbered D. L. F. 518, dated 10th April 1918, entitled the Wart Disease of Potatoes Order of 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Revised Rules for discussion in the Imperial Legislative Council of India of 1 Annual Financial Statement; (2) Matters of General Public Interest.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing (1) an Estimate of the sums receivable by the Education (Scotland) Fund for 1917-18, of the expenditure therefrom under the Education Act, 1908, and of the balance available for allocation under the Act; (2) the allocation of such Balance in accordance with the terms of the Scottish Education Department's Minute of 28th June 1912.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 193 of Army Act)—(Mr. Macpherson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 179 (a) of Army Act)—(Mr. Macpherson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 145 (2) (b) of Army Act)—(Colonel Leslie Wilson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 145 of Army Act)—(Mr. Forster)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Military court of appeal)—(General Sir Ivor Philipps)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Restriction on discharge of soldiers suffering from venereal disease)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 64 of Army Act)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 24 of Army Act)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:—Motion and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 112 (2) (b) of Army Act)—(Mr. Macpherson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 179 (a) of Army Act)—(Mr. Macpherson)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 145 of Army Act)—(Mr. Forster)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Military court of appeal)—(General Sir Ivor Philipps)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Restriction on discharge of soldiers suffering from venereal disease)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 64 of Army Act)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 24 of Army Act)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be reported.
Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, dated 13th April 1918, with respect to the Currency of Indian Notes in the Protectorates of East Africa and Uganda.

Copy of Provisional Order in Council under the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 and 1906, dated 13th April 1918, with respect to the Registration of Ships in the service of the War Department.

Copy of Order in Council under the Extra- dition Acts, 1870 and 1873, dated 13th April 1918, directing that the Extradition Ordinance, 1917, of the Colony of Nigeria shall have effect as if part of the Act of 1870.

Copy of Provisional Order in Council under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 13th April 1918, entitled the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 2) Order, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Interim Report of the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy on certain Essential Industries.

Copy of Interim Report of the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy on the Treatment of Exports from the United Kingdom and British Overseas Possessions and the Conservation of the Resources of the Empire during the Transitional Period after the War.

Copy of Final Report of the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy after the War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Prime Minister to inquire into the position of Modern Languages in the educational system of Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That on this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 15, the consideration of any Amendments made by the Military Service Bill may be entered upon before Eleven of the clock, and shall not be interrupted under the Standing Order (Sitting of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

1. £64,340 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings.

2. £34,800 for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, including a Grant in Aid.

3. £4,000 for Expenditure in respect of Osborne.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £27,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for Expenditure in respect of the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum, not exceeding £56,950, be granted for the said Service,—(Sir Geoffrey Baring)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. £35,100 for Expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament Buildings.

6. £24,500 for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings.

7. £10,800 for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

8. £23,800 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

9. £504,300 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad.


11. £135,250 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the House may be entered upon before Eleven of the clock, and shall not be interrupted under the Standing Order (Sitting of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Lord Edmund Talbot)—and the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Military Service Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Military Service Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Secretary Sir George Cane.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 5, line 13, at the end, insert as a new subsection—

"(6) Every person to whom a certificate of exemption shall be granted by a tribunal after the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall, unless the tribunal by which the certificate is granted for any special reason otherwise direct, be liable, on being so required in such manner as may be prescribed by Order in Council, to join the volunteer force, and remain a member of that force for the period during which the certificate is granted in force, and shall, during that period, attend such drills, undergo such training, and undertake such military duties as may be so prescribed," the next Amendment, being read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Secretary Sir George Cane)—the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords Amendment was amended by leaving out the words "for any special reason"—(Mr. Lef Jones)—and, as so amended, was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lords in an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by the Commons to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Military Service Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Ducas Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Trustee Savings Banks Act, 1918.
2. Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Food Profit) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Illegal Employment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Army into consideration the Army (Annual) Bill, as (Annual) Bill.

Amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Birmingham, West Division, in the room of the Right Honourable Joseph Austen Chamberlain, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of a Minister of the Crown.—(L. Edmund Talbot.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Ordered of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.
**Monday, 22nd April 1918.**

**PRAYERS.**

## The Brixham Gas Bill [Lords]

THE Brixham Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

## The Land Drainage (Lottin Fen) Provisional Order Bill

The Land Drainage (Lottin Fen) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

## The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

## Ministry of Pensions.

Mr. Hodge presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Royal Warrant for the Pensions of Soldiers disabled and of the Widows of Soldiers deceased in consequence of former wars.

Copy of Royal Warrant for the Pensions of Soldiers disabled and of the Families and Dependents of Soldiers deceased in consequence of the present war.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, and Mines (Extraction) Order, 1918, and Horses (Ratting) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

## Ministry of Food.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Flour and Bread (Registration) Order, 1918, and Horses (Ratting) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

## Secretary Sir George Cave presented,—Aliens Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

## Mr. Illingworth presented, pursuant to the Post Office directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Savings Banks (Post Office Savings Bank Amendment) Order, 1918. (No. 3) (Draft) Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

## The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letter from Viscount Bryce to the Prime Minister relative to the Conference on the Reform of the Second Chamber.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

## The Prime Minister presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure in the Conamittee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

## The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Continuation of Duties (Customs).

1. Resolved, That the following duties of Customs, imposed by Part I. of the Finance Act, 1915, and continued by section one of the Finance Act, 1917, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall continue to be charged as from that date until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and nineteen (that is to say):—

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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Continuation of Duties (Excise).

2. Resolved, That the following duties of Excise, imposed by Part I. of the Finance Act, 1915, and continued by section two of the Finance Act, 1917, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall continue to be charged until the first day...
And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Sugars (Customs).

3. Resolved, That in lieu of the duties of Customs now payable on sugar imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties:——

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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Sugars (Excise).

4. Resolved, That in lieu of the duties of Excise now payable on sugar made in Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties:——

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(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Spirits (Customs).

5. Resolved, That in addition to the duties of Customs now payable on spirits imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties (that is to say):——

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(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Spirits (Excise).
6. Resolved, That in addition to the duty of Excise now payable on every gallon computed at proof of spirits distilled in the United Kingdom there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say) —

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and so on in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Beer (Customs).
7. Resolved, That in addition to the duties of Customs now payable on beer imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties (that is to say) —

In the case of beer called or similar to mum, spruce, black beer, or Berlin white beer, or other preparations, whether fermented or not fermented, of a similar character:

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For every thirty-six gallons where the worts thereof are or were before fermentation of a specific gravity —

Not exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifteen degrees, a duty of - - - - - 5 0 0

Exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifteen degrees, a duty of - - - - - 5 17 2

In the case of every description of beer other than that above specified —

For every thirty-six gallons where the worts thereof were before fermentation of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees, a duty of - - - - - 1 5 0

and so in proportion for any difference in gravity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Beer (Excise).
8. Resolved, That in addition to the duty of Excise now payable in respect of beer brewed in the United Kingdom, there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say) —

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For every thirty-six gallons of worts of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees, a duty of - - - - - 1 5 0

and so in proportion for any difference in quantity or gravity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have

statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Matches (Customs).
9. Resolved, That in addition to the duties of Customs now payable on matches imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say) —

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For every ten thousand matches a duty of - - - - - 0 1 8

and so in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Matches (Excise).
10. Resolved, That in addition to the duties of Excise payable on matches made in Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say) —

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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tobacco (Customs).
11. Resolved, That in lieu of the duties of Customs now payable on tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties (that is to say) —

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Containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—

Unstripped — the lb. 0 8 2

Stripped — the lb. 0 8 24

Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—

Unstripped — the lb. 0 9 04

Stripped — the lb. 0 9 1

Upon tobacco manufactured, viz.:

Cigars — the lb. 0 15 7

Cigarettes — the lb. 0 12 7

Cavendish or Negroehead the lb. 0 11 104

Cavendish or Negroehead manufactured in bond — the lb. 0 10 44

Other manufactured tobacco of Great Britain or Ireland the lb. 0 10 44

Snuff containing more than 15 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — the lb. 0 9 94

Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof — the lb. 0 11 104

1918.
And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tobacco (Excise).

12. Resolved, That in lieu of the duties of Excise payable on tobacco grown in Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties (that is to say):—

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and so in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Luxury Duty.

13. Resolved, That there shall be charged on all payments made in respect of the purchase or supply of articles sold or supplied in Great Britain or Ireland (excluding articles sold wholesale unless sold by auction), which shall be declared by Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means of this House to be articles of luxury, and on all payments made in respect of goods sold or supplied, accommodation supplied, or services rendered, at any place in Great Britain or Ireland which shall be declared by Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means of this House to be a place of luxury, an Excise duty of an amount equal to one-sixth part of the rate of the tax on his unearned income to—

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for every pound of the next £1,000 of the excess – three shillings, for every pound of the next £2,000 of the excess – three shillings and sixpence, for every pound of the next £2,000 of the excess – four shillings, for every pound of the remainder of the excess – four shillings and sixpence; and

(b) the like provisions shall have effect with respect to the Super Tax as so charged as had effect with respect to the Super Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen; and

(c) it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913. – (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax (Charge of Schedule B. Tax).

18. Resolved, That Income Tax under Schedule B. shall be charged for the current year (and for any succeeding year for which Income Tax is charged) in respect of the occupation of lands, tenements, hereditaments, and heritages chargeable under that Schedule for every twenty shillings of the annual value thereof; and the Acts relating to Income Tax (including any enactments relating to relief from tax) shall have effect accordingly.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913. – (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax (Reduction on account of Land abroad not to be allowed).

19. Resolved, That in estimating the amount of annual profits or gains arising or accruing from any profession, trade, employment, or vocation and chargeable to Income Tax under Schedule D no deduction shall be made on account of the annual value of any premises used or occupied for the purpose of that profession, trade, employment, or vocation if the premises are situated outside the United Kingdom. And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913. – (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Excess Profits Duty.

20. Resolved, That excess profits duty under Part III. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as amended or extended by any subsequent enactment, shall, unless Parliament otherwise determine, be charged for any accounting period ending on or after the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and before the first day of August, nineteen hundred and nineteen. – (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

21. Resolved, That for the purpose of excess profits duty profits arising from the sale of trading stock other than in the ordinary course of trade, at any time after the twenty-second day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall be deemed to be profits arising from a trade or business, and where any such sale takes place after a trade or business has ceased to trade or business shall for the purpose aforesaid be deemed to have been carried on up to and including the date on which the sale takes place, and where any trading stock is disposed of otherwise than by way of sale it shall for the purpose aforesaid be treated as having been sold. – (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Stamp Duty (Bills of Exchange).

22. Resolved, That twopence shall be substituted for one penny as the stamp duty on all bills of exchange and promissory notes now chargeable with duty at the rate of one penny. – (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Army take into consideration the Army (Annual) Bill, (Annual) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 52 of Army Act) – (Mr. Macpherson), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of s. 140 of Army Act). – (Major Haywood.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; – The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the increase of Committee on the Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of 18th April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
Tuesday, 25th April 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Birkenhead, Cardiff, Matlock (No. 2) Bill; Bath and Searthin Nick, Newton in Mackerfield, Bill 21.

Rawmarsh, and Swansea, and the East Dean and United Districts, and the Isle of Wight Joint Hospital Districts: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the Naval directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council under the Naval Discipline Act, 1866, dated 20th April 1918, approving Revised General Orders regulating the procedure, &c., of Naval Courts-martial.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if under discussion the House at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Major Barnston was nominated a Member of Gas Undertakings (Statutory Prices).—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of Law.

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue (including Excise), and to make further provision in connection with Finance.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Illegal Employment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Horse Breeding Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Order of the House, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—General Report of the proceedings of the Conservators of the River Thames during the year 1917, with a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators for that year.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Vaughan-Davies reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That the case of the Sligo Corporation Sligo (Lords), Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
2. That the case of the West Bromwich West Corporation (Lords), Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled "An Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords]" to provide, and work motor omnibuses, and for other purposes"; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled "An Morecambe Gas Act to authorise the Morecambe Corporation to raise additional capital, to extend the limits of supply, and to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House."

The Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account and Annuities, for all moneys received on account of Contracts for the grant of Deferred Life Annuities and for payments on Death, and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made, during the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Bill [Lords].
The Workmen’s Compensation (Illegal Employment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.

(The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, Vol. 173.

and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Lough.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.

(The Bill was accordingly read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and the Question being put, That the words "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.)

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means of the 22nd April Report;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Breeding Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Drainage Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Ordered. That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report whether it is expedient that some provision should be made for the temporary modification of statutory requirements with regard to the charges for the conveyance of traffic on tramways and light railways constructed wholly or mainly on public roads, in the case of undertakings whose financial circumstances have been injuriously affected by causes arising out of the war; and, if so, on what terms and conditions, and whether by private bill or by general legislation.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of,—Captain Barnett, Sir James Boyton, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Cochrane, Sir Arthur Fell, Mr. Nugent, Sir William Pearce, Mr. Hendall, Mr. Toxtill, and Mr. Watt.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee. — (Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Adjourned.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 25th April 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Warrant of Abandonment and Report thereon by the Trade of Trade respecting the Abandonment of the Redruth and Chasewater Railway.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Order amending the Food Control Committee's (Milk Requisition) Order, 1917, Bread (Use of Potatoes) Order, 1918, Meat Retail Prices (England and Wales) Order (No. 2), 1918, Order amending the British Cheese Order, 1917, Food Hoarding Order, 1917, Authorisation, Powers of Food Control Committees (Interpretation) Order, 1918, Margarine (Retail Prices) Order, 1918 Notice, Sugar (Domestic Preserving) Order, 1918, Order amending the Grain (Prices) Order, 1917, Food Control Committee's (Local Distribution) Scheme Order (No. 2), 1918, Margarine (Maximum Prices) Order 1917, General Licence applicable to Ireland, and Bacon (Prohibition of Export) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Account of the Commissioners of Richmond Bridge for the year 1917.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Army (Annual) Army Bill, with an Amendment: to which the Lords (Annual) Bill desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered. That the Amendment made by the Army Lords to the Army (Annual) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Dudley Ward was nominated a Member of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms). — (Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1918-19.

Ministry of Munitions.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £900, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Expenses of the Ministry of Munitions:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £800, be granted for the said Service.—(Sir William Watson Rutherford.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant April; Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant April; Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 18th day of this instant April; Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
Adjournment.

[No. 1] Bill.

(No. 1) Ireland

Petitions.

Local

Horse Breeding

Provisional

Government

Metropolitan

Committals

Vide First

Orders

Bill.

Horse Breeding

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Horse Breeding Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

Defence of the

Realm (Beans, Peas, and

Pulse Orders) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm
(Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

Land Drainage

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,
and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Local Government
(Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
to-morrow.

Public Petitions

Vide First Report.

A Public Petition was presented, and read;
and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Committees

(Ireland.)

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of
Returns from the Clerks of the Crown and
Peace in Ireland of the number of persons
committed for Trial in 1917.

Interim

Education

Rules

Act.

Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate
Education Board for Ireland appointing places
of Examination, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

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Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented by His Majesty's
Command,—Copy of Regulations under the
Education (Choice of Employment) Act, 1910,
providing for Choice of Employment Grants.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pur-
suant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,
—Accounts of the Metropolitan Police and the
Police Pension Funds for the year ended 31st
March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

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The Right Honourable Joseph Austin Cham-
berlain, Member for the Borough of Birmingham
(West Division), was sworn.

William Henry Somerset, Esquire, Member for the York County, Northern Part of the
West Riding (Keighley Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That notwithstanding anything in Business of
Standing Order No. 15, the Lords Amendment
to the Army (Annual) Bill may be considered
before Eleven o'clock this day.—(Mr. Chancellor
of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply
into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That
a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His
Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Air
Ministry, which will come in course of payment
during the year ending on the 31st day of March
1919.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,
That a sum, not exceeding £900, be granted for
the said Service,—(Mr. Pringle.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle,]
Yea, [Mr. Leif Jones,]
No, [Captain Guest:]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £1,000 to defray the Expense of the
Miscellaneous Effective Services of the Air
Force.

3. £1,000 to defray the Expense of the Half-
Pay, Pensions, and other Non-Effective Services
of the Air Force.

4. £1,000 to defray the Expense of the
Stores and Supplies of the Air Force.

5. £1,000 to defray the Expense of the
Quartering and Transport of the Air Force.

6. £1,000 to defray the Expense of the Works,

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair;
and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the
Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted
the House that he was directed to move, That the
Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
Army take into consideration the Amendment made
by the Lords to the Army (Annual) Bill; and
the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them that this House
hath agreed to the Amendment made by their
Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving sup-
ply the Report from the Committee of Supply of 18th April
the 18th day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-
morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant April;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Horse Breeding Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulses Orders) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1 I hereby nominate—

The Right Honourable John William Wilson
The Right Honourable Sir Willooughby Hyett Dickinson
The Right Honourable Charles William Bencerman
Mr. Thomas Pomer O'Connor, and
Mr. John Frederick Peel Radelinson, to act during this Session as temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

JAMES W. LOWTREB, Speaker.

26th April 1918.

Tuesday, 30th April 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords].

Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in the year ended 31st March 1918; together with the balances in the Exchequer on the 1st April 1917, the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended 31st March 1918 and the balances in the Exchequer on that day.

Account of the Commissioners for the Sinking Funds, Reduction of the National Debt, showing the amount received from the Exchequer in respect of the old and new Sinking Funds in the financial year ended 31st March 1918; also of the particular application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Sinking Fund Act, 1874.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education for the year 1916-17.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Princes Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement of War between the British and Ottoman Governments respecting Prisoners of War and Civilians.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Illingworth, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Pike, presented a Bill to alter the statutory limits of postal rates: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting after the words last inserted, the words:—

"Provided that this enactment shall not apply in any case where the court is satisfied by certificate given by or on behalf of the Board of
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5 after the word "person," to insert the words "not being a producer or manufacturer."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the words last inserted, to insert the word "knowingly."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question, That the word "knowingly" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out from the word "person," to the word "shall," in l. 9.—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "equal to," in order to insert the words "not exceeding."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That the words "equal to," stand part of the Clause.

Whereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms attending the House of Lords having come with a Message to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by the Sergeant-at-Arms attending the House of Lords:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned: and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as follows:

Army (Annual) Act, 1918.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the words "equal to" stand part of the Clause.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, {Mr. James Parker: } 90.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lough, Noes, {Mr. Pringle: } 25.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that a return shall be made to this House of all prices to which the Act applies and that no prosecutions shall take place under it until the order has been laid upon the Table for twenty-eight days."—(Mr. Lough.)
30th April.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant April:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of a Select Committee be Luxury Duty, appointed to consider and report what articles and places ought respectively to be classed as articles of luxury and places of luxury for the purpose of the provisions of any Act of the present Session which may impose a duty on payments made in respect of the purchase or supply of articles of luxury or on payments made in respect of goods sold or supplied, accommodation supplied, or services rendered, at any place of luxury.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Acland, Sir John Harwood-Bannister, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Davidson Daniel, Sir Henry Dalziel, Sir Edward Gambling, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Kennedy Jones, Mr. Riley, Mr. Partington, and Mr. Tyson Wilson.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, in preparing the list of articles of luxury, to divide it into two parts, the one of which shall contain those articles which are intrinsically articles of luxury and the other of which shall contain those articles which ought to be treated as articles of luxury if sold at or above any specified price.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint from outside its own body such additional persons as it may think fit to serve on any sub-committees which it may appoint, with a view to the preparation of lists of articles of luxury of any particular classes, or lists of places of luxury of any particular classes or in any particular localities.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to amend the Land Drainage Act, 1861, and to make further provision for the drainage of agricultural land—(Lord Edmund Talbot) ;

Mr. Prothero, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to regulate the use of stallions for stud purposes—(Lord Edmund Talbot) ;

Mr. Prothero, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Horse Breeding Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

—(Mr. Toynby Jones.)

The Horse Breeding Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Land Drainage Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of this instant April:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant April:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 32nd day of this instant April:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
Wednesday, 1st May 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports, &c., of English, Scotch, and Irish Committees on State Purchase and Control of Liquor Trade.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretory Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Schemes prepared by the Royal Commissioners appointed in pursuance of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, under which approximately one hundred Members of the House of Commons shall be elected on the principle of Proportional Representation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Duke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of amended Regulations under the Pharmacy (Ireland) Act, 1873, as to acceptance of other examinations in lieu of the Pharmaceutical Preliminary Examination.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Auckland Geddes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Regulation made under the Reserve Forces Act, 1892, by the Minister of National Service in regard to the Medical Examination of Reservists, dated 23rd April 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Register of Temporary Laws, No. 53.
1918.

Sugars (Customs.)

August, nineteen hundred and nineteen (that is to say):

Duty. | Section of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915.
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Increased duty on tea - | 1
Additional duties on dried fruit - | 8
Additional duty on motor spirit - | 10 (1)
New import duties - | 12

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Continuation of Duties (Excise).

2. That the following duties of Excise, imposed by Part I. of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and continued by section two of the Finance Act, 1917, until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall continue to be charged until the first day of August, nineteen hundred and nineteen (that is to say):

| Duty. | Section of Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915.
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Additional duty on motor spirit - | 10 (2)
Additional medicine duties - | 11

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Sugars (Excise).

3. That in lieu of the duties of Excise now payable on sugar imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties:

| £ s. d. |</p>

| Sugar of a polarisation exceeding 98 degrees | the cwt. | 1 5 8 |
| Sugar of a polarisation not exceeding 76 degrees | the cwt. | 0 12 4 |
| and intermediate duties varying between 25s. 8d. and 11s. 2d. on sugar of a polarisation not exceeding 98 and exceeding 76 degrees. | |
| Molasses (including all sugar and extracts from sugar which cannot be tested by the polarscope)— | |
| if containing 70 per cent. or more of sweetening matter | the cwt. | 0 16 3 |
| if containing less than 70 per cent. and more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter | - | 0 11 8 |
| if containing not more than 50 per cent. of sweetening matter | - | 0 5 8½ |
| Glucose— | |
| Solid | - | the cwt. | 0 16 3 |
| Liquid | - | the cwt. | 0 11 8 |
| Saccharin (including substances of a like nature or use) the oz. | 0 8 3 | and so in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.
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Chloral hydrate - the pound £ 3 6
Chloroform - the pound £ 0 8 8
Collodion - the gallon £ 3 10 0
Ether, acetic - the pound £ 0 5 2
Ether, butyric - the gallon £ 2 3 9
Ether, sulphuric - the gallon £ 3 13 2
Ethyl iodide of - the gallon £ 1 18 1
Ethyl bromide - the pound £ 0 2 10
Ethyl chloride - the gallon £ 2 3 9

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

6. That in addition to the duty of Excise now payable for every gallon computed at proof of spirits distilled in the United Kingdom there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say):—

£ s. d.
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For every gallon of spirits computed at proof £ 0 15 3
and so in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

7. That in addition to the duties of Customs now payable on tobacco unmanufactured, viz.:

£ s. d.
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Upon tobacco unmanufactured, viz.:

Containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
Unstripped - the lb. £ 0 8 2
Stripped - the lb. £ 0 8 2

Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
Unstripped - the lb. £ 0 9 0
Stripped - the lb. £ 0 9 1

8. That in addition to the duties of Excise now payable on beer brewed in the United Kingdom, there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say):—

£ s. d.
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For every thirty-six gallons of beer of a gravity—

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and so in proportion for any difference in gravity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

9. That in addition to the duties of Customs now payable on matches made in Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say):—

£ s. d.
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For every ten thousand matches a duty of £ 0 1 8
and so in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

10. That in addition to the duties of Excise now payable on matches imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duty (that is to say):—

£ s. d.
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For every ten thousand matches a duty of £ 0 1 8
and so in proportion for any less quantity.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

11. That in lieu of the duties of Customs now payable on tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties (that is to say):—

£ s. d.
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Upon tobacco unmanufactured, viz.:

Containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
Unstripped - the lb. £ 0 8 2
Stripped - the lb. £ 0 8 2

Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof—
Unstripped - the lb. £ 0 9 0
Stripped - the lb. £ 0 9 1

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Upon tobacco manufactured, viz.:

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<td>Other manufactured tobacco the lb.</td>
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<td>Snuff containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - - - the lb.</td>
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<td>Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof the lb.</td>
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**Tobacco (Excise).**

12. That in lieu of the duties of Excise payable on tobacco grown in Great Britain or Ireland there shall, and on and after the twenty-third day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be charged the following duties (that is to say):—

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And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

**Income Tax.**

14. That—

(a) Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, at the rate of six shillings in the pound, and the same additional Income Tax on the income from certain securities shall be charged for that year as was charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen;

(b) the like provisions shall have effect with respect to the Income Tax so charged (including the said additional Income Tax) and the annual value of property as had effect with respect to the Income Tax charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the value of property during that year; and

(c) it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

**Income Tax (Earned Income).**

15. That the relief given in respect of earned income shall be modified so as to allow relief only as follows, namely, relief by way of the reduction of the rate of the tax to—

2a. 3d. if the total income does not exceed five hundred pounds;

3a. if the total income exceeds five hundred pounds and does not exceed one thousand pounds;

3a. 6d. if the total income exceeds one thousand pounds and does not exceed one thousand five hundred pounds;

4a. 6d. if the total income exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds and does not exceed two thousand pounds;

5a. 3d. if the total income exceeds two thousand pounds and does not exceed five thousand pounds.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

**Income Tax (Unearned Income).**

16. That the relief given to an individual in respect of unearned income shall be modified so as to be such as will reduce the rate of tax on his unearned income to—

3a. if the total income does not exceed five hundred pounds;

3a. 6d. if the total income exceeds five hundred pounds but does not exceed one thousand pounds;

4a. 6d. if the total income exceeds one thousand pounds but does not exceed one thousand five hundred pounds;

5a. 3d. if the total income exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds but does not exceed two thousand pounds.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

**Income Tax (Super Tax).**

17. That—

(a) the additional duty of Income Tax (called Super Tax) shall be charged, in respect of incomes which exceed £2,500, as follows:

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(b) the like provisions shall have effect with
respect to the Super Tax as so charged as
had effect with respect to the Super Tax
charged for the year beginning the
sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and
seventeen; and
(c) it is declared that it is expedient in the
public interest that this Resolution shall
have statutory effect under the provisions of
the Provisional Collection of Taxes
Act, 1913.

Income Tax (Charge of Schedule B. Tax).
18. That Income Tax under Schedule B. shall
be charged for the current year (and for any
succeeding year for which Income Tax is
charged) in respect of the occupation of lands,
tenements, hereditaments, and heritages charge-
able under Schedule D for every twenty
shillings of an amount equal to twice the annual
value thereof, instead of for every twenty
shillings of the annual value thereof; and the
Acts relating to Income Tax (including any
enactments relating to relief from tax) shall
have effect accordingly.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in
the public interest that this Resolution shall
have statutory effect under the provisions of
the Provisional Collection of Taxes
Act, 1913.

Income Tax (Deduction on account of Land
abroad not to be allowed).
19. That in estimating the amount of annual
profits or gains arising or accruing from any
profession, trade, employment, or vocation and
chargeable to Income Tax under Schedule D no
deduction shall be made on account of the
annual value of any premises used or occupied
for the purpose of that profession, trade, employ-
ment, or vocation if the premises are situated
outside the United Kingdom.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in
the public interest that this Resolution shall
have statutory effect under the provisions of
the Provisional Collection of Taxes
Act, 1913.

Excess Profits Duty.
20. That excess profits duty under Part III.
of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, as amended

or extended by any subsequent enactment, shall,
unless Parliament otherwise determines, be
charged for any accounting period ending on or
after the first day of August, nineteen hundred
and eighteen, and before the first day of August,
nineteen hundred and nineteen.

Excess Profits Duty (Trading Stocks).
21. That for the purpose of excess profits duty Excess Profits
profits arising from the sale of trading stock
otherwise than in the ordinary course of trade,
at any time after the twenty-second day of
April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall be
debted to be profits arising from a trade or
business, and where any such sale takes place
after a trade or business has ceased the trade
or business shall for the purpose aforesaid be
debted to have been carried on up to and
including the date on which the sale takes place,
and where any trading stock is disposed of
otherwise than by way of sale it shall for the
purpose aforesaid be treated as having been
sold.

Stamp Duty (Bills of Exchange).
22. That two-pence shall be substituted for one stamp duty
penny as the stamp duty on all bills of exchange (bills of
exchange) and promissory notes now chargeable with duty
at the rate of one penny.

The first Two Resolutions, being read a second
time, were agreed to.

The Third Resolution, being read a second
time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question
being put, That this House doth agree with the
Committee in the said Resolution;

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Captain Guest,
Yea; | Lord Edmund Talbot; | 141.
Noes, | Mr. David Mason, |
Mr. Anderson: | 56.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth to the Thirteenth Resolutions,
being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Fourteenth Resolution, being read a second

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the
Resolution, in l. 11, by inserting after the word "year," the word "—"

"Provided that such proper deductions for
wear and tear, depreciation and obsolescence of
all assets, buildings, machinery, and plant em-
ployed in trade or business shall be allowed to
such amount as appears to the Commissioners of
Inland Revenue to be the amount which would
be deducted by a prudent owner desirous of
maintaining his trade or business in a state of
efficiency."—(Mr. George Terrill.)

And the Question being put, That those words
be there inserted;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Pearse,
Yea; | Sir John Harwood |
Banner: | 40.
Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, |
Noes, | Mr. Dudley Ward: | 110.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [18th April] Report. the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of April last; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Land Drainage [Expenses.] (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to amend the Land Drainage Act, 1861, and to make further provision for the drainage of Agricultural land.—(Sir Richard Winfrey.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John William Wilson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Horse Breeding [Expenses.]

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to regulate the use of stallions for stud purposes.—(Sir Richard Winfrey.)

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words “provided that the total amount payable shall not exceed ten thousand pounds in any one financial year.—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to regulate the use of stallions for stud purposes, provided that the total amount payable shall not exceed ten thousand pounds in any one financial year.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John William Wilson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Marriages from the Committee on the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill; that they had considered the Provisional Orders therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Nitrate the Nitrate Railways Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time upon Post Office Monday next, the Post Office Bill was read, and Bill, discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to present another Bill instead thereof.—(Mr. Iliffeworth.)

Mr. Iliffeworth accordingly presented a Bill Post Office to alter the statutory limits of postal rates: And Bill 25.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That leave be given to present another Bill instead thereof.—(Mr. Iliffeworth.)

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £543,880 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £543,880 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Albin Richardson.)

Whereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms attending the House of Lords, having come with a Message to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by the Sergeant-at- Arm attending the House of Lords:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers.—And having returned;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as follows:

Increase of Rent, &c. (Amendment) Act, 1918.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply;

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £543,880, be granted for the said service:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of April last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

Class I.

1. That a sum not exceeding £64,340 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, including a Grant in Aid.

2. That a sum not exceeding £34,800 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Osborne.

3. That a sum not exceeding £4,000 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Osborne.

4. That a sum not exceeding £57,050 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

5. That a sum not exceeding £35,100 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Houses of Parliament Buildings.

6. That a sum not exceeding £34,600 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings.

7. That a sum not exceeding £40,800 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings.

8. That a sum not exceeding £23,800 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

9. That a sum not exceeding £96,300 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Customs and Excise, Inland Revenue, Post Office and Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad.

10. That a sum not exceeding £151,100 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of Ministry of Labour, Employment Exchange and Insurance Buildings, Great Britain.

11. That a sum not exceeding £138,250 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

The first seven Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Eighth Resolution, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned,—(Mr. James Hope.)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Then the remaining Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [29th April] Report.
Monday, 6th May 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Morcambe Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Marriages Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Schedule to the First Report of the Royal Commission appointed to consider and report what Compensation should be paid in respect of Losses incurred through the exercise by the Crown of its rights and duties in the Defence of the Realm.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Horse Breeding Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Defence of the Realm Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Land Drainage [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Horse Breeding [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned until Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.
And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

—(Mr. James Hope.)

Post Office (No. 2) Bill.

The Post Office (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

—(Mr. Pratt.)

Horse Breeding (Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Horse Breeding (Expenses);

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Horse Breeding Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Horse Breeding Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Land Drainage (Expenses) Bill.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee on Land Drainage (Expenses) a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under any Act of the present Session to amend the Land Drainage Act, 1861, and to make further provision for the drainage of agricultural land.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Maternity and Child Welfare Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Supply (2nd May) Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.


The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant May, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, that a sum, not exceeding £3,800, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad, reported from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of April last;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of the 29th day of April last;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, and of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to regulate the use of stallions for stud purposes.—(Sir Richard Winfrey.)

Secretary Sir George Cave, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 7th May 1918.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz:—

Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords].

Pontypool and Ebbw Vale Joint Water Board Bill [Lords].

Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Public Petition was presented, and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Mr. Herbert Fowler presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 27th April 1918, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Copy of Order in Council under the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864, dated 27th April 1918, relating to the distribution of Prize Bounty, &c.

Copy of Final Order in Council under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 27th April 1918, entitled the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 1) Order, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Meat Rationing Order, 1918, Directions to Pork Butchers, Meat Rationing Order, 1918, Directions to General Butchers, Meat Rationing Order, 1918, Directions to Retailers of Meat other than Butchers' Meat or Pork, Potatoes Amendment Order, 1918, Oil and Fat Compound (Licensing of Manufacturers and Requisition) Order, 1918, Cocoa Powder Order, 1918, General Licence, Order amending the Flour and Emr (Registration) Order, 1918, Importers (Returns) Order, 1918, and Meat Rationing Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Forty-second Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Advances made under the Irish Land Purchase Acts during the months of April, May, June, and July 1918.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statute X. of the National University of Ireland, made under the Irish Universities Act, 1908.

Copy of Rules and Schedule containing the Programme of Examinations relative to Intermediate Education (Ireland) for 1919.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Intermediate Education (Ireland) be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Reports of the Director of the National Gallery and National Gallery of British Art for the year 1917.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have come to the following Resolution, viz. That it is desirable that the Criminal Law Amendment Bill (Lords) and the Sexual Offences Bill (Lords) be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

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Mr. Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on Standing Committee B:—Sir William Ryland-Addins, Major Astor, Sir Frederick Banbury, Mr. Hicks Beach, Captain Bennett-Goldney, Sir John Bethell, Mr. Bigland, Sir Arthur Black, Mr. Blaiz, Mr. William Boyle, Mr. Cator, Sir William Cowen, Major David Davies, Mr. Ellis Davies, Mr. Danes, Sir Harold Elerton, Mr. Fere, Mr. Philip Foster, Mr. Grant, Colonel Gretton, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Percy Hewitt, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hayden, Major Hayward, Sir Norval Helme. Mr. Higham, Major Hills, Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare, Colonel Sir John Hope, Major Hunt, Colonel Jackson, Mr. Ernest Jardine, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Kennedy, Sir Clement Kirloch-Cook, Major Lane-Fox, Mr. Lardner, Sir Francis Love, Mr. Swift MacNeill, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Meany, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Nuttall, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Charles Price, Mr. Reed, Mr. Rowlands, Sir John Spear, Mr. Theodore Taylor, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Turton, Mr. Catheart Wason, Mr. Watt, Major Whaler, Mr. Patrick White, Mr. Wise, Mr. John Williams, Colonel Percy Williams, Colonel Wiltho, Captain Sir Samuel Wilson, Mr. Tyron Wilson, and Major Wood.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett presented a Bill Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill, confirming a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity consisting of the Congregational Chapel and trust property in the parish of Westgate-on-Sea, in the county of Kent: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. George Roberts supported by Mr. Addison, Trade Boards Bill. Mr. Bridgeman, and Mr. Solicitor General presented a Bill to amend the Trade Boards Act, 1909: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Progressive and comprehensive organisation of education).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out from the beginning to the word "it."—In in 8.—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "available," in l. 7, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "capable of profiting thereby."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "area," to insert the words "including the provision of secondary or higher education in free public-controlled and public-managed schools available for all persons desirous of such education."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. King, Mr. Anderson] 55.


Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Development of education in public elementary schools).

Amendments made.

An Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "unless adequate and suitable provision is otherwise made."—(Sir Henry Craik.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the | Sir Montagu Barlow, | 51.
 | Sir James Blyton: |
Tellers for the | Captain Guest, | 158.
 | Lord Edmund Talbot: |

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, to leave out sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a).
—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the end of l. 26 stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, after the word "fourteen," to insert the words «Part I.»—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, after the word "ages," to insert the word "and."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question, That the word "and" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out the word "instruction," in order to insert the word "learning."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question, That the word "instruction" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, after the word "fourteen," to insert the words "and those who stay at such schools until the age of sixteen."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—"and that such provision of free secondary schools available for all who have satisfactorily completed the elementary school course or who are otherwise qualified for admission."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Establishment of continuation schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, to leave out the words "Part II.," in order to insert the words "Part III."
—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the words "Part II." stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, after "1902," to insert the words "and of every local education authority exercising the powers of section three of that Act."—(Sir John Harmsworth-Bennett.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, after the second word "of," to insert the words "secondary schools and."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out the word "instruction," in order to insert the word "education."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question proposed, That the word "instruction," stand part of the Clause;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Committee on the Horse Breeding Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [2nd May] the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [29th April] the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Committee on the Horse Breeding [Expenses]; Breeding [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, (No. 8.) resolve itself into the said Committee.
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7th—8th May.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the room of Edward Shortt, Esquire, King's Counsel, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.—(Captain Guest.)

Sir Robert Hunt Stagylton Dudley Lytton New Member
Neuham, baronet, Member for the Borough of
Exeter, was sworn.

Mr. Eugene Wason reported from the Chair- men's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Samuel Roberts to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Land Drainage Bill).

Mr. Eugene Wason further reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had agreed to the following Resolutions:

That any Member of the Chairman's Panel may be and he is hereby empowered to ask any other Member of the Chairman's Panel to take his place temporarily in case of necessity.

That, in the absence of the Chairman of the Chairman's Panel, the Panel may be convened at the request of any Two Members of the Panel.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Com- mittee of Selection; That they had added the following Twelve Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Land Drainage Bill): — Major Brassev, Mr. Bronton, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Caree, General Colein, Sir George Greenwood, Sir Robert Price, Mr. Frohert, Mr. Raffin, Mr. Arnold Ward, Mr. Dundas White, and Sir Richard Winfrey.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen’s Compensation (Illegal Employment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Bill, to confer further powers on the Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Company; to which the Lords do desire the concurrence of this House.

The Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 (Establishment of continuation schools).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out the word “instruction,” and insert the word “education.”

Question again proposed, That the word “instruction” stand part of the Clause:—Amend ment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, after the word "instruction," to insert the words "other than military training."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Whitehouse,)

Yes, | Mr. Adamson : | 44

Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot,)

Noes, | Captain Guest : | 201

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, after the word "instruction," to insert the words "military drill."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Peto,)

Yes, | Mr. Marriott : | 43

Tellers for the (Captain Guest,)

Noes, | Lord Edmund Talbot : | 176

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, to leave out the words "resident in their area."—(Mr. Leslie Scott.)

Question, That the word "resident" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) In all rural areas the continuation schools provided shall afford facilities for teaching practical subjects connected with agriculture, and all scholars who intend to take up any branch of agriculture as a career shall be given instruction in those subjects."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) In all rural areas the continuation schools provided shall afford facilities for teaching practical subjects connected with agriculture."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Peto,)

Yes, | Sir John Spear : | 31

Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot,)

Noes, | Captain Guest : | 121

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) The buildings, equipment, teaching staff, and conditions of teaching in continuation schools shall be in accordance with regulations which shall be part of the Education Code laid before Parliament."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed. That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) The course of instruction provided in continuation schools may include lectures and classes given under the supervision of a university of the United Kingdom."—(Mr. Marriott.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Consultation of authorities for the purposes of Part III. of the Education Act, 1902.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, at the end, to add the words—

"(2) Before submitting schemes under this Act a local education authority shall consider any representations made to them by parents or other persons or bodies of persons interested and shall adopt such measures to ascertain their views as they consider desirable, and the authority shall take such steps to give publicity to their proposals as they consider suitable or as the Board of Education may require."—(Mr. Herbert Fuller.)

Question proposed. That those words be there added:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tradg Boards Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Horse Committee on the Horse Breeding Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be receiveto-morrow.
Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Horse Breeding [Expenses] (No. 5).

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, and of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to regulate the use of stallions for stud purposes.—(Sir Richard Winfrey.)

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "provided that no more than £20,000 be paid in any one year."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, and of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to regulate the use of stallions for stud purposes, provided that no more than £20,000 be paid in any one year.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Adjourment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 9th May, 1918.

Prayers.

Brentford Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of March last That the Brentford Gas Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 6th day of June next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the York Gas Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rhydyfëny and Aberdare Valleys Gas and Water Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated 24th April 1918, for the adjustment of the Annuities held by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Banks of Savings and the Post Office Savings Banks' Fund. ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Home Accounts of the Government of India, 1916-1917. ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the Paper relative to East India (Home Accounts) be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Order revoking the Wheat (Seed) Order, 1918, and Order continuing temporarily the Cream Order, 1917, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office (No. 2) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Variation of statutory limits for certain rates of postage).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that transactions of any learned society, being a member of or recommended by the Conjunct Board of Scientific Societies, may be posted at the same rates as are applicable to registered newspapers."—(Mr. Wilson Fox.)

Question, That those words be there inserted put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

Sir Richard Winfrey reported from the Committee on Horse Breeding [Expenses] (No. 2) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, and of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to regulate the use of stallions for stud purposes provided that no more than £20,000 be paid in any one year.

The said Resolution being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Baldwin presented Return to an Order for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of [2nd May] the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next. 
Monday, 13th May 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Nitrate Railways Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

PONTYPOOL GAS AND WATER BILL [Lords.]

The Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Pontypool and Rhondda Joint Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Munro presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Motherwell Water (Supplementary Supply); and the same was read the first time; and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Pontypool (Wansbeck Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Charles Fenwick, deceased.—(Mr. Gulland.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Treasury Committee on Bank Amalgamations.

Copy of Sixty-second Report of His Majesty’s Civil Service Commissioners.

Mr. Baldwin also presented.—Return to an Order dated the 21st day of February last, for a Return relative to Members holding Office under the Crown.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return giving particulars of cases in which persons had been reinstated with the assistance of the Estates Commissioners during the quarters ended 30th September 1917, 31st December 1917, and 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Churchill presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Fourth Report of the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) appointed under the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 3) Act, 1915.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the circumstances attending an Explosion of

Eire, which occurred at Springhill Colliery, Ayrshire, on the 18th July 1917.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to inquire and report as to precautions for preventing danger of infection by anthrax in the manipulation of wool, goat hair, and camel hair. Vol. I. Report of the Disinfection Sub-Committee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Brighouse Gas Bill [Lords.]: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made no further Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 25th day of February last, the 5th and 12th days of March last, the 12th and 29th days of April last, and the 7th day of this instant May; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Long, supported by Mr. Hennessy, presented a Bill to improve the existing organic Bill for the purpose of affording information and assistance to those who wish to emigrate from the British Islands and to provide for the establishment and powers of a central emigration authority, and for the supervision and control of passage brokers and passage brokers’ agents, and emigration societies, and for purposes in connection therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Proportional Representation proposed, That the Scheme for the election of the House of Commons of Members for certain constituencies on the principle of Proportional Representation, prepared by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and laid before Parliament, be and the same is hereby adopted by the House.—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in l. 1, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “in the opinion of this House, the change in the method of parliamentary representation and elections involved in the adoption of the Report is inadvisable, that the scheme is not justified by the nature and extent of the results of the local inquiries held and that the House declines to proceed further in the matter,” —(Mr. Burdett-Coutts), —instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir Henry Craik rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put,
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Captain Amery, | Mr. Holt : | 110.
Tellers for the Noes, | Sir Thomas Whittaker, | Sir John Harwood | 166.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question so amended being put:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the change in the method of parliamentary representation and elections involved in the adoption of the Report is insidious, that the scheme is not justified by the nature and extent or the results of the local inquiries held; and that the House declines to proceed further in the matter.

The Small Holding Colonies (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

(Sir Richard Wasyfrays.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Horse Breeding Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Restriction on travelling and exhibiting unlicensed stallions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "age," to insert the words "uses it, or permits it to be used, for stud purposes, or."

Mr. Watt.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "or exhibits it at any market or show or in any public place."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Licensing of stallions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that in the case of a stallion that is not less than eight years old and has been licensed in three successive years (i.e., as a five, six, and seven year old) such licence shall not be revoked or suspended except on account of contagious or infectious disease. —(Colonel Sanders.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, to leave out from the word "mares," to the end of l. 30. —(Colonel Sanders.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.
Tuesday, 14th May 1918.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- London County Council (Money) Bill.
- That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred to on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Bill [Lords].
- Railway Passengers Assurance Bill [Lords].
- That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Wardle presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the general Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Bridport, Sandown, Scarborough, and Shornham: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Wardle presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1909, relating to Arlesey Gas, Folkestone Gas, Stirling Gas, and Trowbridge Gas: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Wardle presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Arlesey Gas, Llandrindod Wells Gas, Hoylake and West Kirby Water, North Warwickshire Water, and Wey Valley Water: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.


Copies of Two Orders in Council under the Naval and Military Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 7th May 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland presented, Dog Regulation Act (Ireland) Act, 1865, for the year 1917.

Copy of Abstract of Accounts of Fines Fines, &c., accounted for by the Registrar of Petty Sessions, Clerks in Ireland for the year 1916.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a message from the Lords had been brought to the House by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled The County of London Electric Supply Bill, as an Act to extend the powers of the County of London Electric Supply Company, Limited, with reference to the user of certain lands and the payment of interest out of capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Act to confer further powers on the Yorkshire Electric Power Company, and to make further provisions with respect to the supply of electrical energy in the area of that company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Wandsworth, Wandsworth, Wandsworth, and Epsom District Gas Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The County of London Electric Supply Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Wands Worth, Wimbledon, and Epsom District Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, brought up, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Horse Breeding Bill.

(Clause No. 2 (Licensing of Stallions).)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, to leave out from the word "mares" to the end of l. 30.
Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
Question put, and agreed to.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 3 amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 6 agreed to.
Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 8 to No. 10 agreed to.
Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 12 and No. 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 15 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Small Holding Colonies (Amendment) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant May;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Emigration (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashford, Bradford, Gainsborough, Shipley, and Sidmouth: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bexley, Bognor, Lancaster, Shrewsbury, and Tidworth (Rural): And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Kendal: And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

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Wednesay, 15th May 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Emigration Second Reading of the Emigration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Finance to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of monies to be provided by Parliament, of any expenses incurred by any local authority or police authority in the exercise of powers in relation to luxury duty, and of authorising a provision to enable the currency of war savings certificates to be extended in pursuance of any Act of the present Session dealing with Finance.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Mr. Prothero, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Swanses: and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Long presented a Bill to confirm a certain Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the county borough of Limerick: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the President of the Board of Trade by the Committee appointed to advise the Board of Trade on matters arising under the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 11th May 1918, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Sale of Sweetmeats (Restriction) Order, 1918; London and Home Counties (Rationing Scheme) Order, 1918 Directions; Meat (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917 Directions; Order revoking the Dried Fruits (Restriction) Order; Greek Currants (Maximum Prices) Order, 1918; and Order amending the Foreign Holdings (Returns) Order, 1918; made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Annual Accounts of Receipts and Payments in respect of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Pension Fund for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Nelson Corporation Water Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Nelson to construct additional waterworks; to make further provision in regard to their water undertaking; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Nelson Corporation Water Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; That they had made further progress in the matters to which they referred and directed him to make a Report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cave, supported by Mr. British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914; And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, sitting(s) at Twelve of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Class II.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918–19.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £180,253, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £180,153, be granted to the said Service.—(Mr. Rowlands.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chair left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd May.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Churchill presented,—Return to an Order, Places of Worship, &c. Session of Parliament for a Return showing what Grants have been made by the Ministry of Munitions since the 4th day of August 1914 of (a) sites of Land on which churches or other places of worship were to be erected for sailors, soldiers, and munition workers; (b) money contributions in connection with these sites or other places of worship; (c) sites and money contributions for schools, clubs, institutes, and recreation rooms; (d) sites, buildings, and money for Young Men’s Christian Association huts, buildings, premises, and work; with any details in each case.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Insurance Provisional Regulations, dated 22nd April 1918, made by the Treasury under Section 83 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, entitled the National Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant East India to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— (Financial Copy of East India (Financial Statement and Budget) for 1918-19 and discussions thereon in the Session of Parliament for a Return showing National Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1918.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—


Copy of Fourth Schedule, containing a list Public Records and particulars of certain classes of documents (High Court in existing or accruing in the High Court of Bankruptcy.) Justice in Bankruptcy which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That the Reports of the Select National Committee on National Expenditure of Session 1917-18 be referred to the Select Committee on National Expenditure.—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

Ordered, That the proceedings on considera- tion of the Lords Amendment to the Defence of the Realm (Food Profit) Bill and on the Motion for the Adjournment of the House (Whitsuntide) have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Chancelor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage (Lotting Fen) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to authorize the closing and sale of the church of St. Olave, Southwark, and the sale of the St. Olave’s rectory and the site of the old rectory; the extinction of the ecclesiastical parish of St. Olave, Southwark, and the merger thereof in other parishes; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lordships.

The Saint Olave’s Church, Southwark, Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

A Message was delivered by Captain Thomas Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

2. Post Office Act, 1918.
3. Defence of the Realm (Food Profits) Act, 1918.
4. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1918.
5. Land Drainage (Lottin Fee) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1918.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to authorize the closing and sale of the church of St. Olave, Southwark, and the sale of the church of St. Olave, Southwark, and the site of the old rectory; the extinction of the ecclesiastical parish of St. Olave, Southwark, and the merger thereof in other parishes; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Horse into consideration the Horse Breeding Bill as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Boards Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Emigration Second Reading of the Emigration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Holding Committee on Small Holding Colonies (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Finance [Expenses, &c.]:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February, last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 28th day of this instant May, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Tuesday, 28th May 1918.

PRAYERS.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Wandsworth, Wimbledon, and Epsom District Gas Bill [Lords].
- Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords].
- County of London Electric Supply Bill [Lords].
- Nelson Corporation Water Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brixham Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Londonderry Corporation Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Railway Passengers Assurance Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Motherwell Water (Supplementary Supply) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be considered upon Friday next.

The Land Drainage (Pinchbeck) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, increasing the scale of Remuneration.

Copy of Regulations made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland under the Corn Production Act, 1917, entitled the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland (Definition of Benefits) Regulations, 1918.

Copy of Increase of Costs prescribed by Land Registry Rules, 1910, under the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Copy of General Order (Ireland) under the Civilian Remuneration Act, 1881, dated 7th May 1918, increasing the scale of Remuneration.

Copy of Order in Council under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, dated 14th May 1918, giving effect to Rules of Court.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Auckland Geddes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, entitled the Military Service (Agricultural Exemptions) Order, 1918, withdrawing from the 14th June 1918 Certificates of Exemption from certain men engaged in Agricultural Work in England and Wales, and similar Order for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, entitled the Military Service (Professional Committees' Regulations) Order, 1918.

Copy of Order in Council, entitled the Immature Rum Order, 1916, Amendment Order, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Roberts presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made by the Board of Trade under the National Insurance Act, 1911, entitled the Unemployment Insurance (Supplementary) Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Copies of Mest Ratiorion Order, 1918 Directions to General Butchers; Meat anticipation Order, 1918 Directions to Retailers of uncooked Bacon and Ham; Sale of Sweets (Restriction) Order, 1918 General Licences; Beehive Section (Maximum Prices) Order, 1918; and Gooseberries Order, 1918; made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Report to the Lord Chancellor of the number of Visits made, the number of Patients seen, and the number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics, between the 1st October 1917 and the 31st March 1918.

Returns of all sums received by the Visitors of Lunatics for travelling expenses, or upon other account, from 1st January to 31st December 1917.

Account showing the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st December 1917, as investments for moneys forming part of the National Health Insurance Fund, No. 65, paid over to them by the Insurance Commissioners for England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, under Section 54 (3) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Accounts showing the nature and amount of National Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt at 31st March 1918 as investments for moneys forming part of the National Health Insurance Fund, No. 66, the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Board of Trade under Section 92 (3) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court, dated Supreme Court (Rules.) 13th May 1918.

Copy of Rules for County Courts, dated 13th County Court (Rules.) 1918, with explanatory Memorandum.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to the National Insurance Act, 1911, be printed.

The Right Honourable Edward Shee, K.C., New Member Number for the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords by the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Harrod's Stores Bill [Lords.] for enabling Harrod's Stores, Limited, to re-arrange its capital and to provide for the extinction of its founders' shares and for issuing fully paid ordinary shares in lieu thereof, and for altering the memorandum and articles of association of the Company and to increase its capital, and for enabling Harrod's Stores Founders' Shares Company, Limited, to pay to its directors compensation for loss of office as directors of that Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An West Sussex County Council (Bridges) Bill [Lords.] to empower the West Sussex County Council to construct a new bridge and approaches across the River Adur at Shoreham-by-Sea and to transfer to the said county council the Rapse bridges in the county of West Sussex, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An West Sussex County Council (Bridges) Bill [Lords.] to alter the wards thereof, to increase the number of aldermen and councillors, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Harrod's Stores Bill [Lords.] was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The West Sussex County Council (Bridges) West Sussex Bill [Lords.] was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1918-19.

Ministry of Pensions.

£900 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Pensions, and for sundry Contributions in respect of the administration of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant May;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Finance

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Retail Bread Trade Boards (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Department of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Holding Committee on the Small Holding Colonies (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Committee on Finance [Expenses, &c.];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment. Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 29th May 1918.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Gravesend, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Gilbert Parker, Baronet, who, since his Election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the County of York. (Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Fourth Report of the Medical Service Board of the Highlands and Islands, for the year 1917.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland under the Corn Production Act, 1917, requiring the discharge of certain duties by District Agricultural Wages Committees and the Central Agricultural Wages Committee.

Copy of Report on the state of the Finances of the University of the University of Edinburgh, made by the University Court, for the year ended 31st August 1917.

Copies of University Court Ordinances, No. 67 [Edinburgh, No. 25], Amendment of Ordinance (Scotland) Act, 1889, No. 22 (Edinburgh, No. 11) (Regulations for Ordinances).
Degrees in Arts); University Court Ordinance, No. 88 (Edinburgh, No. 26) (Institution of a Degree with honours in Pure Science and relative Regulations); and University Court Ordinance, No. 89 (Edinburgh, No. 27) (Regulations as to the Finances of the University under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinances), be printed.

Textile Trades (Departmental Committee.) Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to consider the position of the Textile Trades after the War.

Iron and Steel Trades (Departmental Committee.) Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to consider the position of the Iron and Steel Trades after the War.

Electrical Trades (Departmental Committee.) Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to consider the position of the Electrical Trades after the War.

Engineering Trades (Departmental Committee.) Sir Albert Stanley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board from the time of their incorporation down to and inclusive of the 31st March, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Food. Mr. Cluse presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Live Stock (Sales) Order, 1918, and Potatoes (Base Price) Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.) Clause No. 4 (Consultation of authorities for the purposes of Part III. of the Education Act, 1902).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, at the end, to add the words—

"(2) Before submitting schemes under this Act shall have regard to any existing supply of efficient schools or colleges not provided by local education authorities, and to any proposals to provide such schools or colleges."

—Mr. Herbert Fisher.

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Proposed words amended, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "efficient," the words "and suitable,"—(Mr. King)—and, as amended, there added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, after the words last added, to add the words—

"In schemes under this Act adequate provision shall be made in order to secure that children and young persons shall not be debarred from enjoying the benefits of education through inability to pay fees."—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Proposed words amended, in l. 2, by leaving out the word "enjoying," and inserting the word "receiving,"—(Mr. Tyson Wilson)—in l. 3, at the beginning, by inserting the words "any area of," after the word "education," by inserting the words "by which they are capable of profiting,"—(Mr. Whitehouse)—and, as amended, there added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Approval of schemes by Board of Education).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) The Board of Education shall draw up and lay upon the Table of the House a sample scheme upon which local education authorities can base the scheme to submit to the Board."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Provisions as to co-operation and combination).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 32, after the word "Acts," to insert the words "the education committees of."

—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."

—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Provisions as to compulsory attendance at elementary schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 38, to leave out subsection (1)—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "five," in p. 4, l. 40, stand part of the Clause. Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided nevertheless that this provision shall not have effect until after the provisions
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required under section two shall have been made, and the facilities for education are available.”—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 8, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Baldwin.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “fifteen,” in p. 5, l. 10, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 10, to leave out the word “fifteen,” in order to insert the word “sixteen.”—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question put, That the word “fifteen” stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, 168,
Yea,] Mr. Dudley Ward : 36.
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Tellers for the] Mr. Whitehouse,
Nee,] Lord Henry Bentinck : 94.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 13, to leave out from the first word “school,” to the end of l. 17.—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “or,” in l. 15, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, to leave out the words “or to children other than those employed in specified occupations.”—(Mr. Booth.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that where necessary owing to the position of the parents or guardians of young persons over the age of fourteen years, the local education authority, under schemes to be approved by the Board of Education, shall pay maintenance allowances for such young persons who are in compulsory full time attendance at school."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whitehouse, 23,]
Yea,] Mr. Chancellor :
Nee,] Mr. Dudley Ward :
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 18, to leave out, to the word “or,” in l. 13, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 19, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Marriott.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

And being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant May:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Supply of the 2nd day of this instant May:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply from the Committee of Supply of [2nd May] the 2nd day of this instant May:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply from the Committee of Supply of [29th April] the 29th day of April last:

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Finance into a Committee of Finance [Expenses, &c.].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses incurred by any local authority or police authority in the exercise of powers in relation to luxury duty; and to authorise a provision to enable the currency of war saving certificates to be extended in pursuance of any Act of the present Session dealing with Finance.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment. Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 30th May 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Com. Committee of Ways and Means;—Copies of Order amending the Damaged Food, Grain, Seeds, and Pulse (Prices) Order, 1917, and Order amending the Horse and Poultry Order.
Order of Government

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Interim Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Organisation and Staffing of Government Offices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Conservators of the River Medway for the year ending 25th March 1918.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

Clause 8 (Provisions as to compulsory attendance at elementary schools).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 28, to leave out subsection (3).

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, to leave out subsection (4).—(Sir Albert Spicer.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "may," in p. 6, l. 34, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the words "shall, on the request in writing of not less than ten parents of children attending public elementary schools in the area."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question put, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, 188.]

Mr. Dudley Ward; 3.

Tellers for the [Colonel Wedgwood, Noes, 29.]

 Colonel Wedgwood.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 40, to leave out from the beginning, to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the words "such children regularly attend at a nursery school provided and maintained by the local education authority and recognised by the Board of Education."—(Sir James Yoxall.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, to leave out subsection (3).—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Clause 9 (Provisions as to compulsory attendance at continuation schools).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 7, after the word "child," to insert the words "over the age of thirteen."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 11, to leave out the words "or special."—(Colonel Sir Mark Sykes.)

Question proposed, That the words "or special" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 16, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 20.—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "for," in l. 19, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 19, after the word "afforded," to insert the words "in such cases and in such manner as the Board of Education may approve."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words:

Provided also that nothing in this section shall prevent a parent from choosing a school or class which his child shall attend where there is more than one school or class available.—(Sir Montague Barlow.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause 10 (Compulsory attendance at continuation schools).

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Provisions for avoidance of broken school terms).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 1, after the word "that," to insert the words "except when change of residence from one district to another has taken place."—(Sir James Yoxall.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Compulsory attendance at continuation schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 8, to leave out the word "all," in order to insert the word "such."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question, That the word "all" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 9, to leave out the word "shall," in order to insert the words "may, on the written wish of their parents, or parent if but one be alive."—(Major Barnston.)

Question put, That the word "shall" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Yeas, 106.]

Mr. James Parker; 29.

Tellers for the [Major Barnston, Noes, 29.]
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment,Ordered, That the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House having continued to sit till eleven minutes before Eleven of the clock adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

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**Friday, 31st May 1918.**

**PRAYERS.**

*The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Motherwell (Scotland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; The Horse Breeding Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill; The Emigration Bill was proceeded to take into consideration the Motherwell (Supplementary Supply) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Scotland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; the Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Emigration Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Small Holding Colonies (Amendment) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of this instant May;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all expenses of the Central Emigration Authority constituted under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment and powers of a Central Emigration Authority, and for other purposes relative thereto.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Lord Edmund Talbot, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then nineteen minutes after Four of the clock, till Monday next.

The Brixham Gas Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Londonderry Corporation Bill was read Londonderry Corporation Bill the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The County of London Electric Supply Bill County of London Electric Supply Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

The Nelson Corporation Water Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

The Wandsworth, Wimbledon, and Epsom District Gas Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

The Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

The Motherwell Water (Supplementary Supply) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command.—Copy of Regulations for Secondary Schools in England, excluding Wales and Monmouthshire.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial Secretary, and Command.—Copy of Colonial Report, Reports No. 938 (Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Report for 1916-17).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the National Accounts of the National Factories and of the Royal Aircraft Factory for the year 1916-17, with the Report of the Comptroller No. 65, and Auditor-General thereon.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, pursuant to an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Fifty-fourth Annual Report on Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1906, of proceedings during the year 1917, presented to the Local Government Board and to the Secretary for Scotland.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Com. Ministry.—Copies of Order amending the Public Food Meals Order, 1918, and Rice (Retail Prices)
Amendment Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report on the Board of Trade upon the Accidents that have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the year 1917.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report on Conciliation and Arbitration by the Committee on Relations between Employers and Employed.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, determining the maximum number of Superintendents of Examinations to be appointed in 1918.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter relative to the Arrest of certain Members of Parliament, which he read to the House as followeth:—

Chief Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle, 1st June 1918.

Sir,
I have the honour to inform you that the following Members of Parliament were arrested under the authority of Orders issued by me on the 17th May under Regulation 14b of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and were transferred on the 18th May to Great Britain for internment:—

(1) Mr. Edmund de Valera, M.P. for East Clare, on 17th May;
(2) Count George N. Plunkett, M.P. for North Roscommon, on 18th May;
(3) Mr. W. T. Cosgrave, M.P. for Kilkenny City, on 18th May; and
(4) Mr. Joseph McGlinness, M.P. for South Longford, on 18th May.

I desire to say that my Order of the 17th May recited that the above-named Members of Parliament were persons within an area in respect of which the operation of section one of the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, is for the time being suspended; and, further, that on the recommendation of a competent military authority, appointed under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, it appeared to me that for securing the public safety and the defence of the Realm it was expedient that the said Members of Parliament should, in view of the fact that they were persons suspected of acting, having acted, and being about to act in a manner prejudicial to the public safety and the defence of the Realm, be interned, and be subject to all the rules and conditions applicable to persons interned, and should remain interned until further orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Edward Shortt,
Chief Secretary.

The Right Honourable
Mr. Speaker of the
House of Commons.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sitting on Sundays) of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.
Clauses No. 4 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses No. 5 to No. 7 agreed to.
Clauses No. 8 (Increased Customs duties on sugar).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [ Lord Edmund Tolbot, ]
Year, [ Mr. Dudley Ward : ]
Tellers for the [ Mr. David Mason, ]
Nees, [ Captain Albert Smith : ]

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Duty on articles and places of luxury).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 27, to leave out the words "of an amount equal to one-sixth part of the payment," in order to insert the words "at the rate shown in the scale set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Act."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause No. 12 and No. 13 disagreed to.
Clause No. 14 to No. 17 agreed to.
Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Modification of relief given in respect of earned income).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words—

"one shilling if the total income does not exceed two hundred pounds;
"one shilling and sixpence if the total income exceeds two hundred pounds and does not exceed two hundred and fifty pounds;
"one shilling and ninetypence if the total income exceeds two hundred and fifty pounds and does not exceed three hundred and fifty pounds."—(Mr. Adamson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 21 (Graduation of tax on unearned incomes in case of incomes not exceeding £2,000).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 34, to leave out the words "three shillings," in order to insert the words "two shillings and sixpence."—(Sir Roald Adkins.)

Question proposed, That the words "three shillings," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Charge of Schedule B tax), for purposes of games or recreation without any shillings," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Continuance of certain relief from income tax).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 26, at the end, to add the words—

Amended, and negatived.

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 8, at the end, to add the words "except in the case of land used for charitable purposes only or both for purposes of games or recreation without any view to the payment of any dividend or profit out of the revenue thereof."—(Sir James Boyton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Provision with respect to temporary operation is out of work for the time "vacation," to insert the words "are the property of the trader or manufacturer and."—(Mr. John Henderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. James Hope),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Holding Committee on the Small Holding Colonies Education (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Boards Second Reading of Trade Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Emigration [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses of the Central Emigration Authority constituted under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment and powers of a Central Emigration Authority, and for other purposes relative thereto.—(Mr. Heurn.)

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "not exceeding two thousand pounds in any year."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Saint Olave's Church, Southwark, Bill [Lords].
West Sussex County Council (Bridges) Bill [Lords].
West Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords].
Harrod's Stores Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills, Privy Bills, That in the case of the following Orders Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the applicable Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills, Privy Bills, That in the case of the following Orders Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no applicable Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
Land Drainage (Woodwalton) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Cavan County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, (East Cavan) to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Cavan, East Cavan Division, in the room of Samuel Young, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Crean.)

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Report of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland for the year 1917.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Aberdeen for the year 1916-17.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Aberdeen for the year 1916-17.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, (East Cavan), under Section 3 (1) of the Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918, withdrawing certain Certificates of Exemption from Military Service.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, by the Oxford and Cambridge University of New College, Oxford, on 16th January 1918, and sealed on 14th February (Oxford) 1918, amending Statute 3 (19) of the College Statutes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Standing Committee B (in respect of the Emigration Bill):—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bird, Mr. Dennis, Colonel Eccleston, Mr. Cecil Hormusworth, Mr. Jeaffreys, Mr. Holt, Mr. Houston, Mr. Leif Jones, Mr. Secretary Long, Mr. Outhwaite, Mr. Solicitor-General, and Mr. Dandas White.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Finance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 28 (Extension of relief in respect of children and grant of relief in respect of wife and dependent relatives).

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words "and any individual whose income exceeds eight hundred pounds but does not exceed one thousand pounds shall be entitled to the like abatement on each child above the number of two."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 28, after the word "him," to insert the words "or, failing a wife living with him, a person acting as his housekeeper or guardian for his children,"—(Captain Albert Smith.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 29, after the word "expense," to insert the words "adopted child or."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Payment of interest on war securities in certain cases without deduction of income tax).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 15, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that in cases where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners making the assessment that such securities are held for the purpose of the trade or business of the person receiving the interest the interest on such securities may be merged with the ordinary business profits and assessed under the first case of Schedule D."—(Sir Archibald Williamson.)

Question proposed. That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 30 to No. 34 agreed to.

Clause No. 35 (Profits arising from sale of trading stock).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 40, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided always that this section shall not apply to sales by executors of the trading stock, or part of the trading stock, of the business, or to sales of such stock made by the proprietors in consequence of a fire or other accidental occurrence."—(Mr. Pennefather.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 36 (Increase of stamp duty on certain bills of exchange).

Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—Lord Edmund Talbot, |
Mr. Dudley Ward: | 205.

Tellers for the:—Sir Frederick Banbury, Noe, |
Mr. Lough: | 40.

Clauses No. 37 to No. 39 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 41 agreed to.

Clause No. 42 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Reduction in certain cases of entertainment tax)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 34 of 7 & 8. Geo. 5. c. 31)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Cessation of land value duties)—(Colonel Royds)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Agents not liable for income tax on non-resident's profits)—(Sir Frederick Banbury)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 5 of Finance Act, 1897, and s. 32 of Finance Act, 1916, in certain cases)—(Mr. Currie)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Valuation of stocks)—(Sir Roalnd Barras)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Allowance for non-user of machinery or plant)—(Colonel Gretton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Deduction for postponed repairs or alterations)—(Colonel Gretton)—brought up, and read the first time.
Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "not exceeding two thousand pounds in any year;"

Question again proposed, That those words be there added:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment. Order of the House of the 18th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Emigration Bill to limit the right to a jury in certain civil [Lords.] cases; to raise the age for jury service; to amend the Law with respect to the preparation and publication of jury lists; and to enable coroners' inquests in certain cases to be held without a jury; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords.] to confer further powers upon the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Education Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Emigration [Expenses]. [In the Committee.]

Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all expenses of the Central Emigration Authority constituted under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment and powers of a Central Emigration Authority, and for other purposes relative thereto.

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "not exceeding two thousand pounds in any year."

Question again proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "two," and insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Leif Jones.)

Question, That the words "two," stand part of the proposed Amendment, and negatived.

Question, That the word "ten" be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and agreed to.

Question proposed, That the words "not exceeding ten thousand pounds in any year" be there added.—Debate arising; Captain Stanley Wilson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

Question put: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holt.]

Yea, [Mr. Leif Jones;]

Noes, [Mr. Dudley Ward.]

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Main Question again proposed.

Mr. Pringle moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Main Question put, and agreed to.
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all expenses of the Central Emigration Authority constituted under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment and powers of a Central Emigration Authority, and for other purposes relative thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 10.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, after the word “require,” to insert the word “either.”

Question again proposed, That the word “either” be there inserted:

And it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 8, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day three months.”—(Mr. Charles Duncan.)

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Then the House again resolved itself into Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed Proceeding on Amendment proposed on consideration of Clause 10 resumed.

Question again proposed, That the word “either,” be there inserted:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Philip Magnus),—put, and negatived.

Question, That the word “either,” be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, to leave out the words “three hundred and twenty,” in order to insert the words “the prescribed number of.”—(Mr. Bowntree.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that—

(a) the obligation to attend continuation schools shall not, within a period of seven years from the appointed day on which the provisions of this section come into force, apply to young persons between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, nor after such period to any young person who has attained the age of sixteen before the expiration of that period; and

(b) during the like period, if the Local Education Authority so resolve, the number of hours for which a young person may be required to attend continuation schools in any year shall be two hundred and eighty instead of three hundred and twenty.”—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 7, after the word “eighteen,” to insert the words “in any area where the local education authority decides that it is inexpedient to enforce the obligation.”—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and negatived.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—

“Provided that the local education authority, under schemes to be approved by the Board of Education, shall pay maintenance allowances for young persons who are in compulsory attendance at such continuation schools.”—(Mr. Snowden.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Herbert Fisher),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 6th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of March last, That the Brentford Gas Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cannock Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hampton Court Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liverpool Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Longwood and Slaithwaite Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Yeadon and Guiseley Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cardiff Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant June.

Sir Auckland Geddes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, under the Military Service Act, 1918, entitled Military Service (Withdrawal of Exemption) Order (No. 2), 1918, withdrawing, as from 22nd June 1918, certain Certificates of Exemption from Military Service.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Land Drainage (Pinchbeck) Provisional Orders Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill [Lords], with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Bill [Lords], with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Railway Passengers Assurance Company Bill [Lords], with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and Vol. 173.

had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B.:—Mr. Malcolm; and had appointed in his substitution: Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That Sir Henry Dalziel be discharged Luxury Duty, from the Select Committee on Luxury Duty and that Mr. Robert Harcourt be added to the Select Committee.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply Committee, Supply Estimates, 1918-19.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John William Wilson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. John William Wilson also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Defence of the Sphere Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

Monday, 10th June 1918.

Prayers.

The Harrod's Stores Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

Saint Olave's Church, Southwark, Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

West Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

West Sussex County Council (Bridges) Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

The Lord Advocate, Major Bramsey, Sir Henry Crath, Mr. Dalrymple, Sir Henry Harris, Mr. Neville, Sir Robert Pearce, Mr. Smallwood, and Captain Bertram Watson were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The Land Drainage (Pinchbeck) Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Lancaster praying that a further additional provision may be made in the Lancaster Corporation Bill for the adoption of a scheme for the construction of a Reservoir on the Marshaw Wyre River and for other purposes connected with the supply of water to the Borough of Lancaster, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills.

Minister of Reconstruction.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Coal Conservation Committee.

Copy of Memorandum by the Minister of Reconstruction and the Minister of Labour on Industrial Councils and Trade Boards.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixth Report of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Wheat of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland under the Corn Production Act, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Illingworth presented, pursuant to the Post Office directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Amendment (No. 94) Warrant, 1918, dated 11th May 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Fee Fund Command,—Copy of Account of the Fee Fund of the House of Lords from the 1st April 1917 to the 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Consel Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Sir Norval Helme and Mr. Bliss; Committee B; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Pringle and Mr. Charles Roberts.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 10 (Compulsory attendance at continuation schools).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—

“Provided that the local education authority, under schemes to be approved by the Board of Education, shall pay maintenance allowances for young persons who are in compulsory attendance at such continuation schools.”

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Question put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joewett, Year; 54.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Noes; 143.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 29, after the word “day,” to insert the words “and have not been exempted from day school at a lower age than that allowed by the bye-laws of the local authority.”—(Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 29, at the end to insert the words—

“(ii) Who is duly licensed to perform on the stage.”

(Mr. Pet.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 30, to leave out paragraph (i).—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “sixteen,” in l. 30, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 39, after the word “Education,” to insert the words “or by a British university.”—(Sir Philip Magnus.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 10, to leave out from the word “manner,” to the end of paragraph (ii)—(Sir Henry Craik.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “being,” in l. 13, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words—

“(4) Where a school supplying secondary education is inspected by a British university or in Wales by the Central Welsh Board, under regulations made by the inspecting body after consultation with the Board of Education, and the inspecting body reports to the Board of Education that the school makes satisfactory provision for the education of the scholars, a young person who is attending, or has attended, such a school shall be entitled to such exemption as he would be entitled to under this section if he were attending, or had attended, a school recognised by the Board of Education as efficient.”—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment, in l. 3, after the word “Education,” to insert the words “after consultation with the local education authority.”—(Sir Wiloughby Dickinson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put, and negatived. Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that nothing under this section shall be construed as preventing the continuation schools or classes being held after the hour of seven in the evening, when attendance is voluntary, and in the case of scholars under the age of eighteen is in excess of the two hundred and eighty hours required by this Act.”—(Sir James Ysart.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 20, to leave out the word “Board,” in order to insert the words “local education authority.”—(Mr. Petrie.)

Question put, That the word “Board” stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, 118.

Yeaas, (Mr. Anderson :}

Tellers for the (Lord Henry Bentinck, 

Noes, (Mr. Pratt :}

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 4, after the word “school,” to insert the words—

“Provided that the hours of employment of any young person who is required under this section to attend a continuation school, when added to the time necessary for such attendance at school, shall not exceed forty-eight hours in any one week, inclusive of meal hours.”—(Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Lord Henry Bentinck, 28.

Yeaas, (Mr. Anderson :}

Tellers for the (Lord Edmund Talbot, 68.

Noes, (Mr. Pratt :}

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 23, at the end, to add the words—

“(7) A local education authority shall not, without the consent of a young person, require him to attend any continuation school held at or in connection with the place of his employment. The consent given by a young person for the purpose of this provision may be withdrawn by one month’s notice in writing sent to the local education authority.

Any school attended by a young person at or in connection with the place of his employment shall be open to inspection either by the local education authority or by the Board of Education at the option of the person or persons responsible for the management of the school.”—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Land Drainage into consideration the Land Drainage Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Finance Bill into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Boards Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Emigration the Report from the Committee on Emigration [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Saint Olave's Church, Southwark, Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Saint Olave's Church, Southwark, Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at a quarter of an hour after Eight of the Clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member for County of Somerset, Bridgwater Division, in the room of Lieut.-Colonel Roberts Arthur Sanders, who, since his Election for the said county, hath accepted the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Household.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copies of Early Potatoes (Prices) Food. Order, 1918; British Cheese (Requisition) Order, 1918; British Cheese (Requisition) Order, 1918, General Licence; and Sugar (Restrictive) Order, 1918; made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial Secretary,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 859 (Cayman Islands (Jamaica), Report for 1916-17).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of Memorandum by the Reconstruction Advisory Housing Panel of the Ministry of Reconstruction on the Emergency Problem of Housing in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Navy, Army, and Air Ministry, Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the sum required to be voted during the year ending 31st March 1919, for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Educational Vote, which was read, as followeth:

Mr. Pratt reported from the Committee on Emigration (Expenses) a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

| Supply Report. | The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant June; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow. |
| Supply [6th June] Report. | The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. |
| Supply [26th May] Report. | The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow. |
| Supply [2nd May] Report. | The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow. |
| Supply [24th April] Report. | The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow. |
| Ways and Means. | The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. |
| Maternity and Child Welfare Bill. | The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next. |
| Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill. | The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. |
| Adjournment. | Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow. |

**Tuesday, 11th June 1918.**

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses of the Central Emigration Authority constituted under any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment and powers of a Central Emigration Authority, and for other purposes relative thereto.

The said Resolution, being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution in l. 2, by inserting after the word "Expenses" the words "to an amount not exceeding in any year fifty thousand pounds."

—(Mr. Heeves.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Resolution, so amended, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 10 (Compulsory attendance at continuation schools).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 23, at the end, to add the words—

"(7) A local education authority shall not, without the consent of a young person, require him to attend any continuation school held at or in connection with the place of his employment. The consent given by a young person for the purpose of this provision may be withdrawn by one month's notice in writing sent to the local education authority.

Any school attended by a young person at or in connection with the place of his employment shall be open to inspection either by the local education authority or by the Board of Education at the option of the person or persons responsible for the management of the school."

Question again proposed, That those words be there added:—

Proposed Amendment amended, in l. 4, by inserting after the word "to," the words "the employer and to."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Proposed words, as amended, there added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 23, after the words last added, to add the words—

"Nothing in this section shall prevent a young person attending the continuation school of his choice wherever there is more than one continuation school which it is possible for him to attend."

—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 23, after the words last added, to add the words—

"In considering what continuation school a young person shall be required to attend a local education authority shall have regard, as far as practicable, to any preference which a young person may express."—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Enforcement of attendance at continuation schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 24, to leave out subsection (1).—(Sir Henry Craik.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "five," in l. 28, stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—(Lord Edmund Talbot, 196.

Tellers for the:—(Mr. Pratt, 42.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 28, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "two."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 33, to leave out the words "or connived at."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Amendment of 3 Edw. 7, c. 45 and 4 Edw. 7, c. 10).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 18, to leave out the word "twelve," in order to insert the word "fourteen."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question, That the word "twelve" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 18, after the word "employed," to insert the words "except by the child's parents or guardians, with the written sanction of the local education authority, but not for financial remuneration."—(Sir John Spear.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 18, to leave out from the word "employed" to the first word "on," in l. 18.—(Mr. Rawlinson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "twelve," in l. 17, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 18, after the word "employed," to insert the words "on Sunday or."—(Mr. Chancellor.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 19, to leave out the word "before," in order to insert the words "for more than two hours, such period of two hours being either wholly before the opening or wholly after."—(Mr. Peto.)

Question put, That the word "before" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided:

Tellers for the:—(Lord Edmund Talbot, 199.

Tellers for the:—(Mr. Pratt, 24.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of May last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of Adjournment, the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-five minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 12th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Prothero presented, by His Majesty’s Board of Command,—Copy of Agricultural Statistics, 1917. Volume LIII. Part II. Return (Agricultural Produce of Crops in England and Wales, Statistics) with Summaries for the United Kingdom.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the Army, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Carr-Gomm, Member for Rotherhithe, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. The taking over of a large area of Agricultural Land in the county of Buckingham by the War Department, but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than 40 Members having accordingly risen:

The Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock this evening.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.)

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £10,141,204 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum not exceeding £10,141,204 be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Anderson)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn (Captain Currie—Gerrards) ;—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last ;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last ;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant June ;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last ;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means ;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Thursday, 13th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make and Clapham Borough (Clapham Division) out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Battersea and Clapham (Clapham War Division), in the room of George Denison Faber, Esquire, c.b., who since his election for the said Borough has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the General Board of Control for Scotland under the Mental Deficiency and Act, 1913. Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913.

Copy of Report of the Committee of Council Education on Education in Scotland in 1917-18. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the Naval and directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Ordinance in Council under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 4th June 1918, approving Memorials of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Copy of Final Order in Council, under the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, dated 4th June 1918, entitled the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 3) Order, 1918.

Copy of Final Order in Council, under the Merchant Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 and 1906, dated 4th June 1918, making Regulations as to the and 1906. Registry of Government Ships in the Service of the War Department.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and Workmen's Workmen's and Compensation Act, 1908, dated 4th June 1918, Workmen's amending the Order of 4th July 1904 with Compensation respect to the taking of Depositions of Injured Seamen in the Protectorate of Nigeria.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, dated 4th June 1918, amending the Orders of the 4th March 1918 (2), and the 22nd March 1918, made under the Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Belligerent Belligerent Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between His Majesty's Government and the (Miscellaneous, Netherlands Government respecting the treat- Netherlands Government respecting the treat- ment by the latter of belligerent Merchant Vessels ment by the latter of belligerent Merchant Vessels whose status has been changed as the result of an whose status has been changed as the result of an act of War. Part I.—Cases of the steamships "Maria" and "Huntrick." Part II.—German act of War. Part I.—Cases of the steamships "Maria" and "Huntrick." Part II.—German Ships at Antwerp at the outbreak of the War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copies of Tea (Retail Prices) Order, 1918; Sale of Sweetmeats (Restriction) Order, 1918, General Licence; Intoxicating Liquor (Output and Delivery), No. 2, Order, 1918; Edible Oils and Oil and Fat Compounds (Distribution) Order, 1918; Canteens and Hostels (Licensing) Order, 1918; and Sale of
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Yorkshire the Yorkshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Geoffrey Buring reported from the Committee on Railway Bills, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to dissolve the marriage of Margaret Emma Miles with Thomas Robert Nash Miles, her now husband, and to enable her to marry again; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Miles' Divorce Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Consideration of the Finance Bill, as amended, and of the above Land Drainage Bill, as amended, have precedence this day of the Business of Supply. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Land Business of Drainage Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House). — (Bill.)

Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Finance Bill, to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Extension of 4 and 5 Geo. 5, c. 76, to property passing to certain collaterals) —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Basis of charge where non-resident is chargeable in name of agent in respect of profits arising from the sale of foreign goods) —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Provision for dealing with small amounts of Government stock belonging to deceased persons. 5 and 6 Geo. 5, c. 93) —
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 33, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"Provided that proviso (3) of section twenty-four shall be applicable to assessments made under Schedule D in respect of such lands, tenements, hereditaments, or other premises of whatsoever description as above described, situated outside the United Kingdom, so that owners and occupiers of real estate abroad shall by the operation of section twenty-four not be placed in a worse position in respect of assessment to income tax than owners and occupiers of the like property situated within the United Kingdom."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 9, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"The provisions of this subsection which give relief to an individual in respect of a wife shall in the case of any individual being a widower be extended so as to give relief in respect of a person, being a female relative of his or of his deceased wife, who is resident with him for the purpose of having the charge and care of any child of his."

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 8, by inserting, at the end thereof the words—

"Provided, notwithstanding, that this section shall not apply to a small holding as defined by section sixty-one of the Small Holdings Act, 1908, unless such holding shall be of the annual value of not less than sixty-five pounds." (Sir Robert Neenan.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 33, by inserting, at the end thereof the words—

"Provided that any sum paid to a chief petty officer, or other naval officer, in lieu of board, lodging, and victuals shall not be deemed to be part of the income of such officer for the purposes of income tax." (Colonel Ashley.)
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 3, by leaving out the words "being a female relative of his or of his deceased wife."—(Captain Albert Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words—

"The provisions of this subsection which give relief to an individual in respect of a wife shall, in the case of any individual being a widower be extended so as to give relief in respect of a person, being a female relative of his or of his deceased wife, who is resident with him for the purpose of having the charge and care of any child of his.

(3) If any individual who has been assessed or charged to income tax or has paid income tax by deduction or otherwise claims and proves in manner prescribed by the Income Tax Acts that his total income from all sources, although it exceeds eight hundred pounds does not exceed one thousand pounds, and that he would if his income did not exceed eight hundred pounds be entitled under section sixty-eight of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, as amended by any other enactment, or under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1917, to relief in respect of three or more children, he shall be entitled in respect of each of those children above the number of two to relief from income tax equal to the amount of income tax on twenty-five pounds," be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 38, by inserting at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that cheques for an amount under five pounds shall be liable only to the stamp duty of one penny."—(Colonel Godfrey Collins.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill: It was passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clauses 4 and 5.—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Powers as to rating). Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that it shall not be lawful to rate any railway, dock, canal, or navigation company at a higher amount than so much of the land immediately adjoining such railway, dock, canal, or navigation as may be situated within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners and drainage boards, respectively, and in case any of the lands immediately adjoining shall be rated at different amounts then the mean amount at which all of the said adjoining lands within a distance of four hundred yards on each side of the railway, dock, canal, or navigation, as the case may be, shall be so rated shall be the amount at which such railway, dock, canal, or navigation company shall be rated in respect of the lands in their occupation."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Powers of local authorities to contribute to drainage expenses).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that in the case of a rural district council such contributions shall be defrayed as special expenses."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on Re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 8, by inserting after the words "one-third," the words "in rateable value."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [12th June] report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [13th June] report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [18th May] report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [19th May] report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant June;  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply of Ways and Means;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Saint Olave’s Church, Southwark, Bill [Lords];  
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;  
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day three months.”—(Captain Carr-Gemm.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of February last.

MONDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report on Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That in the case of the Petition for additional Provision (No. 2) in the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Lancaster Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) Bill as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords] as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords] as read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cannock Second Reading of the Cannock Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hampton Court Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Longwood and Slaithwaite Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cardiff Second Reading of the Cardiff Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Leonard's Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Portsea Island Gas Light Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant June.
Copy of the Post Office (Naval, Military, and Air Forces) Warrant, 1918, dated 30th May 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ministry of Food.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Meat Rationing Order, 1918, General Licence; Gooseberries (Sales) (England and Wales) Order, 1918; Meat (Licensing of Export) (Ireland) Order, 1918; Milk (Ireland) Order, 1918; and Spirits (Prices and Description) Order, 1918, Direction; made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Mr. Shortt presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Report of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland on the Trade in Imports and Exports at Irish Ports during the year 1918.

Copies of Sixteen Proclamations, dated 14th June 1918, under the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Jurisprudence Bill

Bill 46.

The Juries Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Trade Boards Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Boards Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. James Mason.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee.

Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill.

(Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and

the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill. Third Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

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Tuesday, 18th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill.

Gas Provisional Orders Bill.

Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Yorkshire Electric Power Bill (Lords), was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That so much of Standing Order 91 Standing Orders as fixes Five as the quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be read, and suspended.

Ordered, That for the remainder of the Session Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Vaughan-Davies.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Eleventh Report to the Secretary for Scotland by the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland, for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the Public Works directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Loan Board. Forty-third Annual Report of the Public No. 75. Works Loan Board, for 1917–18, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Canned Meat (Nett Weights) Food. Order, 1918; Ice Cream (Restriction) Order, 1917; General Licence; and Pickled Herrings Order, 1918, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 13th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (India Office, Retirement at 65).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Index to Treaty Series, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Local a Return showing for each Local Education Education Authority in England and Wales— Authority in England and Wales—

(1) name of the local education authority ;

(2) the net ordinary expenditure on elementary education in 1915–16 ;

(3) the ordinary grants normally receivable in 1915–16;

(4) supplementary grant paid in 1917–18;

(5) sum total of columns (3) and (4); and

(6) proportion which the grants shown in column (5) bore to net ordinary expenditure (column 2); and

(7) the necessitous area grants paid in 1915–16 and in 1917–18.—(Sir James Toulson.)

Sir Godfrey Baring reported from the Com- London mittee on the London United Tramways Bill; United Tramways Bill. Their report was received. That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Railway Bills (Group 1.)

Sir Geoffrey Baring reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills, that, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Education (Scotland) Bill. Bill 47.

Mr. Munro, supported by the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to Education in Scotland and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee of Supply and of the Committee of Ways and Means be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be continued at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(\textit{In the Committee.})

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1918-19.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £500,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st of March 1919 for general Navy and Army Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, be otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a State of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a sum, not exceeding £499,999,900, be granted for the said Service,—(Mr. Hogg) — put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(\textit{In the Committee.})

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, the sum of £500,878,040 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Baldwin.) Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill. Third Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 19th June 1918.

Prayers.

The Order of the day being read, the Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Gas Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Munro presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Glasgow and South Western Railway: And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Muir presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Local Government Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill. The said Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committted.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1917.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion that the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the several Orders.

Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary for Scotland:

Burgh of Glasgow.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 17th June 1918, as to the disposal of the Contribution of the States of Jersey to the War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copies of Potatoes (Distribution) Order, (No. 2) 1918; and Milk (Summer Prices) Amendment Order, 1918; made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Civil Staff a Return showing the number of persons employed by the Government departments at the outbreak of war and at the present time, the number who have joined the forces, and the number of the military age laid down by the Military Service Acts, 1916, still retained on their civil duties.—(Mr. Beckett)

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Arthur Sanders, New Member for the County of Somerset (Bridgewater sworn, Division), was sworn.

Mr. Bracca, supported by Secretary Sir George Workman's Compensation and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation in the case of workmen who suffer death or disablement are suspended from employment owing to the disease known as fibroid phthisis or silicosis of the lungs: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Supply [18th June] and of the Committee of Ways and Means [18th June], be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Pratt reported from the Committee of Supply the 18th day of this instant June a Resolution: which was read, as followeth:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1918-19.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Supplementary Vote

£500,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1919 for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Ways and Means [18th June] Report, the 18th day of this instant June a Resolution: which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, the sum of £500,878,040 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Juries Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant June;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such further expenses as the Minister of Labour may be authorised to incur under any Act of the present Session to amend the Trade Boards Act, 1909.-(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Sir Albert Stanley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The London County Council (Money) Bill London was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords] Pontypool was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill [Lords] Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill (Money) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considera- the Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords], as amended, tion in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Third Reading of the Local Government (Irel- land) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the direc- Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 12th June, on the several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Pension, Superannuation 1918, granting a retired allowance to Benja- List of all Pensions granted during the year 1918, Benjamin Bramble and Mr. Frederick W. Hunt, Staff Clerks, in the Accountant and Comptroller's Office, Inland Revenue Department, under the Superannuation Act, 1887.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Civil List Pensions be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their proceedings under the Railway Regulation Acts, 1893, relative to the Hours of Railway Servants, during the year ended 27th July 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the County of London Electric Supply Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Harrov's Stores Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Belfast Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the West Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Oswald Cowley, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Oswald Cowley, Member for South-East Lancashire (Prestwich Division), was sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove disqualifications on the ground of sex or marriage for the admission of persons as law agents, and their acting and practising as law agents under the Law Agents (Scotland) Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the provisions for the local management of the borough of Sligo, and to extend the rating powers of the Corporation of the borough, and to extend the power of the Corporation to borrow and reborrow moneys, and to provide for the payment by the Corporation of the expenses incurred in meeting the demands of the County Council of the County of Sligo, and to confer on the Local Government Board for Ireland further powers of control in regard to the performance of their respective duties by the Corporation and the officers thereof and to amend the provisions relating to the election and duration in office of the aldermen and councillors of the borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Sligo Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time;

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That this House do sit to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That..." to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House desires an assurance that the Government will lose no diplomatic opportunity to settle the problems of the war by agreement; and to that end expresses its opinion that the secret treaties with the allied governments should be revised, since in their present form they are inconsistent with the objects for which this Country entered the war and are therefore a barrier to a democratic peace"—(Mr. Morrell)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out shall stand part of the Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out shall stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of 20th June;—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill have precedence of this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Trade Boards [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed. That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such further expenses as the Minister of Labour may be authorised to incur under any Act of the present Session to amend the Trade Boards Act, 1909.—(Mr. George Roberts.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John William Wilson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

Friday, 21st June 1918.

PRAYERS.

MILES' Divorce Bill [Lords.] MILES' Divorce Bill [Lords.] was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next at a quarter of an hour after eight of the clock.

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Mr. Shortt presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Education in Ireland, for the year 1916–17.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-fifth Annual Report by the Accountant for Scotland to the Scotch Education Department.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Committee appointed by the Attorney General to consider the legal interpretation of the term "Period of the War."
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Reports Reports No. 960 (Bermuda, Report for 1916).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Consolidated into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund Bill (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported. That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Juries Bill [Lords.] was, according to Juries Bill Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

The Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. Braes.)
Monday, 24th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Harrod's Stores Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aldershot Gas, Water, and District Lighting Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London United Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Railway Passengers Assurance Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords], was read a second time, and committed.

Sir Auckland Geddes presented,—Return to an Order of the Civil Staff, dated the 19th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Civil Staff employed by Government Departments. No. 76. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Committee on Production and Distribution of Milk to the Food Controller.

Copies of Sugar (Domestic Preserving) Order, Ministry of Food, 1916, and Sugar (Rationing) Order, 1916, Food General Licences; made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the Post Office directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of all Deposits received and paid during the year 1917, together with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on the 31st December 1917, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to meet those Liabilities at that date. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned
Local Authority, and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

Borough of Folkestone.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, relative to the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants, during the year ended 27th July 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy ordered of Accounts of the War Pensions, &c., Statutory Committee, 1916-17, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Mr. Baldwin accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House Copies of the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings, together with the Documents deposited, in the case of Miles' Divorce Bill [Lords].—(The Lord Advocate),—and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

JAMES W. LOWTHER,
Speaker.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 8, further proceeding was postponed without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Charles Duncan.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

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Lord Edmund Talbot reported from the Committee on Trade Boards [Expenses] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such further expenses as the Minister of Labour may be authorised to incur under any Act of the present Session to amend the Trade Boards Act, 1909, provided that the sum to be expended shall not exceed one thousand pounds in any one year.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 25th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Sligo Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Brentford Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of March last, That the Brentford Gas Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cannock Second Reading of the Cannock Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hampton Court Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Second Reading of the Liverpool Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Longwood and Sloughwaite Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Yeading and Guiseley Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cardiff Gas Second Reading of the Cardiff Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commercial Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gas Light Company Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hastings Second Reading of the Hastings and Saing and Saint Leonard's Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maidenhead Second Reading of the Maidenhead Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Portsea Island Gas Light Gas Light Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Suburban Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the York Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rhymney and Aber Valley Gas and Water Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th June 1918, under Section 4 (6) of the Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918, and entitled the Volunteer Force (Tribunal Exemptions) Order, 1918. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with amendment by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:—City of Anglesey (Urban District of Llangefni). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the Isle of Man, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account No. 79, of Revenue and Expenditure of the Isle of Man for the year ended 31st March 1918, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the Electric directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the applications to, and proceedings of, the Board of (Procedings) Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1909, during the past year. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Middlebrook reported from the Local Legislation Committee; That in the case of the Rotherham Corporation Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection: That the following Members representing Scottish Constituencies are appointed to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a Standing Committee:—Mr. Adamson, the Lord Advocate, Sir John Anstruther-Gray, Mr. Asquith, Sir Robert Balfour, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barrans, Sir William Beale, Mr. Black, Major Chaplin, Sir Watson Cheyne, Mr. Chirnside, Colonel Godfrey Collins, Sir William Cowan, Sir Henry Craik, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Dalziel, Sir Henry Dalziel, Mr. Falconer, Sir John Fleming, Colonel Gilmour, Colonel Greig, Mr. Gulland, Mr. Robert Harcourt, Sir Robert Harroworth, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Harry Hope, Mr. John Huntly Hope, Colonel Sir John Hope, General Sir Aymer Hunter-Weston, Sir John Jardine, Sir John M'Callum, Mr. Murray Macdonald, Mr. Mackinder, Sir Donald Maclean, Mr. Macleod, Major McKee, Mr. Maclver, Mr. Duncan Miller, Mr. Molteno, Mr. Morton, Sir Alpheus Morton, Mr. Munro, Colonel Murray, Sir James Parrott, Major Pité, Mr. Peto, Mr. M'Cullum, Sir Robert Pirie, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Sherriff, Mr. Shewan, Colonel Stirling, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tennant, Major Waring, Mr. Cathcart Wilson, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. Watson, Mr. Watt, Mr. Duncas White, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkie, Sir Archibald Williamson, Mr. McKinnon Wood, Mr. William Young, and Sir George Younger. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Lord Edmond T. Tolbot.)

And, it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Juries Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Juries Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Maternity and Child Welfare Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Education (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Supply. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House having continued to sit till eight minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 26th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords.] A Motion being made, That the Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Committee, which this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

Belfast tion the Belfast Harbour Bill, as amended by the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

West tion the West Bromwich Corporation Bill Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Maidenhead Gas Bill was, according to Maidenhead Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill may be committed to strike out the provisions whereby it is pro-

posed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend.—(The Chair-

man of Ways and Means.)

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for the year 1917.

Secretary Sir George Cave also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed, with Amendment, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Urban District of Irlam.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Churchill presented, pursuant to the Munitions of War direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Munitions Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of Interim Report by the Committee on Adult Education on Industrial and Social Conditions in relation to Adult Education.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Vaughan-Davies reported from the Select Standing Committee, a Resolution on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Lancaster Corporation Bill, Two Petitions for additional Provisions, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:

—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provisions if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
9 Geo. V. 26th June.

Mr. Eugene Wason reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Sir Godfrey Baring to act as Chairman of Standing Committee B (in respect of the Trade Boards Bill).

**Orders.** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Horse Breeding Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Marriages Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Motherwell Water (Supplementary Supply) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a resettlement dated the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, of the family estates of Sir Charles Scarisbrick, Knights, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the powers of leasing over an estate situate in or near Edgbaston, in the city of Birmingham, and other estates comprised in the case of Miles' Divorce Bill [Lords], as desired by the Commons, and request that the same may be returned.

The Scarisbrick Estate Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Calthorpe Estate Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented a Bill to continue certain Expiring Laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which raises important controversial questions upon which there has been no adequate opportunity to ascertain the opinion of the Scottish people."—(Mr. Sutherland)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

**Ordered,** That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Juries Bill Committee on the Juries Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Compensation Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee on the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

Distribution by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 47, of Bills committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Education (Scotland) Bill is a Bill relating exclusively to Scotland, the Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills.
Thursday, 27th June 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Aldershot Gas Water and District Lighting Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Railway Passengers Assurance Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Western Railway Order Confirmation Bill; which this House doth desire the concurrence of the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of County Court Rules, 1918 (No. 2), County Court (Rules.) dated 18th June 1918, and County Court Rules, (Rules.) dated 18th June 1918, as to Appeals from Registration Officers under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, with Explanatory Memorandum.

Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court, 1918, Supreme Court (Rules.) dated 26th June 1918, as to Procedure, and Draft Rules of the Supreme Court, 1918 (No. 2).

Ordered, That the London United Tramways Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Eugene Wason reported from the Chairman's Panel, that they had appointed Mr. J. W. Wilson to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills (in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Middleton reported from the Local Legislation Committee, that in the case of the Sheffield Corporation (Consolidation) Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Harry Green, Esquire, Member for the New Member Borough of Battersea and Clapham (Clapham Division), was sworn.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Pontypool Gas and Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Red Cross and Order of Saint John Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Chepstow Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Glasgow Corporation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the city of Bristol to construct additional dock works, to extend the city and county of Bristol, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered under Section 9 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Forster, supported by Mr. Wardle and Major Baird, presented a Bill to enable companies and other bodies to give financial assistance to Flax Companies; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Lin the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

Motion made, and Question proposed. That a sum, not exceeding £900, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of National Service.

Whereupon, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod having come with a Message to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Captain Sir Royal Asmant, Thomas Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Deputy Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Deputy Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Deputy Speaker reported, That the House, as the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1918.
3. Horse Breeding Act, 1918.
4. Westgate-on-Sea Congregational Chapel Charity Scheme Confirmation Act, 1918.
5. Provisional Order (Marriages) Confirmation Act, 1918.
6. Motherwell Water (Supplementary Supply) Order Confirmation Act, 1918.
7. Brixham Gas and Electricity Act, 1918.
11. Red Cross and Order of Saint John Act, 1918.

Then the House again resolved itself into the supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £900, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of National Service.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant June ;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant June ;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen’s Compensation (Silicosis) Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, without a Question first put, at ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of February last.

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Monday, 1st July 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Belfast Harbour Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The London United Tramways Bill was read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Sligo Corporation Bill [Lords], was read Sligo a second time, and committed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the previous Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Glasgow Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the direct Orders of the House of Lords, and desire their concurrence. Copy of Report of His Majesty's Command, to the Councils of the undersigned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:—

Urban Districts of Lisburn and Lurgan.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command, to the Councils of the undersigned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:—

Urban Districts of Lisburn and Lurgan.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undersigned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:—

Urban Districts of Lisburn and Lurgan.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Urban Districts of Lisburn and Lurgan.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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1st July.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Pemberton-Billing be suspended from the service of the House.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Pemberton-Billing to withdraw from the House, but he refused to obey his order.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the sitting Serjeant-at-Arms to cause the honourable Member to be removed from the House, and suspended the Sitting of the House under Standing Order No. 21 for the remainder of this day's sitting, but Mr. Pemberton-Billing persisted in his disorderly conduct.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Employment of children attending elementary schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 38, after the word "child," to insert the words "or young person."—(Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Power to promote social and physical training).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 5, after the word "camps," to insert the words "of a non-military character."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—

Mr. Whitehouse, 21.
Mr. Thomas Richardson, 135.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Medical inspection of schools and educational institutions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 16, to leave out the words "and treatment."—(Sir Philip Magnus.)

Question, That the words "and treatment" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Nursery schools).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 8, to leave out the words "or aiding the supply of."—(Sir Albert Spicer.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 14, l. 8, after the word "schools," to insert the words "or nursery classes in elementary schools."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 9, to leave out the word "two" in order to insert the word "three."—(Sir Charles Henry.)
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Such nursery schools as are aided, maintained, or supplied by any local education authority shall be public elementary schools within the meaning of the Education Acts, 1870 to 1918."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 22, after the word "managers," to insert the words "in such proportion as will, as nearly as may be, correspond to the proportion which the aid given by the Board of Education and by the local education authority bears to the contributions made from all other sources and in any case."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Powers for the education of children in exceptional circumstances). Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 28, after the word "living," to insert the words "or the poverty of their parents, or the fact that they have lost one or both parents, or have been deserted."—(Mr. Anderson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 35, after the word "lodging," to insert the words "or the establishment of hostels."—(Sir Francis Blake.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 38, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that where a child is boarded out in pursuance of this section the local education authority shall, if possible, and if the parent so requests, arrange for the boarding-out being with a person belonging to the religious persuasion of the child's parents."—(Colonel Sir Mark Sykes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

And it being a quarter-past Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move another Amendment, the Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 39, after the words last added, to add the words—

"Provided that such research shall not include experiments under the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876."—(Sir George Greenwood.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 22 (Abolition of fees in public elementary schools). Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Herbert Fisher), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Flax Companies (Financial Assistance) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply from the Committee of Supply of [12th June] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply from the Committee of Supply of [2nd May] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Orders, originating in the Lords, and referred on applicable, the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Calthorpe Estate Bill [Lords].
Scarisbrick Estate Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the Brentford Gas Bill, upon the 20th day of March last, That the Brentford Gas Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cannock Second Reading of the Cannock Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hampton Second Reading of the Hampton Court Gas Court Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Second Reading of the Liverpool Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Longwood and Second Reading of the Longwood and Stainton Gas Bill?
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Yeadon and Second Reading of the Yeadon and Guisley Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cardiff Second Reading of the Cardiff Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commercial Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gas Light Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke and Coke Company Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant July.

Tuesday, 2nd July 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report Private Bills and previously inquired into compiled with:

Maidenhead Gas Bill.
South Suburban Gas Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hastings and Saint Leonard's Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Portsea Island Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the York Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant July.
Mr. Ernest Jardine, Major Lane-Fox, Sir Francis Lace, Colonel Wheler, and Colonel Henry Williams; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Montague Barlow, Colonel Boles, Mr. Birdman, Mr. Ernest Beer, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Holt, Colonel McCallum, Mr. Neville, Colonel Orde-Powlett, Mr. Palley, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Captain Wright.

Sir Daniel Goadford further reported from the Committee That they had added to Standing Committee B the following Fifteen Members (in respect of the Trade Boards Bill):—Major Barnaton, Sir Rowland Barran, Colonel Bathurst, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Deman, Mr. Charles Duncan, Mr. Keating, Mr. James Mason, Sir Maurice Levy, Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Perkins, Mr. George Roberts, Mr. Rowntree, Mr. Scanlan, and Mr. Somervell.

Sir Daniel Goadford further reported from the Committee That they had added to Standing Committee on Scottish Bills the following Fifteen Members (in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill)— Colonel Ashley, Mr. Boulard, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Dillon, Colonel D'Acre, Mr. Colclough, Major Sir Charles Hunter, Sir Joseph Larmor, Mr. Butler Lloyd, Mr. Macmaster, Sir Philip Magnus, Mr. Marriott, Mr. Alexander Richardson, Colonel Stanley-Hill, and Colonel Weston.

Ordered, That the reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the proceedings in Committee on the Education Bill, if under discussion at Eleven of the clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 22 (Abolition of fees in public elementary schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words "and as hereunder mentioned."—(Mr. Bigland.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for Mr. Bigland: Yea, 51.

Tellers for Mr. Marriott: No, 157.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 6, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "five," in l. 6, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 6, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "three."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Collection of information respecting schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 8, after the word "particulars," to insert the words "relating to educational matters."—(Sir Stuart Coats.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided also that in the case of institutions certified by the Board of Control under the Mental Deficiency Act such information and particulars shall be furnished by the Board of Control."—(Sir Norval Helme.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Provisions with respect to appointment of certain classes of teachers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 53, to leave out the words "pupil teachers and student teachers."—(Sir Stuart Coats.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 26 agreed to.

Clause No. 27 (Grouping of non-provided schools of the same denominational character.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 27, to leave out the word "schools" to the word "in," in l. 29.—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 37, at the end, to insert the words "and for closing any one or more of the grouped schools and the transfer of the scholars therein to other schools."—(Mr. King.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Provisions relating to central schools and classes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 4, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. King.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 29 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Acquisition of land by local education authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 26, after the word "authority," to insert the words "subject to the provisions of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 31 agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Amendment with respect to the allocation of expenses to particular areas.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 12, to leave out the words "obligatory on," in order to insert the words "lawful for."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 33 agreed to.

Clause No. 34 (Expenses of education meetings, conferences, &c.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 34, after the word "with," to insert the words "joint committees and joint bodies of managers and federations established under section six, and."—(Mr. Runciman.)
Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill was according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. James Hope.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen’s Compensation (Silicosis) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 3rd July 1918.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, dated 28th June 1918, giving effect to a Rule of Court.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, dated 28th June 1918, giving effect to a provisional Rule of Court.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Appliances from Insurance Committee Audit) Regulations (Wales), 1918.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills, that the parties promoting Miles' Divorce Bill (Lords) had stated that the evidence of Mrs. Mary O'Mahoney was essential to the case; and, it having been proved that her attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Mrs. Mary O'Mahoney do attend the Select Committee on Wednesday next, at Four of the clock.

Ordered, That Mrs. Mary O'Mahoney do attend the Select Committee on Divorce Bills on Wednesday next, at Four of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lord Advocate to the Education (Choice of Employment) Bill, 1910 (Mr. Herbert Fisher) brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Education Act to provide for the division of the testamentary trusts of the late William Alexander Louis Stephens, Duke of Hamilton, Brandon, and Chatelherault, into two separate trusts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Hamilton Estates Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Secretary Sir George Cave, Mr. Attorney and Local Government General, and Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to make further provision for the prolongation of the present Parliament and the postponement of local Elections: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley, supported by Mr. Hayes Statutory Bill, Fisher and Mr. Wardle, brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment of 7 Edw. 7. c. 43)—(Mr. Rowntree) brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Compensation to existing officers)—(Sir James Yoxall) brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Compensation to existing officers) (Mr. King) brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [12th June]
the 12th day of June last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [2nd May]
the 2nd day of May last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [8th May]
the 28th day of May last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [29th April]
29th day of April last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of
the 8th day of June last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th June]
the 26th day of June last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [28th May]
the 28th day of May last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [28th May]
the 29th day of May last ;
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next ; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Local Education Authorities (England and Wales) (Grants and Expenditure), No. 82.

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1895.

Representation of the People Act, 1898.

Original Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1887.

Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906.

Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords].

Leicester Corporation Bill.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of June last, for Return relative to Local Education Authorities (England and Wales) (Grants and Expenditure).

Mr. Herbert Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 25th June 1918, under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1895.

Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 25th June 1918, under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, relating to voting by proxy by Sailors and Soldiers.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report on Indian Constitutional Reforms.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shrott presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Special Proclamation, under the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1897, dated 3rd July 1918, declaring the Associations known as the Sinn Fein Organisation, Sinn Fein Clubs, the Irish Volunteers, the Cumann na M-Ban, and the Gaelic League to be dangerous.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuff Act (Method of Analysis Regulations) (Scotland) Orders, 1918, relating to the examination of the Allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

SIR DANIEL GODDARD reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committee B) that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B:—Colonel Jacques and Mr. James Mason; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. George Terrell and Mr. Robert Mason.

SIR DANIEL GODDARD further reported from the Standing Committee of Selection that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee on Education (Scotland) Bill:—Mr. Goldstone (in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution: Captain Albert Smith.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord Privy Seal, one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, Finance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Bromwich Hospitals Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. David Mason, Member for Coventry, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the statement of German War Aims by Herr von Kuhlmann, but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and less than 40 Members having accordingly risen, the House proceeded to the Orders of the day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(146th allotted Day.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

1. £55,158 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, including certain Grants in Aid.

2. £12,250 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board for Scotland, and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

3. £6,528 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty’s Secretary for Scotland and subordinate Offices, Expenses under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, and Expenses under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

4. £18,348 for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Board of Control for Scotland.

5. £4,909 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in Scotland.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £61,537 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and also Expenses in respect of Advances under the Housing Act, 1914.
Notice taken that Forty Members were not present:—Committee counted; and Forty Members not being present, Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Adjournment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the House being told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at twenty minutes after Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

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Monday, 8th July 1918.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield Corporation (Consolidation) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Calthorpe Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Scrapiebrigg Estate Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of Members for the Borough of Finsbury (East Division), in the room of Joseph Allen Baker, Esquire, deceased. —(Mr. Goddard.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.


Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Insurance Committees) Amendment Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Local Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Saint Andrews.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Saint Andrews for 1916-17.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 70 Universities (Ordinance of the University Courts of the University of St. Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, General, No. 3) (Regulations 1889), as to admission to the Scottish Universities for purposes of graduation) under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, be printed.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Com- of the Select Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B:—Mr. Robert Mason; and had appointed in substitution Mr. James Mason.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, Supply, and resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Twenty-sixth Address be presented to Their Majesties, to the Anniversary of Their Majesties’ marriage, congratulating Their Majesties on the Twenty-sixth Anniversary of Their Life and the health and happiness of Their Majesties. —(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Their Majesties by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty’s Household.

The Parliament and Local Elections Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. —(Mr. Pratt.)

The Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Mr. Town Jones.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Administering Committee.)

Resolved, That the Treasury may borrow in such manner as they think fit, on the security of
the Consolidated Fund, any sums required for raising the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds, and that there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund—

(a) any sums which may be required to be so charged in the exercise, in connection with any money to be so borrowed, of any powers which are given by the War Loan Acts, 1914 to 1917, or any other enactment, in connection with money borrowed under the War Loan Acts, 1914 to 1917, or any other enactment; and

(b) any sums which may be required for the expenses of the redemption of any securities issued for the purpose of money to be so borrowed; and

(c) any sums which may be required for the remuneration of the Banks of England and Ireland in connection with the management of any securities issued for the purpose of money to be so borrowed.

And that it is expedient to amend the War Loan (Supplemental Provisions) Act, 1915. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Flax Companies (Financial Assistance) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Workmen’s Compensation (Silicosis) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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Tuesday, 9th July 1918.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Lords’, Private Bills, That in the case of the following Orders Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred applicable standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

Hamilton Estates Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Scarisbrick Second Reading of the Scarisbrick Estate Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Local Government Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill. Bill 68.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Birmingham.

Ordered, That Standing Order 193a be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the first time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill. Bill 59.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, supported by Mr. Hayes Fisher, presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Blackpool and Southport.

Ordered, That Standing Order 193a be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the first time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Dutch Convoy (Miscellaneous) No. 13, 1918.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the despatch of a Dutch Convoy to the East Indies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Mr. Shortt, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourteenth Report of the Inspector for Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, for the year 1917 (with Appendices).

Copy of Report of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of all his proceedings under the Ireland Development Grant Act, 1903, for the financial year ended 31st March 1918.

Shops Act, 1912.

Mr. Shortt also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:

County Borough of Belfast.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Owner of Cheshunt Park (Annuity.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 2nd day of July 1918, on the subject of commuting the Annuity to the owner of Cheshunt Park, now payable to the Reverend T. C. Bush.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Sir William Howell Davies reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Powers of local authorities with respect to maternity and child welfare).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Major Hills.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "arrangements," to insert the words "including the providing, maintaining, and aiding of maternity hospitals and hospital beds.”—(Major Astor.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "Board," to insert the words "after having obtained the concurrence of the Insurance Commissions for England and for Wales, the Board of Education, and the Central Midwives Board.”—(Major Astor.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out from the word "years" to the end of l. 10.—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "or authorise the transfer of any of the powers or duties of the supervising authority under the Midwives Act, 1902.”—(Major Hills.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Maternity and child welfare committees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, to leave out the words "or under," in order to insert the words "may direct those powers to be exercised in the manner provided by the second paragraph of subsection (2) of.”—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed. That the words "or under" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, to leave out the word "shall," in order to insert the word "may."—(Sir Courtney Warner.)

Question, That the word "shall" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, after the word "women," to insert the words "and members of public assistance authorities.”—(Sir John Spear.)

Question proposed. That those words be there inserted:

But after Debate thereon it appeared to the Chairman rules

Chairman that the Amendment was not in order

and he accordingly informed the Committee that out of order,

the Question thereon could not be put.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, after the word "women," to insert the words "and also a certified midwife and a representative
of the district nursing association."—(Major Hills.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, at the end, to add the words—

"(4) Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in this section, any county council to which this Act applies may, in lieu of establishing a maternity and child welfare committee, resolve that the public health and housing committee of the county council shall act in relation to the powers of the county council under this Act or under section two of the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915, and in such case the county council shall appoint as members of the public health and housing committee persons (not being members of the county council, and including at least one certified midwife, and one member of a nursing association, and one member of the insurance committee concerned) specially qualified as aforesaid, and the provisions of this section shall apply as if the committee so constituted were a maternity and child welfare committee established under this section."—(Major Hills.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause No. 3 (Expenses).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, to leave out from the beginning to the end of the clause."—(Sir William Middendorp.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "if," in l. 37, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Scheme for compensation to workmen).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the words "involving exposure to silica dust.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dudley Ward reported from the Com- W en's (In the Committee.)

Ways and Means Committee, That the Treasury may borrow in such manner as they think fit, on the security of the Consolidated Fund, any sums required for raising the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and in addition a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty million pounds, and that there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund—

(a) any sums which may be required to be so charged in the exercise, in connection with any money to be so borrowed, of any powers which are given by the War Loan Acts, 1914 to 1916, or any other enactment, in connection with money borrowed under the War Loan Acts, 1914 to 1916, or any other enactment; and

(b) any sums which may be required for the expenses of the redemption of any securities issued for the purpose of money to be so borrowed; and

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, ordered the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 10th July 1918.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1918.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill.

Clause No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Continuance of Acts in Schedule). Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Booth)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliament and Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parliament and Local Elections Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Morcambe Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Searlebrick Estate Bill was, Searlebrick Estate Bill, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public Petitions, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the (Scotland) work of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland for the year 1917–18.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Regulations for Secondary Schools in Wales.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of further sum required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1919.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Owner of Cheshunt Park (Annuity).

Mr. Macpherson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, the Insurance Commissioners, the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, the Irish Insurance Commissioners, and the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Consolidated Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Macpherson also presented,—Return of Civil and Military Regulations.

Mr. Baldwin, in his place, rose in his place, and moved the Adjournment of the House, for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the intention of the Admiralty, without the consent of the House, to incur a further expenditure of public money on the National Shipyards,” and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the House divided.

Mr. France, Member for Yorkshire (West Riding) (Morley Division), rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House, for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., “the intention of the Admiralty, without the consent of the House, to incur a further expenditure of public money on the National Shipyards,” and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until a quarter past Eight of the clock this evening.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1, 3, to leave out from the word “that,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “all political parties use their influence and power to secure not only an adequate scale of pensions but the prompt and efficient administration of the same, and that all attempts to render to those who have made great sacrifices for their Country such information and guidance as will enable them to claim and receive from the Ministry of Pensions, either direct or through local war pension committees, their full and just rights should receive the warm approval of the House,”—(Mr. Hoggs),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;—Sir Montague Barlow rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yea—Sir Montague Barlow, Mr. Hoggs.

Tellers for the No—Sir George Toulmin, Mr. Pringle.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;—Resolved, That, in the interests alike of the State and of the wounded and discharged sailors and soldiers and their dependants, and of the widows and orphans of those who have fallen, it is essential that all questions relating to Pensions and Allowances should be kept free from party politics and the influence of party organisations.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliament and Local Government Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Further postponement of local elections).
And it being a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10, further Proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn,—(Mr. France):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Pringle rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And, it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliament and Local Elections Bill.

(Postponed Proceeding on consideration of Clause No. 2 resumed.
Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out from the beginning to end of l. 22.—(Sir Henry Harris.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

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Question put.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the:—
Lord Edmund Talbot, 69.
Captain Guest: 5.
Tellers for the:—
Mr. Pringle: 7.
Mr. Sherwell: 6.
Clause No. 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Hampshire County Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Hants (Southern or Fareham Division), in the room of Colonel Sir Arthur Hamilton Lee, G.B.E., K.C.B., now Baron Lee of Fareham, called up to the House of Peers.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Manchester Borough Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Writ Borough of Manchester (North-East Division), in the room of the Right Honourable John Robert Clynes, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of Food Controller.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Secretory Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, including the figures in respect of the City of London and Metropolitan Police

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (Scotland), 1918.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Scotland), 1918.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, the Insurance Commissioners, the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, the Irish Insurance Commissioners, and the
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Order, That Lord Edward Talbot reported from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of June last a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

Revenue Departments.

That a sum not exceeding £2,123,651 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

Resolved [4th July] and Resolutions of this day to be reported.

Order, That the Report be received upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords;] That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and had verbally amended the same, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Nelson Corporation Water Bill [Lords;] That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Sligo Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Lieutenants Bill [Lords;] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Solicitors (Articled Clerks) Bill [Lords;] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Shortt, supported by Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, presented a Bill to suspend the operation of section fifteen of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1883: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.— (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed. That this House do now adjourn.— (Lord Edward Talbot.)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

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1. £58,346, for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary, and Expenses in connection with Special Constabies and the Police Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report of the Resolutions agreed to in the Committee of Supply upon the 4th day of this instant July, and of the Resolutions now agreed to in Committee be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Lord Edward Talbot reported from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

That a sum not exceeding £243,960 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Lord Edward Talbot reported from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of May last a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

That a sum not exceeding £10,141,304 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last be printed.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply, the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last was read; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

*Ordered*, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Bill;

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill, as amended in the Committee;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the War Loan Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued at sit till thirteen minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

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**Friday, 12th July 1918.**

**Prayers.**

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th July 1918, made by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Discharged Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations (Wales), 1918.

*Ordered*, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 10, by leaving out from the word “council” to the end of the subsection, and inserting the words “but not less than two-thirds of the members of every maternity and child welfare committee shall consist of members of the council and at least two members of every such committee shall be women, and where the duties of the maternity and child welfare committee are discharged by an existing committee or sub-committee any members appointed under this proviso who are not members of the council shall act only in connection with maternity and child welfare.”

*(Mr. Hayes Fisher,*)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 3, by inserting after the word “women,” the words “who shall preferably when available be guardians of the poor.”—*(Sir John Spear,*).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words “but not less than two-thirds of the members of every maternity and child welfare committee shall consist of members of the council and at least two members of every such committee shall be women, and where the duties of the maternity and child welfare committee are discharged by an existing committee or sub-committee any members appointed under this provision who are not members of the council shall act only in connection with maternity and child welfare” be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next. —*(Mr. Pratt,)*

The War Loan Bill was, according to Order, War Loan Bill read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next. —*(Colonel Gibbs,)*

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

*(In the Committee,)*

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Labourers (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That the House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 4th and 11th days of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3, it being then twenty minutes before Four of the clock, till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Police Police (England and Wales) (Returns of Crime) which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant July, be printed.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Seventy-ninth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the year 1917.

Mr. Shortt also presented, pursuant to the Shops Act, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Closing Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:—
County Borough of Dublin (two).
Township of Ballyshannon.

Copy of Order made under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, fixing a scale of increased remuneration for Clerks of the Crown, and Peace in Ireland in respect of the additional duties imposed on them as Registration Officers.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of Statements deposited with the Board of Trade under Section 7 (1) of the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, during the year 1917. First, Second, and Third Schedules.

Copy of Statements deposited with the Board of Trade under Section 7 (1) of the Assurance Companies Act, 1909, during the year 1917. Fourth and Fifth Schedules.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Patients, Designs, and Trade Marks and the first Paper relative to Assurance Companies be printed.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copy of First (Interim) Report of Reconstruction of the Civil War Workers Committee to the Minister of Reconstruction.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the Superannuation Act of 1887, Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 9th July 1918, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Francis Edward Bailey, Officer of Londonderry 2nd Station, Customs and Excise.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Parker presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command,—Copies of Order amending the Fish (Prices) Order (No. 2), 1918; Temporary Amendment of the Table of Equivalent Weights of Meat, so far as relates to Butchers' Meat, Bacon, and Miscellaneous Meats (other than Meat, Bacon, and Miscellaneous Meats) (Prices) Order, 1918.

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Monday, 15th July 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Morcambe Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Hamilton Estates Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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than Poultry and Game; Home Melt Tallow and Grease (Maximum Prices) Order, 1918; Soft Fruit (Sales) Order, 1918; Butter and Margarine Rationing (Special Districts) Order, 1918; Food Control Committees' (Local Distribution) Scheme Order, 1918, Direction as to the Amount of the Quotas; Testing of Seeds Order, 1918; Strawberries (Retail Prices) Order, 1918; Soft Fruit (Sales) Order, 1918; General Licence; Butter (Distribution) Order, 1917, Directions; Milk (Summer Prices) Order, 1918, General Licence; Use of Milk (Licensing) Order, 1918, General Licence; Dried Fruits (Retail Prices) Order, 1918; Order conferring certain Powers on Inspectors of Weights and Measures, and authorising them to prosecute offences before Courts of Summary Jurisdiction, Authorisation; Baron, Ham, and Lard (Prices) Order, 1918; Sugar (Brewers' Restriction) Order, 1918; Spirits (Prices and Description) Order, 1918, Direction; Canned Condensed Milk (Retail Prices) Order, 1918; Potatoes (Registration of Wholesale Dealers) Order, 1918, No. 555, as amended by an Order, No. 623, dated 6th June 1918; and Soft Fruit (Sales) Order, 1918, General Licence, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Daniel Goddard reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills:—Mr. Dillon; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Scanlon.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Tests for Teachers)—(Mr. King)—and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Direct election for education purposes only)—(Mr. King)—and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Prohibition of differentiation of salary on ground of sex)—(Mr. Whitehouse)—and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whitehouse, Yeas,
Sir Wilby-ldg-Dickinson: 25.
Noes, Captain Guest:

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot,
[25.]
93.

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "fourteen," the words "and those who stay at such schools till the age of sixteen."—(Mr. King).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 34, by inserting after the word "training," the words "of a non-military character."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whitehouse, Yeas,
Mr. King:
20.
Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Noes,
Lord Edmund Talbot:
120.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by inserting at the end thereof the words "and to devote at least one-fourth of the time allotted for such courses to physical training."—(Colonel Yates.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 37, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"(2) In all rural areas the continuation schools established shall afford facilities for teaching practical subjects connected with agriculture."—(Sir Robert Newman.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 25, by inserting, at the end thereof the words—

"If any persons or bodies of persons interested in existing efficient schools or colleges, or proposing to provide and to staff with teachers any such school or college, are dissatisfied with the proposals of the local education authority when so published as aforesaid, or if the local education authority at any time after a request by any such persons or bodies of persons refuses to submit an amending scheme for the purpose of including in the original scheme any school or college so proposed to be provided and staffed with teachers, the persons or bodies of persons so dissatisfied or aggrieved by the refusal as aforesaid may appeal to the Board of Education, who shall hold a public inquiry for the purpose of deciding, as the case may be, whether the
proposals of the local education authority are sufficient, or, in the event of such a refusal as aforesaid, whether an amending scheme should be submitted by the local education authority."

—(Sir Mark Sykes.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

“(5) In schemes under this Act adequate provision shall also be made in order to secure that all young persons referred to in section ten, subsection (a), may, during the period of seven years therein mentioned, attend continuation schools as in such section referred to if such young persons, or their parents on their behalf, claim in writing the right to so attend.”—(Mr. George Thorne.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 15, by leaving out Clause 6.—(Mr. King.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 32, by inserting after the word “schools,” the words “in areas where the local education authority so decides.”—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 1, by leaving out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 19, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

“(iii) who is above the age of fifteen years and has attended a continuation school in a rural area provided under section three of this Act for not less than six hundred hours, or:—"

—(Mr. Coton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 2, by leaving out the word “he,” and inserting the words “his parents”—(Sir Walter Essex).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “he” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 35, by leaving out the word “before,” and inserting the words “for more than two hours, such period of two hours being either wholly before the opening or wholly after.”—(Mr. Peto).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “before” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 36, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

“Provided that a local authority may make a byelaw permitting, with respect to such occupations as may be specified, and subject to such conditions as may be necessary to safeguard the interests of the children, the employment of children by their parents, but so that any such employment on a school day before nine in the morning shall be limited to one hour.”—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made, to the said proposed Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “and that if a child is so employed before nine in the morning he shall not be employed for more than one hour in the afternoon.”—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words “Provided that a local authority may make a byelaw permitting, with respect to such occupations as may be specified, and subject to such conditions as may be necessary to safeguard the interests of the children, the employment of children by their parents, but so that any such employment on a school day before nine in the morning shall be limited to one hour and that if a child is so employed before nine in the morning he shall not be employed for more than one hour in the afternoon,” be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 40, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

“Provided that subsections (ii) and (iii) shall not apply in the case of licences granted in respect of children to perform on the stage.”—(Mr. Peto.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 40, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

“Provided that the operation of subsections (ii) and (iii) shall, as regards children employed on the stage, be postponed until after the expiration of three years from the date of the passing of this Act.”—(Mr. Hemmerde.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 4, by inserting after the word “investigation,” the words “not being an investigation under the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876.”—(Sir Frederick Burnley.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;  
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;  
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 16th July 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Their twenty-fifth Anniversary of Their Majesty's twenty-fifth Anniversary of their Majesties' Wedding had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following answer:

I thank you heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address.

It affords the Queen and Myself the sincerest gratification to receive your congratulations on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of our Wedding, and to be assured that in this time of crisis we are supported by the loyalty and affection which are testified by your Address, as well as by the many manifestations of feeling on the part of our People to which you refer.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Second Reading of the Liverpool Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Commercial Second Reading of the Commercial Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Portsea Island Second Reading of the Portsea Island Gas Light Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South Metropolitan Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the South Shields Second Reading of the South Shields Gas Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant July.
The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage (Finchbeck) Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage (Woolston) Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Small Holdings Corporation Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London and Westminster Bank Act, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Bruce presented a Bill to make further provision for the application of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill, 1914, to officers in certified institutions for defectives and to provide for the aggregation of service in asylums and in such institutions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill, as amended in the Committee; ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings of the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Education Bill, as amended in the Committee; Which Amendment was, in p. 17, l. 13, to leave out Clause 25; And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "school," in p. 17, l. 14, stand part of the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 16, by leaving out subsection (1).—(Mr. King.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 38, by leaving out Clause 33.—(Mr. Rawlenson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 30, l. 20, by inserting, after the third word "day," the words "not later than two years after the passing of this Act or one year after the termination of the present war, whichever date shall be the later."—(Mr. King.)

And the Question being put, That these words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be recommitted in respect of an Amendment to be moved by the Government to Clause 2.—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on recommitment, be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Colonel Wedgwood.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Loan Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Committee on the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Report of Mr. Justice Atkin’s Committee, and matters connected therewith, and to report what provision should be made by Parliament for defining the meaning of the phrase “end of the war” and other similar phrases occurring in the War Emergency Statutes and for extending in whole or in part or shortening the period of operation of the several emergency statutes and the several regulations made thereunder.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out the words “Select Committee,” and inserting the words “Joint Committee of Lords and Commons”—(Mr. Booth), instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That the words “Select Committee” stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

And a debate arising thereupon;

Mr. King moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of this House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Report of Mr. Justice Atkin’s Committee, and matters connected therewith, and to report what provision should be made by Parliament for defining the meaning of the phrase “end of the war” and other similar phrases occurring in the War Emergency Statutes and for extending in whole or in part or shortening the period of operation of the several emergency statutes and the several regulations made thereunder.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brunner, Sir Arthur Fell, Colonel Greig, Mr. Laurence Hardy, Mr. Ronald M’Neil, Mr. Neville, Mr. Charles Roberts, Mr. Walker, Captain Albert Smith, Mr. George Terrell, and Mr. George Thorne.
And a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. McKeen be another Member of the Select Committee.—(Mr. King):—It was passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out the word “Three,” and inserting the word “Five,”—(Mr. Booth),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “Three” stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Select Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Lords Message [7th May] be read a second time, and communicating the following Resolution, That it is desirable that the Criminal Law Amendment Bill [Lords] and the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] be committed to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now considered.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question in l. 1, by leaving out from the word “That,” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “it is undesirable at this stage of the Session to enter upon consideration of a subject which will be better undertaken after women have exercised the franchise at a General Election.—(Mr. King),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot] 82.
Tellers for the [Mr. King] 2.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That the Lords Message [7th May] be read a second time, and communicating the following Resolution, That it is desirable that the Criminal Law Amendment Bill [Lords] and the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] be committed to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now considered.

And the House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

And a Motion being made, that this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums as may be required for the objects incurred for the purposes of the present war, or in connection therewith, by or on behalf of His Majesty's Government, and for other purposes in relation thereto.—(Lord Edmund Talbot);

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been induced of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 17th July 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the South Metropolitan Gas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Sir William Howell Davies reported the Shropshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments.  

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

Sir William Howell Davies reported from the private Bills Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, (Group A.) for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Small Holdings Lords to the Small Holdings Colonies (Amendments) Bill be taken into consideration upon bill Monday next; and be printed. Bill 66.

The Right Honourable John Robert Clynes, New Members Member for the Borough of Manchester (North- west), was sworn.

Harry Evan Augustus Cotton, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Finsbury (East Division), was sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from Government had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Ipswich Dock Act to authorise the Ipswich Dock Commission Bill [Lords.] to construct additional works, to alter the tonnage duties and the rates on goods which may be levied by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Proposed Amendment amended, in l. 5, by leaving out the words "in the public interest,"—(Secretary Sir George Cave).—In l. 7, by leaving out the words "unless the Secretary of State otherwise orders."—(Mr. Charles Roberts.)

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "satisfied," to insert the words "either before or."—(Mr. Pennefather.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(a) has, without lawful authority, held any communication with any enemy state or subject of an enemy state, or has been guilty of any other act or conveyance which was or is calculated to be dangerous or injurious to the public welfare."

—(Sir John Butcher.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(c) was at the commencement of the war engaged in a business carried on wholly or mainly in association with subjects of a country which is now our enemy or for the benefit of or under the control of subjects of such country."

—(Mr. Peto.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(b) has unlawfully traded or communicated with the enemy or with the subject of an enemy state."

—(Sir Owen Philipps.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(b) during the war unlawfully traded or communicated with the enemy or with the subject of an enemy state or been engaged in or associated with any business carried on in such manner as to assist the enemy in the war; or."

—(Sir Owen Philipps.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "or associated with."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed Amendment amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the words "the present war," and inserting the words "any war in which His Majesty is engaged;" in l. 3, after the word "or,"
by inserting the word "knowingly;" and in 
1. 5, by leaving out the word "the" and inserting 
the word "such."—(Secretary Sir George Crowe.)

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to 
leave out from the word "has" to the word "been" in l. 22.—(Sir Henry Craik.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left 
out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed 
to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to 
leave out the word "twelve," in order to 
insert the word "six."—(Mr. Stewart.)

Question, That the word "twelve" stand part 
of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, to 
leave out paragraph (c), in order to insert the 
words—

"(c) by reason of character, action, or mode 
of living has not shown himself to be a 
good citizen."

—(Major Newman.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left 
out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed 
to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 28, after 
the word "certificate," to insert the word 
"not."—(Mr. Penmaffather.)

Question, That the word "not" be there 
inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, at 
the end, to insert the words—

"(e) was a subject of a state at war with His 
Majesty that does not regard naturalisation 
within the British Empire as extinguishing 
his original national status."

—(Mr. Cecil Harmsworth.)

Question, Proposed, That those words be there 
inserted:

Proposed words amended, by leaving 
out the word "waas," and inserting the word 
"remains."—(Mr. Cecil Harmsworth.)

Proposed words, as amended, there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, 
to leave out the words "and that (in any case)," 
in order to insert the words "or he is a person 
in whose case."—(Sir John Butcher.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left 
out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed 
to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, as 
the end, to insert the words "but the Secre-
tary of State may, if he thinks fit before making 
such order, refer the case for such inquiry as is 
hereinafter specified."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there 
inserted:

Amendment proposed to proposed Amendment 
at the end thereof to add the words "and if the 
Secretary of State does not so refer the case the 
person to whom the provisions of subsection (2) 
(b) of this section apply, shall have the right to 
have his case referred for such an inquiry."— 
(Mr. Charles Roberts.)

Question proposed, That those words be there 
added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, 
to leave out the words "a Committee" in order 
to insert the word "Committees."—(Mr. Watt.)
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Provisions as to naturalisation certificates)—(Mr. Stewart)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Capacity of alien as to real property)—(Major Newman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Status of women in certain cases)—(Sir John Butcher)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deputy Lieutenants Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Juries Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deputy Lieutenants Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Articled Clerks) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Government War Obligations;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment, clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 18th July 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The South Metropolitan Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill may be referred to strike out the provisions whereby it is proposed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividends.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Secretary Sir George Care presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report, with Statistics, for 1917, by the Chief Inspector of Mines. Part I. Divisional Statistics and Reports.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of Command.—Copies of Home Melt Tallow and Foot Grease (Requisition) Order, 1918, and Raw Beef and Raw Mutton Fat (Licensing of Purchases) Order, 1918, General Licence; Bacon, Ham, and Lard (Registration of Dealers) (Ireland) Order, 1918; and Fish (Registration of Dealers) (Ireland) Order, 1918; made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Public Trustee, Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tenth General Report of the Public Trustee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Scarisbrick from the Committee on the Scarisbrick Estate Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Calthorpe the Calthorpe Estate Bill [Lords], without Estate Bill Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brunner reported the West Sussex County Council (Bridges) Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Belfast Harbour Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend subsection (3) of section eleven of the Corn Production Act, 1917; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Criminal Law Amendment Bill [Lords] and the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords], and request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Mr. Baldwin presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund, and for other purposes relating to local loans: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Presiding Officer)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

£152,265 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, of the Agricultural Wages Board, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including certain Grants in Aid.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply, the Report from the Committee of Supply of [6th May] the 29th day of May last.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply, the Report from the Committee of Supply of [6th June] the 8th day of June last.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply, the Report from the Committee of Supply of [1st July] the 4th and 11th days of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Committee on Government War Obligations; War and Finance Committee on Government War Obligations.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to adjournment, proceeded to move the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-six minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

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Friday, 19th July 1918.

Prayers.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough of East Grinstead (Oriental) County of Sussex (Northern or East Grinstead)
Navy (Prize Money.)

Sir Eric Geddes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Draft Proclamation granting Prize Money to the Fleet and regulating its distribution.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Caledonian Canal.

No. 86.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of One Hundred and Thirteenth Report of the Commissioners of the Caledonian Canal.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Public Works Loans Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Statement of particulars of Loans of which the balances outstanding are proposed to be remitted or written off, in whole or part, from the assets of the Local Loans Fund.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Mr. Baldwin accordingly presented the said Paper.

No. 90.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Land Drainage Bill.

Bill 70.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Drainage Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Corn Production (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Stanley, supported by Secretary Sir George Cave, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Ward, presented a Bill to amend the enactments relating to Trading with the Enemy, and to extend temporarily certain of those enactments to the carrying on of banking business after the termination of the present war: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Dr. Macnamara, supported by Sir Eric Geddes, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Baldwin, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Naval Prize of War: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (National status of married women.)—(Sir Willoughby Dickson.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Willoughby Dickson,]

Yea, [Mr. Anderson:]

No, [Mr. Dudley Ward:]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to naturalisation certificates.)—(Mr. Stewart.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended, in L 2, by leaving out the words "German subject," and adding the words "subject of a country which, at the time of the passing of this Act, was at war with His Majesty,"—(Sir Henry Dalziel),—instead thereof, and by adding after the words last added, the words:—(this provision shall not apply to a person who,—

(a) has served in His Majesty's forces or in the forces of any of His Majesty's Allies; or

(b) is a member of a race or community known to be opposed to the enemy governments;

or

(c) was at birth a British subject,—(Secretary Sir George Cave)—and, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 28, by inserting at the end thereof the words "and has not so far as lies within his power severed his connection with that state."—(Mr. Aneurin Williams.)

And the Question being put. That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 32, by inserting at the end thereof the words:—"and in any case to which paragraph (a), (b), (d), or (f) of this subsection applies the Secretary of State shall, by notice given to or sent to the last-known address of the holder of the certificate, give him an opportunity of claiming that the case be referred for such inquiry, and if the holder so claims in accordance with the notice the Secretary of State shall refer the case for inquiry accordingly.—(Secretary Sir George Cave.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "which," the words "subsection (1) or."—(Mr. Charles Roberts.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "and in any case to which subsection (1) or paragraph (a), (b), (d), or (f) of this subsection applies the Secretary of State shall, by notice given to or sent to the last-known address of the holder of the certificate, give him an opportunity of claiming that the case be referred for such inquiry, and if the holder so claims in accordance with the notice the Secretary of State shall refer the case for inquiry accordingly," be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 4, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"(4) In section ten (which relates to the national status of married women) at the end of
War Obligations.

Government Certificate.

Mr. Speaker's Bin.

The War Loan Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Government War Obligations.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums as may be required for giving effect to obligations incurred for the purposes of the present war, or in connection therewith, by or on behalf of His Majesty's Government, and for other purposes in relation thereto.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

War Loan Bill

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Government War Obligations.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [18th July] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th May] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th May] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th May] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th May] Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

MONDAY, 22ND JULY, 1918.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords Corporation to the Londonderry Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords] with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
The Calthorpe Estate Bill [Lords] was read a third time and passed.

Orderd, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Maidenhead Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 224 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Sligo Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Shortt presented, by His Majesty's Command, a copy of the Fifty-fourth detailed Annual Report of the Registrar General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Ireland, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Clynes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Fifty-fourth detailed Annual Report of the Registrar General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Ireland, 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Trade Boards Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 6, by leaving out the word "special," and inserting the word "provisional,"—(Mr. Holt),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "special" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 6, by leaving out the word "without," and inserting the word "after"—(Mr. Pringle),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "without" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Edward Talbot, and Mr. Holt:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pringle.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 32, by inserting, after the word "enactments," the words "and payments to funds to which employers contribute whether established by Act of Parliament or which may be certified by the Board of Trade or by the National Insurance Commissioners to be for the benefit of the employees."—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Modifications of statutory provisions affecting charges).

Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "fit," to insert the words "after considering (in the case of an application under this Act by a company) any representations which may be made to the Department by the local authority for any district in which the undertaking of the company or any part thereof is situated."—(Sir Daniel Goddard.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out the word "loss," in order to insert the word "involving a charge on the rates."—(Sir William Middlbrooke.)

Question proposed, That the word "loss" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, at the end to insert the words—

"(b) in the case of an undertaking for the supply of electricity, such modification only may be authorized as shall be sufficient to enable a dividend on the ordinary stock or shares of the undertaking being paid at the pre-war rate of dividend."

—(Mr. John Henderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, to leave out the word "half," in order to insert the words "three-quarters of."—(Mr. Tennant.)

Question proposed, That the word "half" stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;

Mr. Booth rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question put (pursuant to S.O. Clause of Debatas.)
Reclines to "Chaiman Rules.) propose Loans Bill. Public Works Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill; the Chairman moved to report Progress, but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.  

Question proposed, That the words "three-quarters of" be there inserted:—Mr. Denman moved to report Progress, but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee. 

Question put, That the words "three-quarters of" be there inserted:—The Committee divided. 

Tellers for the [Sir William Middelbrook,] 52.  

Tellers for the [Mr. Tennant,] 194.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Trading with Enemy (Amendment) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.  

Mr. James Hope reported from the Committee Government on Government War Obligations a Resolution; War which was read, as followeth:—That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, and, if these moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums as may be required for giving effect to obligations incurred for the purposes of the present war, or in connection therewith, by or on behalf of His Majesty's Government, and for other purposes in relation thereto.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corn Production (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Juries Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Juries Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 23rd July 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. —

South Metropolitan Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. —

Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sligo Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of March last, That the Brentford Gas Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Portsea Island Gas Light Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Basingstoke Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of August next.

Mr. Prothero presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of the Ordnance Survey to the 31st March, 1918.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes on Medical Education in England, being a Memorandum addressed to the President of the Board by Sir George Newman, E.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., Chief Medical Officer and a Principal Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education, and Medical Assessor to the Universities' Branch of the Board.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Arksloe Harbour Commissioners and Abstract of Accounts for 1917.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—

Copy of Second Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of Lunacy the number of Visits made and the number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners in Lunacy during the six months ending on 30th June, 1918.

Sir William Middleton reported from the Local Legislation Committee; That in the case of the Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Middleton reported from the Local Legislation Committee; That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they directed him to make to the House.
Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select National Committee on National Expenditure; That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Naval Prize Bill was, according to Order, presented, by His Majesty's Command, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.
—(Colonel Gibbs.)

The Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.
—(Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland.)

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.
—(Mr. Tomsy Jones.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government War Obligations Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.
—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Small Holding Colonies Bill (Amendment) Bill.
The Lords Amendment, in p. 1, l. 12, after the third “acre”", insert "(provided that for the purposes of the acquisition, equipment, and settlement of the area hereby authorised to be acquired by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Board may, as respects any county with the consent of the council of that county, employ that council as their agents and vest in them all the powers hereby or by the principal Act conferred upon them in addition to those vested in such council by virtue of the Small Holdings Act, 1908")", the first Amendment being read a second time, was amended, in l. 7, by inserting, after the word "all," the words "or any of,"—(Sir Richard Winfrey).—and, so amended, was agreed to.

The Deputy Lieutenants Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. —(Mr. Pratt.)

The Solicitors (Articled Clerks) Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Pratt.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Prayes.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Land Drainage Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Drainage Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Corn Production (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. —(Mr. James Hope.)

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Public Works Loans to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the remission of certain Debts. Deeds in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Local Loans—(Mr. Baldwyn);—

Mr. Prothero, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 24th July 1918.

THe House proceeded to take into consideration the Nelson Corporation Water Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Scarisbrick Estate Bill Scarisbrick Estates Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Commercial Gas Bill was, according to Commercial Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill may be referred to strike out the provisions whereby it is proposed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Portsea Island Gas Light Bill was, Portsea Island Gas Light Bill accordingly to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill may be referred to strike out the provisions whereby it is proposed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Churchill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Committee appointed by the Minister of Munitions on the Production of Fuel Oil from Home Sources. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the amount required to be voted during the year ending 31st March 1919 for general Navy and Army Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Eighth Annual Report of the Road Board.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and by the Insurance Commissioners, the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, the Irish Insurance Commissioners, and the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Merchantile Marine) (Collection of Contribution) Regulations, 1918.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Consolidated Regulations, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, that the Paper relative to the Road Board be printed, and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Provisonal Regulations, made under the Corn Production Act, 1917, by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Howell Davies reported from the Committee on the South Suburban Gas Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 26th day of June last the Committee had struck out of the Bill the provisions whereby it is proposed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend. Sir William Howell Davies further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Butcher reported from the Select Consolidation Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills, Committee on the Income Tax Bill (Lords), now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table. No. 95; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer upon the trustees of the will and codicils of the late John Graham Smith, deceased, further powers for the management, development, and improvement of the estates subject to the trusts of such will and codicils, and to extend the time for the exercise of the powers of such trustees, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Morecambe Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer upon the trustees of the will and codicils of the late John Graham Smith, deceased, further powers for the management, development, and improvement of the estates subject to the trusts of such will and codicils, and to extend the time for the exercise of the powers of such trustees, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Smith Estate Bill [Lords] was read the Smith Estate Bill [Lords] first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Parliament Lords to the Parliament and Local Elections Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and the Bill 76. be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Tithe Acts, 1836 to 1891: And that Mr. Prothero, Secretary Sir George Cave, and Sir Richard Winfrey do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Prothero accordingly presented a Bill to Tithe Bill, amend the Tithe Acts, 1836 to 1891: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Brady and Mr. Mooney be Emergency added to the Select Committee on Emergency Legislation. (Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Ordered, That Government Business be not Business of interrupted this night under the Standing Order of (Sittings of the House), and may be entered Business upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
The Government War Obligations Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

—(Colonel Gibbs.)

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 26, by leaving out the words "three-fourths," and inserting the word "half," —(Mr. Denman)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "three-fourths" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Yea,

Mr. Henry Cowen

Mr. John Henderson

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Tellers for the

Noe,

Mr. Denman

Mr. Anderson

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "up to this day three months." —(Mr. Farrell.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Land Drainage Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Drainage Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loans Commissioners in respect of Eymouth Harbour, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Local Loans. —(Mr. Boulton.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Deputy Lieutenants Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Qualifications of deputy lieutenants).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "Great Britain," in order to insert the words "United Kingdom." —(Colonel McCalmont.)

Question proposed, That the words "Great Britain" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the words "or within seven miles thereof." —(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "State," to insert the words "or of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty." —(Commander Bellairs.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the word "worthy." —(Mr. Charles Price.)

Question, That the word "worthy" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the words "or in a civil capacity in connection with." —(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "connection," stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the words "connection with," in order to insert the words "support of." —(Colonel McCalmont.)

Question proposed, That the words "connection with" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, at the end to insert the words "or in any civil capacity." —(Mr. Charles Price.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Prize Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Application of proceeds of prizes being the droits of the Crown.) Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, at the end, to add the words “after the scale of shares for the different ranks has received the approval of a Select Committee of the House of Commons.”—(Commander Bellairs.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Constitution of tribunal.) Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out l. 20 to 24.—(Mr. Booth.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words “and provided that at least one member of the tribunal shall be an officer of the Royal Navy.”—(Colonel McCalmont.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Proposed words amended, by adding at the end thereof the words “or Royal Marines.”—(Colonel Leitle Wilson),—and, as amended, there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses No. 3 to No. 6 agreed to.
Schedules agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Juries Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Corn Production (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Wages and Means Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of the 18th day of this instant July as relates to the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider the Criminal Law Amendment Bill [Lords] and the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords (as mentioned in their Lords' Message of the 18th day of this instant July) to consider the Criminal Law Amendment Bill [Lords] and the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Yeas, Lord Edmund Talbot: 50, Tellers for the [Mr. Burns, Noes, Mr. Dillon: 36.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith and to request that their Lordships will be pleased to add a Lord to the Joint Committee.—(Lord Edmund Talbot) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Booth)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Booth, Yeas, Mr. King: 26, Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Noes, Captain Guest: 50.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put:
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith and to request that their Lordships will be pleased to add a Lord to the Joint Committee.

Sir William Collins, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Mr. Neville, Mr. John O'Connor, and Mr. Tyson Wilson were nominated Members of the Select Committee.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment out of moneys to be provided by Parliament of such additional grants as may become payable in pursuance of any Act of the present Session, to make further provision with respect to Education in Scotland, and for purposes connected therewith.—(Mr. Muir.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Additional Rule, dated 15th May 1918, for the disposal of Documents which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of County Court Rule, dated 22nd July 1918, amending Rule 9 of the County Court (Rules) (Registration Appeals) Rules, 1918 (Time for hearing Appeals under the Representation of the People Act, 1918).

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Hamilton the Hamilton Estates Bill [Lords], without [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Wandsworth, the Wandsworth, Wimbledon and Epsom District Gas Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Juries Business of Bill [Lords], the Corn Production (Amendment) Bill [Lords], the Government War Obligations Bill, Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts] Report, and the Public Works Loans Bill have precedence this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That Government Business be not Business of interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Juries Bill into a Committee on the Juries Bill [Lords].

(Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.)

Orders of the Day.

Clause No. 1 (Limitation of jury trials in the High Court).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "a judge alone," in order to insert the words "two judges."—(Mr. Booth.)

Question proposed. That the words "a judge alone" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out the words "in which fraud is alleged or."—(Mr. Martin.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out from the word "slander," to the word "either," in l. 19.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Martin.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 3 to No. 6 agreed to.
Clauses No. 7 (Power to hold coroner's inquest without jury).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words "but such inquest shall take place in the presence of at least three persons whose names are upon the jury list."—(Mr. Booth.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 19, after the word "be," to insert the words "held in public and,"—(Mr. Dennis.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. —Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 23, after the first word "which," to insert the words "the relatives demand that a jury be empanelled in the presence of at least three persons whose names are upon the jury list."—(Mr. Chancellor.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Clause No. 7 agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Short title, extent and duration).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 94, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Martin.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.
Clause agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Corn Production Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Amendment of 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 46, s. 11 (3)).
Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out from the word "that," to the word "the," in l. 28, in order to insert the words—
"(a) if on or after the twenty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, any person is under the said powers served with a notice determining his tenancy of any land, or with a notice requiring any change in the mode of cultivating or in the use of land in his occupation."—(Mr. Prothero.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "the," in l. 18, stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.
Remaining words left out.
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:
Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, after the word "eighteen," to insert the words "the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said powers, upon occupation of land notice of such intention shall be served on the occupier or if."—(Colonel Royals)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Government War Obligations Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

Colonel Sanders reported from the Committee Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That it is expedient to authorise the remission of arrears of principal and interest due to the Public Works Loans Commissioners in respect of Eyemouth Harbour, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Local Loans.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 5 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1918–19.

Class IV.

1. £11,750 for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, and of the National Gallery of British Art, Millbank, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

Class II.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum, not exceeding £999,900, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Hogge.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holt, 
Yea.
[ Mr. Hogge : ] 52.

Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, 
Noes.
[ Captain Guest : ] 103.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £500,000 be granted to His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—(Mr. Steff MacNeill),—put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 4th and 11th days of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 4th and 11th July last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of July last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of August last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of August last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of August last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of August last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of September last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of September last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of September last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of September last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 25th day of September last.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the House do sit to-morrow, Business of the House

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
Friday, 26th July 1918.

THE House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:

Whereupon Mr. Wisty, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Sligo Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill do go back to the Lords; and acquiescent that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the proceedings on the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Bill be not interrupted this day at Five or half-past Five of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Bill.

In the Committee:

Clause No. 1 (Power to order winding-up of companies of enemy nationality or association).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "company," to insert the words "or individual."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Restrictions on carrying on banking businesses for the benefit of or under the control of enemies after the war).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out the words "During the period of five years immediately."—(Mr. George Peel.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after the word "no," to insert the words "bill-breaking, insurance, reinsurance, financial agency, or."—(Mr. Pennefather.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after the word "be," to insert the words "engaged in or."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words—

"(e) by a firm or individual if the business is one with branches in more than one country which, whether overtly or not, are conducted and controlled by one and the same person, firm, or company, and of which one such branch was carrying on business in an enemy country on the declaration of hostilities."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, after the word "is," to insert the words "or has been."—(Major Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ls. 25 to 33 inclusive.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "set," in l. 30, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, after the word "annulled" to insert the words "or amended."—(Mr. Pennefather.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, at the end, to add the words "and provided that the owners of any banking business which the Board of Trade has ordered to be wound up after the termination of the present war shall have the right of appeal to the High Court for consideration and report."—(Mr. J. M. Henderson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Validation of distribution of assets amongst members of companies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, after the word "company," to insert the words "not being enemy subjects."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 9 and No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Enforcement of liens).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 23, at the end to add the words—

"(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting the power of His Majesty by proclamation to prohibit any transaction or business which is not prohibited by this Act or by license to permit any transaction or business which is so prohibited."—(Major Newman.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Definitions)—(Sir Albert Stanley)
brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Proceedings as to obtaining information)—(Sir John Butcher)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Powers in relation to transferred business)—(Sir John Butcher)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of powers under s. 1 of principal Act)—(Mr. Pennefather)—brought up, and read the first time.
26th—29th July.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously infringed into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

1. Commercial Gas Bill.
2. Portsea Island Gas Light Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

The Hamilton Estates Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Nelson Corporation Water Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Scarisbrick Estate Bill [Lords] was read Scarisbrick the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the West Sussex County Council (Bridges) Bill [Lords] be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], be the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and Lough Swilly Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords] be read the third time.

Mr. Munro presented a Bill to confirm a Rochesley Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Rochesley Tramways: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court, 1918 (No. 2), dated 31st July 1918.

Copy of Provisional Rules and Orders entitled the Bankruptcy Amendment Rules, 1918, dated 9th July 1918.

Copy of Provisional Rules and Orders entitled the Companies Act Amendment Rules, 1918, dated 9th July 1918.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the War Loan Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the policy pursued towards Ireland by His Majesty's Government is inconsistent with the great principles for the vindication of which the Allied Powers are carrying on the war; that this policy has greatly alienated and exasperated the Irish people and, if persevered in, will still further alienate and exasperate them, and will steadily increase the difficulty of reaching a settlement of the Irish question on a basis of friendship between the British and Irish nations; that this House heartily endorses the principles laid down by President Wilson in his speech at the grave of George Washington, when speaking of the objects for which America and her Allies are fighting, he said:—these great ends cannot be achieved by debating and seeking to reconcile and accommodate what statesmen may wish with their projects for balances of power and of national opportunity, they can be realised only by the determination of what the thinking peoples of the world desire, with their longing hope for justice and for social freedom and opportunity, and that this House is of opinion that the true solution of the Irish question is to put into operation without delay in regard to Ireland the principles laid down by President Wilson in this historic utterance.—(Mr. Dillon.)

An Amendment proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declares its unfaltering allegiance to the great principle in vindication of which the Allied armies are fighting, and gratefully acknowledges the heroic services of men of Irish birth or descent in the Allied armies, but deplores the organised attempts made in many parts of Ireland to prevent Irishmen from joining their English, Scotch, and Welsh fellow citizens in defence of the liberties enjoyed by all free nations, and in securing the emancipation of oppressed nationalities,—(Sir George Reid),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Boland, Mr. Doris: 106.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord Edmund Talbot, Captain Guest: 245.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Government War Obligations Bill was accordingly, and May be carried the Bill to Mr. Speaker's Lords', having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

JAMES W. LOWTHEI, Speaker.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Corn into consideration the Corn Production (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report of the Committee of Supply of [16th July]; the 16th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 4th and 11th days of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Tuesday, 30th July 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Brentford Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the Second Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Smith Estate Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill may be referred to

strike out the provisions whereby it is proposed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The South Shields Gas Bill was, according to South Shields Order, read a second time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill may be referred to strike out the provisions whereby it is proposed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Ipswich Dock Second Reading of the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of January in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of Deaths in England and Wales in the year 1917 (England and Wales), upon which a coroner's jury has returned a verdict of Death from Starvation, or Death accelerated by Privation; together with observations furnished to the Local Government Board by Boards of Guardians with reference to cases included in the Return (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 132 of Session 1917-18).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America respecting the liability to military service of British subjects in the United States and of United States citizens in Great Britain. Signed at Washington, 3rd June 1918. Ratifications exchanged at London, 30th July 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Board of Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Reports for Education, 1917 on the Science Museum and on the Geological Survey and Museum of Practical Geology.


Copy of Order in Council, dated 19th July 1918 (Provisional with respect to England, of the People of Wales, and Ireland), making further provision with respect to dates and forms for registration of Electors under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Weights and Measures Acts, 1878 and 1904, dated 19th July 1918, approving a new scale of Fees to be paid in respect of the verification and stamping of Weights, Measures, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-first Report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, for the year ended 31st March 1918.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Consolidated Regulations (Wales), 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the Urban District of Fennow, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

New Members sworn.

Henry Strother Cautley, Esquire, Member for the County of Sussex (Northern or East Grinstead Division), was sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Searlesbrick Estate Bill [Lords'], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the County of London Electric Supply Bill [Lords'], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Nelson Corporation Water Bill [Lords'], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sligo Corporation Bill [Lords'], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Small Holding Colonies (Amendment) Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Income Tax; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Income Tax Bill [Lords'], Bill 90.

The Income Tax Bill [Lords'] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Shortt presented a Bill to extend the borrowing powers of district councils under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1917: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That as respects this day's Sitting, paragraph 7 of Standing Order No. 15 shall have effect as if Eleven of the clock were substituted therein for Ten of the clock; that, notwithstanding anything in that Standing Order, Supplementary Estimates for new Services may be considered in Committee of Supply; and that Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Eleven of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 3, by leaving out all the words after the word "clock."—(Mr. Anson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That as respects this day's Sitting, paragraph 7 of Standing Order No. 15 shall have effect as if Eleven of the clock were substituted therein for Ten of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19, and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

1. £180,253, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

2. £35,547, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

3. £31,028, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

Navy Estimates, 1918-19.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Information:— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. £33,000, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Admiralty for Foreign Affairs.

Whereupon the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod having come with a Message to attend the Lords Commissioners, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Captain Sir Royal Ascent.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Lords are entitled to the use of their own Chamber.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1918.
2. War Loan Act, 1918.
3. Workmen's Compensation (Silicosis) Act, 1918.
5. Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1918.
7. Land Drainage Act, 1918.
8. Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1918.
13. Small Holding Colonies (Amendment) Act, 1918.
15. Land Drainage (Pinchbeck) Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1918.
16. Land Drainage (Woodwalton) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1918.
17. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1918.
18. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1918.
20. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Act, 1918.
21. Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation Act, 1918.
25. West Bromwich Corporation Act, 1918.
26. London County Council (Money) Act, 1918.
29. Londonderry Corporation Act, 1918.
30. County of London Electric Supply Company's Act, 1918.
31. Sligo Corporation Act, 1918.
33. Calthorpe Estate Act, 1918.
34. Hamilton Estates Act, 1918.
35. Scarisbrick Settlement Act, 1918.
36. Miles' Divorce Act, 1918.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(Chairman puts the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15.)

Question again proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Personal for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., at Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £800 be granted for the said Service—(Sir Rowland Barran.)

Lord Edmund Talbot rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question, That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted for the said Service, put accordingly, and Negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. £1,000, for the Expense of the Matériel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., at Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.

6. £1,000 for the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19, and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £650,000, including a Supplementary sum of £500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £649,000, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration:

Question, That a sum not exceeding £649,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., at Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919:

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question, That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted for the said Service, put accordingly, and Negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

No. 16. £1,000 for the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19, and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £650,000, including a Supplementary sum of £500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £649,000, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration:

Question, That a sum not exceeding £649,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., at Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919:

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question, That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted for the said Service, put accordingly, and Negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

No. 16. £1,000 for the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19, and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £650,000, including a Supplementary sum of £500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £649,000, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration:

Question, That a sum not exceeding £649,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., at Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919:

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question, That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted for the said Service, put accordingly, and Negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

No. 16. £1,000 for the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19, and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.
Civil Services and Revenue Departments
Estimates, 1918-19.

Class I.
8. That a sum not exceeding £598,298 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

11. Surveys of the United Kingdom 2,550
12. Rates under the Board of Trade 1,968
13. Peterhead Harbour 9,945
14. Rates on Government Property 442,000
15. Public Works and Buildings, Ireland 104,406
16. Railways, Ireland 41,842

£378,258

Class II.
9. That a sum not exceeding £1,443,763 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. House of Lords Offices 34,567
2. House of Commons 194,398
3a. War Cabinet 5,990
3. Treasury and subordinate Departments 74,895
7. Privy Council Office 5,789
8a. Overseas Trade Department 64,997
9a. Mercantile Marine Services 60,887
10. Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade 4
12. Charity Commission 15,848
13. Government Chemist 14,024
14. Civil Service Commission 19,992
14a. Conciliation and Arbitration Board 804
15. Exchequer and Audit Department 89,306
16. Friendly Societies Registry 13,642
17. Board of Control, England 75,694
18. The Mint 125
20. National Debt Office 7,471
21. Public Record Office 12,550
22. Public Works Loan Commission 7,056
23. Registrar General's Office, England 275,325
24. Stationery and Printing 370,734

£1,443,763

Class III.
10. That a sum not exceeding £2,966,450 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Law Charges 24,675
2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses 13,704
3. Supreme Court of Judicature and Court of Criminal Appeal 197,215
4. Land Registry 21,678
5. Public Trusts 5
6. Counters 197,767
7. prisons, England and the Colonies 274,310
9. Reformatories and Industrial Schools, Great Britain 243,343
10. Criminal Lunatic Asylums, England 32,071
11. Law Charges and Courts of Law 46,519
12. Scottish Land Court 4,186
13. Register House, Edinburgh 27,568
14. Prisons 46,035
15. Ireland: Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions 34,296
16. Supreme Court of Judicature and other Legal Departments 67,000
17. Irish Land Commission 485,697
18. County Court Officers, &c. 60,112
19. Dublin Metropolitan Police 50,650
20. Royal Irish Constabulary 705,422
21. Prisons 72,566
22. Reformatories and Industrial Schools 673
23. Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum 6,241

£2,606,450

Class IV.
11. That a sum not exceeding £14,715,028 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Board of Education 11,206,705
2. British Museum 74,142
3. National Gallery 6,839
4. National Portrait Gallery 1,779
5. Wallace Collection 2,012
6. London Museum 3,300
7. Imperial War Museum 11,000
8. Scientific Investigation, &c. 22,241
9. Scientific and Industrial Research 85,550
10a. Universities, &c., Special Grants 30,000
11. Public Education 1,791,546
12. National Galleries 2,383
13. Public Education 1,098,104
14. Intermediate Education, Ireland 85,000
15. Endowed Schools Commissioners 455
16. National Gallery 1,350
17. Science and Art 133,393
18. Universities and Colleges 46,360

£14,715,028

Class V.
12. That a sum not exceeding £807,421 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Diplomatic and Consular Services 361,511
2. Colonial Services 437,610
3. Telegraph Subsidies 70
4. Cyprus (Grant in Aid) 1,000

£807,421

VOL. 173.
13. That a sum not exceeding £821,526 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances — 434,542
2. Miscellaneous Expenses — 20,509
3. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland — 738
4. Temporary Commissions — 5,503
5. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund — 2,455
6. Ireland Development Grant — 5,000
7. Government Hospitality — 15,560
8. Expenses under the Representation of the People Act — 300,000
9. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund — 37,349

Total — £821,526

Class VII.

14. That a sum not exceeding £13,502,189 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Old Age Pensions — 7,805,000
2. National Health Insurance Joint Committee — 396,798
4. National Health Insurance Commission (Wales) — 22,686
5. National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland) — 433,232
7. Ministry of Labour — 985,062
8. National Insurance, Audit Department — 52,900
9. Treatment of Tuberculosis (Special Grants) — 670,000
10. Highlands and Islands (Medical Service) Board — 42,848
11. Friendly Societies' Deficiency — 15,568

Total — £13,492,189

Ministry of Munitions.

15. That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the expenses of the Ministry of Munitions.

Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories).

16. That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 in expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for the Ministry of Munitions.

Ministry of Shipping.

17. That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimate for the Ministry of Shipping.

Ministry of National Service.

18. That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimate for the Ministry of National Service.

Ministry of Reconstruction.

19. That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Reconstruction.

National War Aims Committee.

20. That a sum not exceeding £900 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the National War Aims Committee.

Ministry of Blockade.

21. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Blockade.

Navy Estimates, 1918-19.

22. That a sum not exceeding £13,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Navy, viz.:—

2. Vessels and Clothing for the Navy — 1,000
3. Medical Establishments and Services — 1,000
4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services — 1,000
5. Educational Services — 1,000
6. Scientific Services — 1,000
7. Royal Naval Reserves — 1,000
2. Naval Armaments — 1,000
10. Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad — 1,000
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services — 1,000
12. Admiralty Office — 1,000
14. Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances — 1,000
16. Civil Superannuation, Compensation Allowances, and Gratuities — 1,000

Total — £13,000,000

Army Estimates, 1918-19.

23. That a sum not exceeding £14,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:—

2. Medical Establishment, Pay, &c. — 1,000
3. Special Reserve — 1,000
4. Territorial Forces — 1,000
5. Establishments for Military Education — 1,000
6. Quartering, Transport, and Remounts — 1,000
7. Supplies and Clothing — 1,000
8. Ordnance Department Establishments and General Stores — 1,000
9. Warships and Engineer Stores — 1,000

Total — £14,000
Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

24. That a sum not exceeding £3,023,278 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£1,197,918</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£1,825,360</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£3,023,278</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means again acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 29th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of June last;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shropshire, Worcester-shire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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**Wednesday, 31st July 1918.**

**PRAYERS.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Shropshire, Third Reading of the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 225 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaints them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Suburban Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ipswich Dock Second Reading of the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Rothesay Tramways Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions for 1917, compared with the four preceding years.

Volume I.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 30th July 1918, providing for Grants in Aid of the Salaries of Teachers, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

No. 97.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, so far as relates to the form of Public Accounts, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken by one of their sub-committees, and an Appendix.

No. 98.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Shortt, supported by Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, presented a Bill to facilitate the provision of land in Ireland for men who have served in the Naval, Military, or Air Forces of the Crown in the present war, and for other purposes incidental thereto; And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That, as respects this day's Sitting, paragraph 8 of Standing Order No. 15 shall have effect as if Eleven of the clock were substituted therein for Ten of the clock; and that Government Business be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of this instant July several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

1. That a sum not exceeding £180,553 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

2. That a sum not exceeding £5,547 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

3. That a sum not exceeding £31,636 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

Navy Estimates, 1918-19.

4. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c., at Dockyards and Naval (Personnel) Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.

5. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Materiel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c., at Dockyards and Naval (Material) Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

7. That a sum not exceeding £650,000 (including a Supplementary sum of £500,000) be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for His Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Service.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class I.

8. That a sum not exceeding £598,298 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

11. Surveys of the United Kingdom — 2,650
12. Harbours under the Board of Trade — 1,963
13. Peterhead Harbour — 5,483
14. Rates on Government Property — 442,000
15. Public Works and Buildings, Ireland — 104,400
16. Railways, Ireland — 41,342

£598,298

Class II.
respect of the Services included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>2. House of Commons</td>
<td>194,858</td>
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<td>2A. War Cabinet</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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<td>3. Treasury and subordinate Departments</td>
<td>74,895</td>
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<td>7. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>5,789</td>
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<td>8a. Overseas Trade Department</td>
<td>64,297</td>
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<td>8b. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>50,927</td>
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<td>18. Supreme Court of Judicature and other Legal Departments</td>
<td>15,948</td>
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<td>19. Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade</td>
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<td>12. Charity Commission</td>
<td>7,471</td>
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<td>12,550</td>
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<td>39,366</td>
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<td>16. Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>13,642</td>
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<td>18. Board of Control, England</td>
<td>75,694</td>
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<td>19. The Mint</td>
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<td>Scotland :</td>
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<td>33. Local Government Board</td>
<td>61,557</td>
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<td>34. Household of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland</td>
<td>78,952</td>
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<td>35. Chief Secretary for Ireland</td>
<td>13,642</td>
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<td>36. Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction</td>
<td>84,464</td>
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<td>37. Charitable Donations and Bequests Office</td>
<td>922</td>
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<tr>
<td>38. Congested Districts Board for Ireland</td>
<td>105,750</td>
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<td>78,952</td>
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<td>40. Public Record Office</td>
<td>3,907</td>
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<td>41. Public Works Office</td>
<td>21,890</td>
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<td>42. Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>8,037</td>
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<tr>
<td>43. Valuation and Boundary Survey</td>
<td>16,924</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£1,443,763</strong></td>
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Class III.

10. That a sum not exceeding £3,606,450 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>21,876</td>
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<td>5. Public Trusts</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>6. County Councils</td>
<td>105,750</td>
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<td>7. Prisons, England and the Colonies</td>
<td>274,130</td>
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<td>8. Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain</td>
<td>243,943</td>
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<td><strong>Scotland :</strong></td>
<td><strong>£</strong></td>
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<td>11. Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>46,519</td>
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<td>12. Scottish Land Court</td>
<td>4,186</td>
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<td>27,568</td>
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<td>14. Prisons</td>
<td>48,035</td>
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Class IV.

11. That a sum not exceeding £14,715,028 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>1. Board of Education</td>
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<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>75,142</td>
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<td>6,639</td>
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<td>7. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>11,000</td>
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<td>8. Scientific Investigation, &amp;c.</td>
<td>23,341</td>
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<td>9. Scientific and Industrial Researches</td>
<td>63,350</td>
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<td>10. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Intermediate Education, Wales</td>
<td>211,700</td>
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<td>11. Universities, &amp;c., Special Grants</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Class V.

12. That a sum not exceeding £807,421 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<th>Class V</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Diplomatic and Consular Services</td>
<td>361,341</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Colonial Services</td>
<td>357,610</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Telegraph Subsidies</td>
<td>7,300</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Cyprus (Grant in Aid)</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£807,421</strong></td>
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Class VI.

13. That a sum not exceeding £521,626 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>3. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland</td>
<td>738</td>
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<td>4. Temporary Commissions</td>
<td>5,933</td>
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<td>5. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>2,450</td>
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<td>6. Ireland Development Grant</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>7. Government Hospitality</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td>8. Expenses under the Representation of the People Act</td>
<td>300,000</td>
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<td>9. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
<td>37,849</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£521,626</strong></td>
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194 Ministry of Blockade.

21. That a sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Blockade.

1918-19.

Army Estimates, 1918-19.

23. That a sum not exceeding £14,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Arm Forces, viz.:

£

2. Medical Establishment, Pay, &c. 1,000
3. Special Reserve 1,000
4. Territorial Force 1,000
5. Establishments for Military Education 1,000
6. Quartering, Transport, and Remounts 1,000
7. Supplies and Clothing 1,000
8. Ordnance Department Establishments and General Stores 1,000
9. Warlike and Engineer Stores 1,000
10. Works and Buildings 1,000
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services 1,000
12. War Office 1,000
13. Half Pay, Retired Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers 1,000
14. Pensions and other Non-Effective Charges for Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Men, and others 1,000
15. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Allowances, and Gratuities 1,000

£14,000

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1918-19.

24. That a sum not exceeding £3,023,278 be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

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1. Customs and Excise 1,397,918
2. Inland Revenue 1,625,260

£3,023,278

1918-19.
The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

And it being Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Report of the Resolution under consideration.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I. to VII. of the Civil Services Estimates, and of the Navy Estimates, the Air Force Estimates, the Revenue Departments Estimates, and other outstanding Resolutions, severally.

Civil Services Estimates, 1918-19.

Class I.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class I. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class II. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class III. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class V. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VI.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VI. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VII.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VII. of the Civil Services Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Civil Services Estimates, 1918-19.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Ministry of Munitions:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Munitions.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the Ministry of Munitions:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories).

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the Ministry of Munitions (Ordnance Factories):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Pensions.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the Ministry of Pensions:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Food.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the Ministry of Food:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Shipping.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the Ministry of Shipping:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of National Service.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the Ministry of National Service:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ministry of Reconstruction.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the Ministry of Reconstruction:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

National War Aims Committee.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of the Estimates for the National War Aims Committee:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Thursday, 1st August 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Saint Olave's Church, Southwark, Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Wandsworth, Wimbledon, and Epsom District Gas Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The West Sussex County Council (Bridges) West Sussex Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shropshire, Third Reading of the Shropshire, Worcester- shire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Major Board presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made by the Air Council, with the consent of the Treasury, under the Air Force Constitution Act, 1917, respecting the Billeting of Officers and Airmen.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the Commissions directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy (Winding-up) of Twenty-seventh General Annual Report by the Board of Trade under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure Merchant under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act from 1st January to 31st December 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, by His East India Majesty's Command. — Copy of Statistical (Statistical Abstract relating to British India from 1906-7 to 1915-16. Fifty-first Number.

Mr. Secretary Montagu also presented,—East India Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 30th day of July last, for a Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure).

No. 99.

Mr. Secretary Montagu also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of a provisional Rule affecting an alteration in the Regulations for Examinations for the Civil Service of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie on the Table; and that the said Return be printed.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Copy of Third Schedule containing a list and particulars of clauses of Documents existing or accruing in the Department of the Inland Revenue which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.
- Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the Board of Control under the Lunacy and Mental Deficiency Acts, for the year 1917. Part I.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Rotherham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee and the Appendix be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the searching and boring for and getting Petroleum, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. Solicitor General, do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the searching and boring for and getting Petroleum, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1918-19.

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £700,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1919, for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor in the Bill for Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, the sum of £750,987,359 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Corn Production (Amendment) Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 27, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

'Provided also that, for the purpose of this subsection, the words 'according to the rules of good husbandry' shall be taken to mean only the efficient cultivation of the land and the preventing such land being fouled with weeds.'—(Sir John Spear.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Income Tax (Second Reading of the Income Tax Bill) [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Second Reading of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Income Tax Second Reading of the Income Tax Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the several Accounts and East India Revenue Accounts in this Session of Parliament relating to the revenues of India be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole House.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
GEO. V. 2nd August 1918.

Prayers.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Lunacy and Mental Deficiency, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant August, be printed.

The Order made upon the 1st day of this instant August that the Paper relative to Merchant Seamen's Fund be printed, was read, and discharged.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital (for Services other than those voted by Parliament) in the year ended 31st March 1918, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereto.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of Experiments on Living Animals during the year 1917, under licences granted under the Act 39 and 40 Vict., c. 77, distinguishing the experiments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 108, of Session 1917–18).—(Mr. Brace.)

Mr. Munro, supported by the Lord Advocate Burghs Gas Supply (Scotland) Act, 1876, may be levied: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this day at Five or half-past Five of the clock, and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. James Parker reported from the Com-Supply Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant August a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1918–19.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1918–19.

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £200,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1919 for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee Ways and Means of the 1st day of this instant August a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, towards making good the Supply for the year ending the 31st day of March 1919, the sum of £750,987,359 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution; And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Baldwin do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Baldwin accordingly presented a Bill to Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

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Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Canterbury, in the room of Major Francis Bennett-Goldney, deceased.---(Colonel Sanders.)

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,---Copy of Colonial Report, No. 962 (Ashanti, Report for 1917).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Income Tax Command,---Copy of Statement by the Board of Inland Revenue respecting Allowances for wear and tear and obsolescence of Plant and Machinery, &c., in respect of the Income Tax.

Copy of Return showing (1) the aggregate National Debt, Gross Liabilities of the State as represented by the Nominal Funded Debt, estimated Capital Liability in respect of Terminable Annuities, Unfunded Debt, and other Liabilities in respect of Debt, the estimated Assets, and the Exchequer Balances, at the close of each financial year from 1875-76 to 1917-18, both inclusive; and (2) the Gross and Net Expenditure charged annually during that period against the Public Revenue on account of the National Debt, and other payments connected with Capital Liabilities.

Mr. Baldwin also presented,—Return to an Order, dated 8th day of May last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland), No. 105.

Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of May last, for Returns relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland), No. 106.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the Crown's directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract of the Account of Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor, in the year 1917, in the administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown; and alphabetical List of Intestates' Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown's Nominee in the year 1917, and of other cases (partial intercessies, &c.) in which accounts were opened in the books of the Treasury Solicitor in the same year in respect of moneys received by him as Crown's Nominees.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns and the Paper relative to Crown's Nominee Account be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a message from the Lords, one of whose Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Government War Obligations Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Maidenhead Gas Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Naval Prize Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (Borrowing Powers) (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill, with an Amendment ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lotteries (War Charities) Bill, with an Amendment ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Trade Boards Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill, with an Amendment ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Sussex County Council (Bridges) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cornwall Production (Amendment) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to legalize in certain cases lotteries promoted by war charities ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Asylums Officers (Superannuation) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Education Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow, and be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Liverpool Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Longwood and Slithers' Gate Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cardiff Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Richmond Gas Bill:
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The Order of the day being read, for the Southampton Gas Bill:
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The Order of the day being read, for the Swansea Gas Bill:
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The Order of the day being read, for the Basingstoke Gas Bill:
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The Order of the day being read, for the Rhymney and Aber Valley Gas Bill:
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The Order of the day being read, for the Alliance and Dublin Gas Bill:
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The Order of the day being read, for the Cannock Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hampton Court Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cardross Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply of Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Basingstoke Gas Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquit them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Metropolitan Water Board.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Experiments on Living Animals.

No. 109.

Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, Education (Scotland) Bill.

No. 110.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 91.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, Education (Scotland) Bill.

Mr. John William Wilson reported from the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills, to whom the Education (Scotland) Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 91.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill, with Amendments thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act relating to the Union of Benefices; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Business of the House (Government Business.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 5) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the East India Committee on East India Revenue Accounts; Revenue Accounts.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Secretary Montagu.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "Constitutional " That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House welcomes the Report on Indian constitutional reform and asks for further opportunities for discussion at the earliest possible moment."—(Mr. Ramsey MacDonald.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Secretary Montagu):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lotteries (War Charities) Bill [Lords].

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Theodore Taylor.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir John Harmood-Baunæ rose in his place, claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, as it appeared to him that the House was prepared to come to a decision without that Motion.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Evelyn Cecil, Yeas, 77. Mr. Rock:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Theodore Taylor, Noes, Sir John Spear: 81.]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day three months," be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the British Nationality Act, and, Status of Aliens Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Education Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Education Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;—The Order for the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Transport: for the purpose of considering what steps, if any, it is desirable to take to develop and improve the internal facilities for Transport within the United Kingdom; to secure effective supervision and co-ordination; and to ensure that such developments and improvements shall be adequate and suitable to meet the national requirements; and of making recommendations.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Acland Allen, Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, Mr. Dunsivul Dalziel, Mr. Field, Mr. Gilbert, Colonel Gretton, Colonel Sir Frederick Hall, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Hudson, Colonel Jackson, Mr. Keating, Mr. Robert Mason, Mr. Somervell, Colonel Wedgwood, and Mr. Wilson-Fox.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint from outside its own body such additional persons as it may think fit to serve on any sub-committee which it may decide to establish.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report its observations from time to time.

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Lord Edmund Talbot.)

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Newcastle
Second Reading of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne
and Gateshead Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Plymouth
Second Reading of the Plymouth and Stone-
house Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Richmond
Second Reading of the Richmond Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Southam-
pton Second Reading of the Southampton Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the York Gas
Second Reading of the York Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rhymney
Second Reading of the Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upou Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alliance
and Second Reading of the Alliance and Dublin Dublin Gas
Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local
take into consideration the Amendments made by
the Lords to the Local Government Pro-
visional Order (No. 6) Bill; and the same were (No. 6) BILL
twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them that this House
hath agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordships.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Public Works
Command, — Copy of Eighty-sixth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Public Works
in Ireland, with Appendices, for the year ending
31st March 1918.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Ministry of
Command, — Copy of Final Report of the Coal
Conservation Committee.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.
Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's
Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the
Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign
Countries and British Possessions for 1917,
compared with the four preceding years.
Volume II.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United
Kingdom, in each of the last fifteen years, from
1902 to 1916. Sixty-fourth Number.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions
of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of County
Courts (Ireland) (Registration Appeals) Rules,
1918, made under the Representation of the
People Act, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon
the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy
of Ninth Schedule containing a list and parti-
culars of classes of Documents existing or
accruing in the Office of the Commissioners of
Customs and Excise which are not considered of
sufficient public value to justify their preserva-
tion in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return showing, for each financial year com-
mencing the 1st day of April, from 1875 to
1918, inclusive—

(1) The total amount of deadweight Debt
outstanding on the 1st day of April, the
amounts which were made available in each
year to 1917–18, incurred, for reduction of
Debt, distinguishing the sums expressly
provided for service of the Debt, the old
Sinking Fund, and Miscellaneous Receipts,
the gross amount of Debt redeemed, the
amount of Debt created, and the net
increase or decrease of Debt in the year;

(2) A similar Statement in respect of other
capital liabilities; and

(3) A similar Statement in respect of the
aggregate gross liabilities of the State.

—(Mr. Baldwin.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Commercial Gas
Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of
the House of the 24th day of July last the
Committee had struck out of the Bill the pro-
visions whereby it is proposed to increase any
statutory maximum price or to modify existing
statutory provisions as to the relation of price
to dividend.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select National
Committee on National Expenditure; That they
had made further Progress in the matters to them
referred, and had directed him to make a Report
thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not
interrupted this night under the Standing Order
(Sittings of the House), and may be entered
upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr.
Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, business of
at Twelve of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the
Exchequer.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, School
to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to
consider of making provision, out of moneys to
be provided by Parliament, for the Grant of
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities to
Teachers and of Gratuities to legal personal
representatives of deceased Teachers, of
charging deferred annuities under the Ele-
mentary School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts,
1898 to 1912, on the Consolidated Fund, and of
otherwise amending these Acts.—(Mr. Herbert
Fisher.)

Mr. Herbert Fisher, by His Majesty's Com-
mand, acquainted the House that His Majesty,
having been informed of the subject-matter of
this Motion, recommends it to the considera-
tion of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill was, Consolidated
according to Order, read the third time and
passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's
the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill Certificate
having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the
following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money
Bill within the meaning of the Parliament
Act, 1911.

JAMES W. LOWTHEY.

Speaker.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Burghs Gas
into a Committee on the Burghs Gas Supply
(Scotland) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Captain Gilmour presented, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Rothesay Tramways (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Income Tax Bill (Lords) [Lords] ; without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Shropshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire Electric Power Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Captain Sir Thomas Dacres Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1918.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday the 15th day of October next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed that this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday the 15th day of October next—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out the words “15th October,” and inserting the words “24th September,”—(Mr. Hogg),—instead thereof;

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment was with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday the 15th day of October next;

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 15th day of October next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Bill, Second Reading of the Title Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Second Reading of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of October next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 21st day of October next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Transport, have leave to sit notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.—(Mr. James Hope.)

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, the Order of the House of the 13th day of October, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 15th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.
Tuesday, 15th October 1918.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply. Rhymney and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Autumn Adjournment, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 86—

Copy of Observations by the Allied Ministers at Jassy with regard to the Conditions of Peace imposed upon Romania by the Central Powers.

Copy of Memorandum on the Working of Proportional Representation at the recent Danish Elections for the Folketing.

Copy of Treaty of Peace, signed at Brest-Litovsk, between the Central Powers and the Ukrainian People's Republic, together with the Supplementary Treaty thereto.

Copy of Report on the treatment by the Germans of Prisoners of War taken during the Spring Offensives of 1918 (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 7, 1918).

Copy of Report on the Natives of South-West Africa and their Treatment by Germany.

Copy of Correspondence as to the Emigration Bill, 1918.


Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons, with Appendices, for the year ended 31st March 1918.


Copy of Statement exhibiting the moral and material Progress and Condition of India during the year 1916-17. Fifty-third number.

Copies of Addresses presented in India to His Excellency the Viceroy and the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.


Copy of Paper relative to Absent Voters under the Representation of the People Act, 1918. Vol. 173.

Copy of Paper on the Organisation and Functions of the Ministry of Information.

Copy of Twenty-sixth Report of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland for the period 1st April 1916 to the 31st March 1918.

Copy of Rules for application of the additional grant of £50,000 for the purposes of Intermediate Education in Ireland.


Copy of Thirteenth Report of the Meteorological Committee to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the year ending 31st March 1918.

Copy of Memorandum on Proceedings of the Production Committee on Production, May 1917 to April 1918.

Copy of Royal Warrant for the Pensions of Soldiers disabled in consequence of former Wars.

Copy of Regulations for Technical Schools, Board of Education, and other forms of provision of further Education in England and Wales (in force from 1st August 1918).

Copy of (i) List of Certified Schools for Blind, Defective, and Epileptic Children on 31st March 1918; (ii) List of Institutions for Blind, Deaf, Defective, and Epileptic Students on 31st March 1918; (iii) List of Schools and Chasses for Blind, Deaf, Defective, and Epileptic Students for the year ending 31st July 1917.

Copy of Regulations for the Preliminary Education and Training of Teachers in Wales.

Copy of Regulations under which Grants to Schools for Mothers in England and Wales will be made by the Board of Education.

Copy of Regulations for the Training of Teachers.

Copy of Main Heads of the School Teachers' Board of Superannuation Bill.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee for inquiring into the Principles which should determine the fixing of Salaries for Teachers in Secondary and Technical Schools, Schools of Art, Training Colleges, and other Institutions for Higher Education (other than University Institutions); Vol. I., Report. Vol. II., Summaries of Evidence.

Copy of Final Report of Committee on Relations between Employers and Employed.

Copy of First Interim Report of the Women's Housing Sub-Committee of the Advisory Council.

Copy of Report of the Advisory Committee on Aeronautics for Aeronautics for the year 1917-18.

Copies of the following Orders made by the Ministry of Food under the Defence of the Realm Regulations: Food (Registration of Dealers) (No. 2) Amendment Order, 1918; Caerphilly Cheese (Requisition) Order, 1918; British Cheese (Requisition) Order, 1918; Food Control Committees (Term of Office) Order, 1918; Order, dated the 16th July 1918, amending the National Kitchens Order; Pilchards Order; Flour and Bread (Prices) Order, 1917; Bread Orders, 1917 and 1918; Meat Retail Prices (England and Wales) Order (No. 3); Margarine (Retail Prices) Order; Postponement of Canteens and Hostels (Licensing) Order, 1918; Slaughterhouses (Licensing) Order, 1918; Milk Products (Import Restriction) Order; Cheese
(Distribution) Order, 1918; Bacon, Ham, and
Loaves (Prices) Order, 1918; Jam (Prices) (No. 2)
Order, 1918; Raw Beef and Raw Mutton Fat
(Licensing of Purchases) Order, 1918; Plums
(Sales) Order, 1918; Rationing Order, 1918;
Rationing Order, 1918 (Nos. 909, 901, 900, 908);
Sale of Sweetmeats (Restriction) Order, 1918;
Sale of Sweetmeats (Ireland) (Restriction) Order,
1918; Rationing Order, 1918 (No. 1,006); Milk
Products (Returns) Order, 1918; Shredded Suet
(Maximum Prices) Order, 1918; Rationing
Order, 1918 (No. 1,042); Potatoes (1918 Crop)
(Restriction) Order, 1918; Rata Order, 1918;
Vegetable Marrow Order, 1918; Food for
Mothers and Children (Scotland) Order, 1918;
Tea (Licensing of Wholesale Dealers) Order,
1918; Tallow and Dripping (Restriction of
Export and Import) Order, 1918; and Jam
Manufacturers (Restriction) Order, 1918.

Copy of Regulations, dated 24th September
1918, made by the Scottish Education Depart-
ment, as to Grants to School Boards in respect
of the Medical Treatment of necessitous School
Children.

Copy of Sixth Report of the Scottish Land
Court for the year 1917.

Copy of Report on the Trade of Australia
for the year 1917, by Mr. G. T. Milne, His
Majesty's Trade Commissioner for the Common-
wealth of Australia.

Copy of Report on the Trade of the Dominion
of Canada and Newfoundland for the year 1917,
by the Officer in charge of His Majesty's Trade
Commissioner's Office at Montreal.

Copy of Report on the Trade of the Dominion
of New Zealand for the year 1917, by Mr. R. W.
Dalton, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for
the Dominion of New Zealand.

Copy of Report on the Trade of South Africa
for the year 1917, by Mr. W. G. Wickham,
His Majesty's Trade Commissioner in South
Africa.

Copy of Report on the Examinations of
Candidates for Certificates of Competency in the
Mercantile Marine and the Sea-Fishing Service
for the year 1917.

Copy of Report of the Company Law Amend-
ment Committee to the Board of Trade and the
Ministry of Reconstruction.

Copy of Report of the Board of Trade on the
Increased Employment of Women in the United
Kingdom during the War, with Statistics up to
April 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, by His
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Report of
the Royal Commission appointed to consider
and report what compensation should be paid in
respect of Losses incurred through the exercises
by the Crown of its rights and duties in the
Defence of the Realm.

Secretary Sir George Cave also presented,
pursuant to the directions of several Acts of
Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Inspector
under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, for the
year 1917.

Copy of Licences under the Penal Servitude
Acts granted to three Convicts, discharging
them from Aylesbury Convict Prison on condi-
tions that they enter a Home.

Copy of a Licence granted to George Knee
Pencott, to which noonence of conditions other
than contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude
Act, 1864.

Copies of Orders (three) made under the Shops
Act, Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the under-
mentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by
the Secretary of State for the Home Depart-
ment:—

County of Cumberland (District of Long-
town).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Sir Eric Geddes presented, pursuant to the Naval Prize
Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Money.
Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure
of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other
Moneys between 1st April 1917 and 31st March
1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Macpherson presented, by His Majesty's Army (Special
Command,—Copy of Return, for the year ended
31st March 1918, of Pensions specially granted
under Article 1201 of the Royal Warrant for the
Pay, &c., of the Army.

Copy of Statement of the sum required to be Army
voted in order to make good excesses of Army
Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year
ended 31st March 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table and that the Paper relative to Army
(Excesses) 1916-17 be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, pursuant to the
directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Return of all Loans raised in England under the
provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the com-
 mencement of the half-year ended on the 30th
September 1918, with the rates of interest and
total amount payable thereon, and the date of
the termination of each Loan, the debt incurred
during the half-year, the moneys set apart for the
half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans
outstanding at the close of the half-year;
ating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys
have been raised during the half-year.

Return of all Loans raised in India under the
provisions of any Acts of Parliament, charge-
able on the Revenues of India, outstanding at
the commencement of the half-year ended on the
31st March 1918, with the rates of interest and
total amount payable thereon, and the date of
the termination of each Loan, the debt incurred
during the half-year, the moneys raised thereby
during the half-year, the Loans paid off or
discharged during the half-year, and the Loans
outstanding at the close of the half-year;
ating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys
have been raised during the half-year.

Copy of Additions to Rule XI. of Regulations for the Admission of Candidates to the Civil (Civil Service) Service of India.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table and that the Papers relative to East India (Loans raised in England) and East India (Loans raised in India) be printed.
9 Geo. V. 15th October.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Extracts from the Minutes of Proceedings and Papers laid before the Imperial War Conference, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Final Orders, made by the Board of Agriculture, under Part IV. of the Corn Production Act, 1917, dated, respectively, the 10th and 20th September 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Port of London Authority. Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Ninth Annual Report with Accounts of the Port of London Authority, for the year ended 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Seamen's Savings Banks. Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade on account of Seamen's Savings Banks under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1884, during the year ended 20th November 1916, and the interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Civil Services (Supplementary Estimate, 1918-19.) No. 116.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877. Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Receipts and Payments under the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, during the year ended 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Supreme Court of Judicature. Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in respect of the funds of suitors of the Court in the year ended 28th February 1918, and Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Supersession Act, 1897. Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 14th August 1918, granting a retired allowance under the Supersession Act, 1897, to Mr. Bertram P. Wra, Minor Staff Clerk, Accountant and Comptroller General’s Office, Customs and Excise Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


National Health Insurance Joint Committee (Regulations.) National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland) (Regulations.) Vol. LII.

Copy of Regulations made by the Treasury, dated 13th August 1918, entitled the National Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1918.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 16th September 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee acting jointly with the Scottish, the Irish, and the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Irish Migratory Labourers Benefits) Regulations, 1918.

Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Scottish Insurance Commissions, acting jointly, entitled the National Health Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Consolidated Regulations (Scotland), 1918.

Copy of Order, dated 18th September 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and by the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Teachers) Exclusion Order (Scotland), 1918.

Copy of Provisional Regulations, dated 28th National June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee acting jointly with the Irish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Consolidated Regulations (Ireland), 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland:

Borough of Leith. With Amendment—Borough of Hawick.

Copy of the War Disease of Potatoes (Scotland) Order, 1918, made under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.

Ordered, That the Paper be printed.

Copy of Registration under the Corn Production Acts, dated 13th September 1918, made by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland with respect to the time within which questions of cultivation may be referred to arbitration, and of Regulation, dated 27th September 1918, amending the Regulations dated 23rd April 1918, with respect to the Tenure of Office and Procedure of District Wages Committees.

Burgh of Coventry. Founding the Borough of Coventry.


Copy of Order in Council, under the Bishoprics Act, 1878, and the Bishoprics of Bradford and Coventry Act, 1918, dated 4th September 1918, founding the Bishoprics of Bradford and Coventry.

Copy of six Orders in Council, dated 4th September 1918, made under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, and of two Orders in Council, dated 27th September 1918, relating to the Dockyard of Deptford and Woolwich.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Naval Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, dated 2nd August 1918, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty praying a portion to the grant of Ten Great Officers or Chaplains as acting Chaplains R.N., to Ministers of Religious Bodies not in conformity with the Church of England, two Orders in Council, dated 15th August 1918, approving Memorials of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty under the Act, three Orders in Council, dated 4th September 1918, approving Memorials of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty under the Act, three Orders in Council, dated 27th September 1918, made under the Act.
Copies of two Orders in Council, dated 4th September 1918, made under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 2nd August 1918, respecting the Autumn and Winter Assizes for the County of Somerset during the War and for six months thereafter, made under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875.

Copy of Report, under the Titles Deprivation Act, 1917, of the Committee of the Privy Council, with Copies of the Affidavits therein mentioned.

Copies of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Cambridge, on 4th May 1918, and sealed on the 18th day of June 1918, amending certain sections of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of the College.

Copies of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on 8th June 1918, and sealed on the 18th day of the same month, amending Statutes V., XXI., I., and L., and adding a new Statute XVA. to the Statutes of the College.

Copies of Statutes made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, by the University of Cambridge, and sealed on 22nd May 1918, amending Statutes A., Chapters I. and IV., of the Statutes of the University.

Copy of Statute made under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, on 22nd May 1918, and sealed on the same day, amending Chapter 2, Section 1, and Chapter 6, Section 5, of the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1917. Part A. General Report.

Copy of Rules, dated 11th October 1918, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Juries) Act, 1918.

Copy of County Court Rule, dated 11th October 1918, under the Juries Act, 1918.

Copy of Form of Inquisition on an Inquest which, or any part of which, is held without a Jury, made under the Juries Act, 1918.

Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Act, 1860 and 1898, for effecting an union of the Benefices of Saint Michael and All Angels, Paddington, and All Saints, Paddington.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Friendly Societies, &c, be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had issued, during the adjournment, Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament.

For the County of Oxford (Northern and Banbury Division) in the room of Major the honourable Sir Eastace Edward Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, baronet, who has accepted the offices of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Seychelles, for the Borough of Saint George, Hanover Square, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir George Houston Reid, o.c.m.o., deceased.

For the Borough of Bath in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander George Botetille Thynne, d.s.o. (commonly called Lord Alexander Thynne), killed in action.

George Knox Anderson, Esquire, Member for New Member sworn.

The Loans (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Naval and Military War Pensions Bill.

Mr. Hodge accordingly presented a Bill to Naval and Military War Pensions Bill, to make provision for the better administration of the enactments relating to Naval, Military, and Air Force war pensions, grants, and allowances, and for certain other purposes connected with such pensions, grants, and allowances; And that Mr. Hodge, Mr. Hayes Fisher, Mr. Munro, Mr. Shortt, and Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen do prepare and bring it in.

The Midwives Bill was, according to Order, Midwives Bill read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Thursday next.—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

The Tithe Bill was, according to Order, read Tithe Bill, a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. Prothero.)

The Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Baldwyn.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 4 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Mr. Speaker's the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill Certificate having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate):

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

JAMES W. LOWTHER, Speaker.

Mr. Herbert Fisher reported from the Committee on School Teachers (Superannuation) a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—
That it is expedient to make provision, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, for the grant of superannuation allowances and gratuities to teachers and of gratuities to legal personal representatives of deceased teachers, for charging deferred annuities under the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1899 to 1912, on the Consolidated Fund, and for otherwise amending these Acts.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Herbert Fisher, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Herbert Lewis do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Herbert Fisher accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the grant of superannuation allowances to teachers and of gratuities to their legal personal representatives, and to amend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1899 to 1912: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Commission (Belfast Prison) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 16th October 1918.

Prayers.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Religious instruction)—(Mr. Munro)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Establishment of Scotch Education Department)—(Mr. Hogge)—and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Adamson, Yea, Mr. Hogge:

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Guest, Noes, Colonel Sanders:

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out paragraphs (a) and (b), and inserting the words "Every county and every county of a city,"—(Mr. Watt), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 20, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"(2) Before making an order under this section the Secretary for Scotland shall cause the proposed order to be published in such manner as to make the same known to all persons interested, and shall, after considering any objections and representations respecting the proposed order, and causing a local inquiry to be held if he sees fit to do so, thereafter make the order and cause the same to be forthwith published in the Edinburgh Gazette and in a newspaper circulating in the education area."—(Mr. Munro)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The proposed words were amended, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "this," the words "and the following."—(Mr. Gulland)

And the Question being put, That the words—

"(2) Before making an order under this and the following section the Secretary for Scotland shall cause the proposed order to be published in such manner as to make the same known to all persons interested, and shall, after considering any objections and representations respecting the proposed order, and causing a local inquiry to be held if he sees fit to do so, thereafter make the order and cause the same to be forthwith published in the Edinburgh Gazette and in a newspaper circulating in the education area," be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "constitutions," the words "and election."—(Colonel Sir John Hope)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.


Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing, for each Parliamentary Constituency in the United Kingdom, the numbers of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors on the first Register compiled under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.—(Mr. Brack.)

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Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "person," the words "who shows promise of profiting thereby, and who is."—(Mr. Watt.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 10, by leaving out the words "is qualified for attendance at an intermediate or secondary school, and."—(Mr. MacCollum Scott.)

And the Question being put, That those words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 10, by leaving out the words "one month," and inserting the words "two months"—(Mr. Guiland),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "one month" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 31, by leaving out the words "one month," and inserting the words "two months"—(Mr. Dundas White).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 40, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(8) An education authority shall meet at meetings such times as the conduct of business may require. There shall be at least one general meeting of every education authority in each month except the months of August and September."—(Mr. Munro.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 39, by inserting at the beginning thereof the words "A child under the age of twelve shall not be employed, and."—(Mr. Whitehouse.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 23, by inserting at the end thereof the words "and that years of recorded service in any school or schools transferred to an education authority shall, for the purpose of this subsection, be deemed to have been in the service of that education authority."—(Mr. Watt.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 39, by leaving out from the word "include," to the word "contributions," in l. 42, and inserting the words—

"(i) travelling expenses necessarily incurred in attending meetings of an education authority or any committee thereof;"
(ii) an allowance at uniform rates to be prescribed by the department in respect of other personal expenses necessarily incurred and time necessarily lost from ordinary employment in attending such meetings; and

(iii),—(Mr. Muir)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

Objection being taken that the proposed Amendment would involve an increased charge, Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Question thereon could not be put.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 29, by leaving out paragraph (b).—(Mr. John Henderson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loans (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And, it being half-an-hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "be" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a Government Amendment to Schedule 5."—(Mr. Munro.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;
The proposed words were amended, by inserting, after the second word "of," the words "an Amendment to Clause 13 and."—(Mr. Pringle.)

And the Question being put, That the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of an Amendment to Clause 13 and a Government Amendment to Schedule 5," be there added.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of an Amendment to Clause 13 and a Government Amendment to Schedule 5.

Then the House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

Clause 13.
Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 14, to leave out subsection (2), and insert the words—
"(2) Each education authority shall annually ascertain the amount of such deficiency and, in the case of the scheduled burghs, shall certify to the town council of each such burgh the amount thereof, and, in the case of other areas, shall apportion and allocate the same among the burghs and county or counties constituting an education area, according to their respective valuations in the valuation roll, and shall not later than the twelfth day of June in each year certify to the town council of each burgh and the county council of each county the amount of such deficiency, and the town council and county council shall impose, levy, and collect the same within such burgh or county, respectively, under the name of education rate, and shall from time to time as they collect it pay over the amount collected to the local education authority without any deduction on account of the cost of levying and collecting the same—

(a) In a county, excluding a burgh, the education rate shall be imposed, levied, and collected in like manner and under the like powers as, but as a separate assessment from, and without the limit applicable to the public health general assessment."
—(Mr. Pringle.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Yeas, Colonel Sanders : ] 130.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pringle, Noes, Mr. Shaw : ] 75.
Clause agreed to.

Schedule 5 amended, and agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had made Amendments to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Bill Committee on the Midwives Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Special Commission (Belfast Prison) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Loans Second Reading of the Loans (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill [Lords] upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Bill Committee on the Tithe Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Loans Second Reading of the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
WHEREUPON Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER, pursuant to the ORDER of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being three after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at three minutes after Seven of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

Mr. BALDWIN presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between the British and German Governments concerning combatant Prisoners of War and Civilians.

Mr. MILLENS, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Amendment (No. 85) Warrant, 1918, Costa Rica, dated the 27th August 1918.

Sir ALBERT STANLEY presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Thirty-fifth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade under the Bankruptcy Acts.

Mr. BULKEW presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Interim Report of the Committee on Currency and Foreign Exchanges after the War.

Mr. SHORTT presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland under the Third Schedule of the Corn Production Act, 1917.

The Lord Advocate, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twelfth Report of the Inspector for Scotland under the Inebriates Acts, for the years 1916 and 1917.

Sir ERIC GEDDES presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation, No. 190.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Rhyds WILLIAMS, New Members baronet, K.C., D.S.O., Member for the County of Oxford (Northern or Banbury Division), was sworn.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER; and Forty Members not being present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being three after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at three minutes after Seven of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Midwives Bill into a Committee on the Midwives Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the,—Major Hill, Yes, 30. Major Courthope: 38.
Tellers for the,—Mr. George Thorne, Noes, Sir James Bayton: 13.

Clauses No. 13 to No. 15 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendments of s. 3 of the principal Act)—(Mr. Watt)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Certain boroughs and urban districts may become supervising authority)—(Mr. Booth)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Special Commission (Belfast Prison) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow. —(Mr. Shortt.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loans (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and at the end of the Question adding the words “upon this day three months.”—(Sir Henry Craik.)

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Wednesday the 30th day of this instant October.—(Colonel Gibbs.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “while this House declares its willingness to make generous provision for all Irish soldiers and sailors who have fought as volunteers in the present war, it declines to proceed with a measure which would absolutely undermine the land settlement effected by the various Land Purchase Acts, and which would be unjust to the many Irish soldiers and sailors for whom it would be impossible to provide land”—(Mr. Hazelton)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Special Committee on the Special Commission (Belfast Prison) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Wednesday, 23rd October 1918.

Prayers.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 970 (Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, Report for 1917).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract Account of Receipts into and Payments out of the Road Improvement Fund for the year ended 31st March 1918; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed,

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statement made, or evidence given, before the Commissioner, and no order made by or in the name of the competent naval or military authority shall apply thereto.

4. The inquiry shall not be held in the county of the city of Belfast."—(Mr. T. M. Healy.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, at the end, to add the words "nor shall the provisions of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1887, apply to the case of such proceedings."—(Mr. T. M. Healy.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the | Colonel Sanders, | 86.

Yea, | Mr. Dudley Ward : | 3.

Tellers for the | Mr. T. M. Healy, | 3.

No, | Mr. Byrne : | 3.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant October, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill, be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Naval and Military War Pensions [Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Naval and Military War Pensions [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of the administrative expenses of any local joint committee (including the expenses of any sub-committee thereof) established or appointed under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act, 1915, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the better administration of the enactments relating to Naval, Military, and Air Force War Pensions, Grants, and Allowances.—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, ordered the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 24th October 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Shortt presented, by His Majesty's Public Command,—Copy of Fifteenth Report of Accounts of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records in Ireland, for 1917.

Mr. Shortt also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rule prescribing an Alternative Work in English, Junior Grade, 1919, made under the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Acts.

Copy of Closing Order made under the Shops Shop Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:—

Urban District Council of Newtownards.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Account of the Irish Land Commission for the year ended 31st March 1918, and from 22nd August 1918 to 31st March 1918, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Accounts of the Irish Land Commission in respect of Church Temporalities in Ireland from 1st April 1917, and from 28th July 1989 (the date of the Irish Church Act), to 31st March 1918; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Order made by the Lord Chancellor, County Courts Act, dated 12th October 1918, under Section 45 of the County Courts Act, 1888, directing that Albert Howe, Registrar of the County Court of Yorkshire, held at Sheffield, shall not practise as a Solicitor.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to Irish Land Commission (Account) and Church Temporalities (Ireland) be printed.

Neville Paul Jodrell, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of Norfolk (Mid Division), was sworn.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords], with Amend-
ments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Gas Light and Coke
Company Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolu-
tion of the House of the 39th day of July last,
the Committee had struck out of the Bill the
provisions whereby it is proposed to increase
any statutory maximum price or to modify
existing statutory provisions as to the relation
of price to dividend.

The Chairman of Ways and Means further
reported from the Committee; That they had
examined the allegations contained in the
Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same
so as to make it consistent with the provisions
of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found
the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone
through the Bill and made Amendments there-
unto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a
Message had been brought from the Lords by
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he was
acquainted the House that he was directed to
move, That the Committee may have leave to
sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
next, again resolve itself into the said Com-
mmittee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways
and Means.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant Adjourn-
tment, to the Order of the House of the 13th day of
February last, proposed the Question, That this
House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved
in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till five minutes before
Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Monday
next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

MONDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1918.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Mr. Speaker's
Table informed the House of the unavoid-
able absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's
Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Whitley, the Chair-
man of Ways and Means, proceeded to the
Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as
Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing
Order.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Light
Command. — Copy of Order made under the Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, by the
Light Railway Commissioners, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, entitled the Swansea Cor-
poration Light Railways (Extensions) (Revival and Extension of Time) Order, 1918.

Copy of Order made under the Light Rail-
ways Acts, 1896 and 1912, by the Light Railway Commissioners, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, entitled the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Formby Light Railways) Order, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pur-
uant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1912.

Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act,
1912, by the Councils of the undermentioned
Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secre-
tary of State for the Home Department:—

Town council of Stafford.

Town council of Burnley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.
Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th July 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Benefit of Invalided Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations (Wales), 1918.

Copy of Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of Universities and Colleges, Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1918; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Irish Universities Act, 1908, be printed.

Mr. Churchill presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum relating to the Acquisition and Direct Control by the Irish Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) of Licensed Premises and Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Charles Cooper Barrie, Esquire, Member for the Elgin District of Burghs, was sworn.

Secretary Sir George Cave, supported by Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Bruce, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to pensions payable to police constables and their widows: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Bruce, supported by Secretary Sir George Cave, presented a Bill to increase the weekly sum which under the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act, 1872, may be ordered to be paid by the putative father of a bastard child: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time,

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by leaving out from the word "that," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Housing Bill on the ground that it is inadequate to meet the shortage of houses existing at the present time and does not embody the two principles:

(1) That any additional cost in providing houses that is due to war conditions should be regarded as a war charge and should be borne by the Exchequer; and

(2) That if the local authorities fail to discharge their responsibilities within a fixed period the houses should be built by the State and transferred to the local authorities,"

(Mr. Rowntree)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

(Mr. Towns Jones.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Superannuation allowances to teachers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "teacher," to insert the words "or organizing master, inspector, secretary, director or other technical education officer who has been a teacher in a recognized school and."—(Major David Davies.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "sixty," in order to insert the word "fifty-five."—(Mr. Cotton.)

Question proposed, That the word "sixty" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, after the word "school," to insert the words "or as a registered teacher in any other efficient school inspected by the Board of Education or by a British University."—(Sir Philip Magnus.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith Beazley reported Naval and Military War Pensions [Expenses] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of the administrative expenses of any local or joint committee (including the expenses of any sub-committee thereof) established or appointed under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act, 1915, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the better administration of the enactments relating to Naval, Military, and Air Force War Pensions, Grants, and Allowances.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loans (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant October, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Tithe Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of this instant October;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Tuesday, 29th October 1918.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting;—Whereupon Mr. Whitley, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Accounts of the Crown Agents' Office Funds for 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill (Lords) and Sexual Offences Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That Mr. Geoffrey Locker-Lampson be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill (Lords) and the Sexual Offences Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That Sir Henry Craik be added to the Select Committee.—(Colonel Sanders.)

Adjourned.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Colonel Sanders.)—It was passed in the Negative.
Act the salary or average salary of teachers of any class or of teachers in any school or class of schools shall be treated as not exceeding such amount as may be prescribed."—(Mr. Herbert Fisher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 17 and No. 18 agreed to.

A Clause (Exemption from the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911)—(Mr. Herbert Fisher)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Pensions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Housing Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loans (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do issue Writs to serve in this present Parliament for the Wit County of Wilts, Southern or Wilton Division, in the room of Sir Charles Bathurst, K.B.E., now Baron Bledisloe, of Lydney, called up to the House of Peers.—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Local Taxation (Scotland) Account for the financial year 1917-18.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Montagu presented, by His East India Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Report of Committee appointed to investigate Revolutionary Conspiracies in India, with two Resolutions by the Government of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Colonial Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Colonial Reports, Nos. 971 (Ceylon, Report for 1917), 972 (Hong Kong, Report for 1917), 973 (Zanzibar, Report for 1917), and 974 (St. Helena, Report for 1917).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented to the House of Peers.—(Colonel Sanders.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tithe Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Temporary limitation or variation of tithe rentcharge.)—An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word “January,” to insert the words “or the first day of April where a parish com- mutation award has fixed that day.”—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Wednesday, 30th October 1918.

Mr. Speaker’s Absence.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day’s Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. Whiteley, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.
Another Amendment proposed in p. 1, 1. 6, to leave out the word "twenty-six," in order to insert the word "twenty-three."—(Sir James Fortescue Walrond.)

Question proposed, That the word "twenty-six" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 1, 1. 6, to leave out the word "twenty-six," in order to insert the word "twenty-three."—(Mr. Llewelyn Williams.)

Question proposed, That the word "twenty-six" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1. 8, after the word "rentcharge," to insert the words "including the tithe rentcharge dealt with in the Welsh Church Act, 1914."—(Mr. Llewelyn Williams.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Llewelyn Williams], 81.
Yea, (Mr. Hinds) 176.

Tellers for the [Captain Guest], 197.
Nay, (Colonel Sanders) 176.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Compulsory redemption of rentcharges exceeding twenty shillings):

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1. 13, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the words "shall, unless reason be shown to the contrary."—(Sir Charles Hobhouse.)

Question proposed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 1, 1. 16, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that where the tithe rentcharge for the redemption of which application is so made exceeds forty shillings it shall not be directed to be redeemed without the consent of the owner of the rentcharge unless the owner of the land redeems at the same time all or any other tithe rentcharges on his land in the same manner payable to the same owner of the rentcharge which the owner of the rentcharge may require to be so redeemed."—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Consideration for redemption.)

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Sections seven, eight, and nine of the Tithe Act, 1846, shall apply to the payment of any consideration money and interest payable under this section, provided that where a rentcharge which is redeemed under this section is settled land within the meaning of thesettled Lands Acts, 1882 to 1890, the consideration money and interest may be paid to the trustees of the settlement for the purposes of those Acts, and the receipt of such trustees shall be a sufficient discharge therefor, and such consideration money and interest shall be held and applied as if the same were respectively capital moneys arising under these Acts and income of such capital moneys.

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Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Pensions) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant October, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of this instant October; Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant October, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 12th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Thursday, 31st October 1918.

Mr. Speaker's Address.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Mr. White, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of National Health Insurance Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the Commission (Scotland) acting jointly with the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Benefit of Invalided Seamen and Soldiers) Amendment Regulations (Scotland) 1918. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Statement of Accounts of the Commissioners of the Upper Medway for the year ending 31st March 1918.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Garw and Ogmore Gas Order ought not to be confirmed; that the remaining Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

The Deputy Chairman further reported: That they had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Lan-drindod Wells Gas Hoylake and West Kirby Water North Warwickshire Water and Wey Valley Water. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Gas Provisional Orders Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Stirling Gas Order ought not to be confirmed; that the remaining Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

The Deputy Chairman further reported: That they had amended the Title of the Bill as followeth: A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Arlesey Gas Sheffield Gas and Trowbridge Gas. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Smith Smith Estate Bill [Lords], without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Tithe Bill, as amended in the Committee, Committee, be printed. Bill 103.

Ordered, That the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in Committee, be printed. Bill 104.

Prayers.
Parliament (Qualification of Women) Bill.  
[Bill 102.]

Lord Robert Cecil, supported by Mr. Solicitor-General and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the capacity of women to sit in Parliament: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Adjournment.  
A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—(Colonel桑德斯.)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Police (Pensions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Pensions) Bill:  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill:  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Leases (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords].  
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Leases (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords]:  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Housing Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing Bill:  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensed Stockbrokers (Ireland) Bill.  
The Licensed Stockbrokers (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time,  
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee.  
(Mr. James Hope.)  
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.  
(In the Committee.)  
Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.  
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.  
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Tithe Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Tithe Bill, as amended in the Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Naval and Military War Pensions Bill.  
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment, which, upon the 22nd day of this instant October, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply in the Report from the Committee of Supply of October the 24th day of this instant October;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

Monday, 4th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Ipswich Dock Bill [Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order made upon the 15th day of October last, that the Paper relative to the Ministry of Information do lie upon the Table was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Paper be withdrawn.
Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estimate of the further sum required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1919.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 23d June 1918, made by the Insurance Commissioners, entitled the National Health Insurance (Discharged Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations, 1918.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Insurance Commissioners, and by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee acting alone, entitled the National Health Insurance (Benefits of Invalided Seamen and Soldiers) Regulations, 1918.

Copy of Return of amount payable on 5th January 1918 out of the Consolidated Fund for Ecclesiastical Purposes in the West Indies.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 43 Malta, Report for 1917-18.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Interim Reports of the Civil War-workers' Committee to the Ministry of Reconstruction.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the President of the Local Government Board, and the Secretary for Scotland to consider questions of Building Construction in connection with the Provision of Dwellings for the working Classes in England and Wales and Scotland and report upon Methods of securing Economy and Despatch in the Provision of such Dwellings.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 24th September 1918, made under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, postponing the date of operation of two Orders referred to in the Schedule thereof.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Colonel Sanders):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Mr. Shortt, supported by Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the pay and pensions of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police; and for other purposes in connection with those forces: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Exemption from the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911),—(Mr. Herbert Fisher),—was twice read; and made part of the Bill

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Tithe Bill into consideration the Tithe Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Police (Pensions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Secretary Sir George Carew.)

The Parliament (Qualification of Women) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Wednesday next.—(Lord Robert Cecil.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Increase of maximum payment under affiliation orders).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "twelve."—(Sir Robert Newman.)

Question proposed, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out from the word "Act," to the end of subsection, in order to insert the words "each order is hereby varied and increased by adding to such weekly sum an amount equal to one-half of such weekly sum."—(Mr. Curran Bee.)

Question proposed, That the word "either" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the word "entitled," to insert the words "or on the application of the child's guardian or representative."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words—

"Any order made under the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act, 1872, or this Act may be varied at any time either by the court of summary jurisdiction which made the order or by a court of summary jurisdiction for the place where the person who is entitled under the
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order to receive the payment resides."—(Sir Robert Newman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the words "does not" in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. King.)

Question proposed, That the words "does not" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Appeals)—(Sir Robert Newman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Loans (Incumbents of Benefices) Amendment Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 8 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Towyn Jones reported from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of October last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class III.

1. That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,200,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Police, the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary, Expenses in connection with the Expenses of the Stationery Office; and sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 4th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve into a Committee to consider the Army Expenditure, surplus and deficits upon Navy and Army Grants for 1916-17, and the application of surplus revenue not provided for in the Grants for that year.—(Colonel Sanders.)

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented upon the 4th day of March last and the 25th day of February last, be referred to the Committee.—(Colonel Sanders.)

Whereupon Mr. Deuty Speaker, pursuant to Adjournment, to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 5th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Baldwin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the Medical Research Committee, 1917-18.

Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon (1) the actual increase since June 1914 in the cost of Living to the Working Classes, and (2) any counterbalancing factors (apart from increases of Wages) which may have arisen under War Conditions.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts for 1917, showing the interest accrued in respect of the securities standing in the names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, and of the Fund for the Banks for Savings for the year ended 30th November 1917, and the Fund for Friendly Societies for the year ended 20th November 1917.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Closing Order made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Council of the undermentioned Local Authority, and confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland:—

County Borough of Limerick.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir George Cave presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Patrick Higgins, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Joseph Houslock Wilson, Esquire, Member for the Borough of South Shields, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is essential that, before the British Government takes part in any proceeding for the settlement of Europe on the conclusion of peace, the Irish question should be settled in accordance with the principles laid down by President Wilson, that all nations, large and small, should have free self-determination as to their form of government, and that no people should be ruled and dominated even in their own internal affairs by arbitrary and irresponsible force instead of by their own will and choice, principles for which, in the words of the Prime Minister, the Allies are ostensibly fighting in every other country; and that by the application of these principles the system of coercion and military rule, under which Ireland is at present governed, should be brought to an end.—(Mr. T. P. O'Connor.)

And the Question was amended, in l. 1, by inserting, after the word "House," the words "in view of the coming Peace Conference"; in l. 2, by leaving out from the word "that," to the second word the" in l. 3; and in l. 4, by inserting, after the word "settled," the words "without further delay."—(Mr. Boland.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Boland,

Yeas, | Mr. Doris: | 115.

Tellers for the (Captain Guest,

Noes, | Colonel Sanders: | 106.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1916-17.

(In the Committee.)

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Bill; the Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Bill);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for the Police Committee on the Police (Pensions) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 6th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Muir presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Cowdenbeath Water: And the same was read the first time; and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant November; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Savings Banks and Friendly Societies which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant November be printed.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Four Orders in Council, dated 23rd October 1918 (provisional except with respect to Scotland), made under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Inter-departmental Conference on the subject of the proposed extension to Ireland of the Small Holding Colonies Act, 1916.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Advisory Council of the Minister of Reconstruction upon Standardisation of Railway Equipment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Roberts presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October 1918, made by the Minister of Labour under the Trade Boards Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the Amount required to be voted during the year ending 31st March 1919, for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, Warlike Operations, and other Expenditure arising out of the War, 1918-19 (Supplementary Vote of Credit). No. 129.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Wilson-Fox reported from the Select Committee on Transport, That they had made progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tithe Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 11, by inserting after the word "eighteen," the words "and such sum shall be deemed to be the amount of the tithe rentcharge accounting for the annual average in force at the date of establishment of any Welsh Church within the meaning of the Fourth and Fifth Schedules of the Welsh Church Act, 1914, if the said Act comes into operation before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-six."—(Mr. Llewellyn Williams.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Llewellyn Williams, Yeas, Mr. Hinds: ] 106.

Tellers for the [Captain Guest, Noes, Colonel Sanders: ] 159.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof the words "except that the sum so payable in any year shall not exceed one hundred pounds, or a proportionate amount in respect of any greater or less rentcharge."—(Mr. Protheroe.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 18, by leaving out the words "whether created under the powers of an Act of Parliament or otherwise."—(Mr. Dundas White.)

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And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill (Qualification of Women). (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Capacity of women to be Members of Parliament.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word “woman,” to insert the words “if she shall have attained the age of thirty.”—(Sir Charles Henry.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word “woman,” to insert the words “other than a woman holding in her own right a peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain, or the United Kingdom.”—(Mr. Holt.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the end, to add the words “or for receiving a writ of summons to attend and to sit and vote in the House of Lords.”—(Sir Charles Henry.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill (Naval and Military War Pensions). (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Administrative expenses of committees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—

“...But the council of any county or borough or urban district for whose area a local committee has been established may, with the consent of the Local Government Board or the Secretary for Scotland, as the case may be, make such payments as they think fit to supplement the amounts approved by the Minister towards the administrative expenses of any such local committee, district committee, or sub-committee, and any such supplementary payments may be made out of any fund or rate out of which the expenses of the council making the rate are payable.”—(Mr. Pennfather.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word “time,” to insert the words “and reasonable day and night subsistence allowances.”—(Mr. Hogge.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, at the end, to add the words “and may include travelling expenses of persons not members of the committee or any sub-committee where the Minister is satisfied that such persons have special experience of the work and give their services regularly.”—(Sir Henry Harris.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, at the end, to add the words—

“(4) A war pensions committee may pay as general expenses incurred by them in the execution of their duties any sum not exceeding ten pounds in any one year as a subscription to the funds of any association of war pensions committees which may be formed and whose objects are approved by the Pensions Minister as well as any reasonable expenses of the attendances of representatives, not exceeding in any case four, at meetings of such associations on a scale to be approved by the Pensions Minister.”—(Mr. Pennfather.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Power of Minister with respect to framing of schemes, appointment, suspension, &c., of committees.)

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Hogge.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “or,” in l. 12, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“(1) require local committees to appoint discharged men on all district and sub-committees.”—(Mr. Hogge.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir George Toulmin.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “as,” in p. 3, l. 18, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Power of Minister to appoint additional members of committees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 39, to leave out from the word “and” to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words “three not being officials of the Ministry.”—(Sir Montagu Barlow.)
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Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 39, to leave out the words "one-fourth," in order to insert the words "ten per cent."—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.)

Question proposed, That the words "one-fourth" stand part of the Clause;

Mr. Hogge rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.

Question, That the words "one-fourth" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question put, That the words "ten per cent." be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yea, [Colonel Saunders : ] 64.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1916-17.

(In the Committee.)

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Committee on the Police (Pensions) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Constabulary to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the further provision of moneys provided by Parliament, for the pay of members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police and for pensions, allowances, and gratuities to members of those forces, their widows, and children.—(Mr. Shortt.)

Mr. Shortt, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment, ordered the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 7th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, by His Majesty's Dye Industry Command,—Copy of Memorandum by the Board of Trade on the Scheme for the allocation and administration of the Funds provided by Parliament for the development of the Dye Industry by means of financial assistance to companies and firms in aid of developments, extensions, and research.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Standing 31r. Speaker puts the Health. and Allotments (pursuant to Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1908) Adjournment of the House (General Election.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

"The Lords have agreed to the Burghs Gas Supply (Scotland) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Portsea Island Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London United Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Dillon, Member for Mayo, East, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the continued refusal of the Government to provide the House with any definite information as to the date of the General Election, and the great public uncertainty and inconvenience arising from this refusal; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen;

"The Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until a quarter-past Eight this evening.

Hugh Morrison, Esquire, Member for the County of Wilts (Southern or Wilton Division), was sworn.


Mr. Proctor presented a Bill to amend the Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1908: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ministry of Health.

Mr. Speaker put the Question (pursuant to Standing Order No. 11:)

"Ordered, That Dr. Addison, Secretary Sir George Cave, Sir Auckland Geddes, Mr. Muir, and Sir Edwin Cornwall do prepare and bring in the Bill."

Dr. Addison accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Ministry of Health and a Board of Health to exercise in England and Wales and in Scotland, respectively, powers with respect to health and local government; and for purposes connected therewith; And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.)

Ministry of Information.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Information:—Debate arising;—Mr. Baldwin rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put;—Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. James Hope, Yeas, [Mr. Pratt: 43.]

Tellers for the Mr. Roland, Mr. Pringle: 40.

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. James Hope, Mr. Pratt: 113.

Tellers for the Mr. Roland, Mr. Pringle: 40.

And it being a quarter past Eight of the clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10, further proceeding was postponed, without Question put.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Then the House again resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Postponed proceeding resumed.—Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £100,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, for a grant to the Interim Forestry Authority.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Constabulary and Police (Ireland) [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Constabulary and Police (Ireland) [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Navy and Army Expenditure, 1916-17.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1916-17;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Naval and Military War Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Police (Pensions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Police (Pensions) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1927) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1927) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ireland (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Ireland (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker, at seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last.

Monday, 11th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Shurtt presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of Advances made under the Irish Land Purchase Acts during the months of August, September, October, November, and December 1916.

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PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Smith Estate Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Munro presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Mr. Munro presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Dunbarton District Water: And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant November; and to be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 17th October 1918, as to the disposal of a further Contribution from the States of Jersey to the War.

Copy of Memorandum on Sixth Report from the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

Copy of Report of the Government Chemist upon the work of the Government Laboratory for the year ended 31st March 1918, with Appendices.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th November 1918, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade, in the year ended 31st March 1918, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1918, made by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, entitled the National Health Insurance (Accounts of Insurance Committees) Regulations (Ireland), 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 976 (British Guiana, Report for 1917).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mooney reported from the Committee on Brentford the Brentford Gas Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 23rd day of July last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill the provisions whereby it is proposed to increase any statutory maximum price, or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend.

Mr. Mooney further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the South Shields Gas Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 30th day of July last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill the provisions whereby it was proposed to increase any statutory maximum price or to modify existing statutory provisions as to the relation of price to dividend.

The Chairman of Ways and Means further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not Business of interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (County of Surrey) (South Eastern or Reigate Division.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (County of Surrey) (South Eastern or Reigate Division.), in the room of Colonel Richard Hamilton Rawson, deceased;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned,—(General Croft):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply;

That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £700,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament,
9 Geo. V. 12th November.

Towards defraying the expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1919 for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, and so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications; whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for all expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Class II.

2. £100,000 for a grant to the Interim Forestry Authority.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1916-17.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st March 1917, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a) That the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services by a sum of £207,954,228 16s. 0d.;

(b) That the aggregate receipts in aid of Navy Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated in aid of those Services by a sum of £2,065,381 6s. 8d.;

(c) That the total differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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And whereas, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, of the excesses of the sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid of Navy Votes 2 to 15 over the sums which may be applied under the Appropriation Acts, 1916 and 1917, as Appropriations in Aid of those Votes, towards making good the deficiency of £17,570,430 10s. 2d. in the sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid of Votes 1, 3, and 15:

2. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

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3. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1917, the sum of £10 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

2. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1918, the sum of £702,658,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of this instant November a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1918-19.

Ministry of Information.

That a sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Ministry of Information.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Constabulary and Police (Ireland) [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise further provision, out of moneys provided by Parliament, for the pay of members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police and for pensions, allowances, and gratuities to members of those forces, their widows, and children, and for other purposes in connection therewith.—(Mr. Shortt.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Police (Pensions) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing Bill, Committee on the Housing Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming East India the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Holdings and Allotments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ministries of Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 15th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Wednesday, 13th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London United Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second Annual Report of the Scottish War Savings Committee.

Copy of Order, dated 6 November 1918, made by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, entitled the County Borough of Swansea (Insurance Committee) Order, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Prothero presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the working of Small Holdings acquired under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1908.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum of Agreement between the Chilean Government and the Nitrate of Soda Executive for the Sale and Purchase of Nitrate of Soda. (Signed also in Spanish by the Chilean Minister in London, 3rd October 1918.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Sessions 1914-16, 1916, 1917-18, and 1918 (1) in the House; and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

(a) Closure.

(b) Selection of Amendments.

and (2) in the Standing Committees, under the following heads:

and (3) of Bills in respect of certain stages of which the power of selecting Amendments was conferred upon the Chair by Order of the House, under the following heads:—

Selection of Amendments.

(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 427 of Session 1914). — (The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 26 (Closure of Debate) during Sessions 1914-16, 1916, 1917-18, and 1918 (1) in the House; and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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Selection of Amendments.

(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 427 of Session 1914). — (The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Business of a Return showing, with reference to Session 1918, (1) the total number of days on which the House sat; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 182 of Session 1917-18).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Private Bills a Return respecting the number of Private Bills, Hybrid and Private Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed, in Session 1918, classed according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Tramroads; Subways; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Waterworks; Gas; Gas and Water; Lighting and Improvement; Local Legislation; Corpora-
Committees, a Select Petitions. Public Bills. Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the days on which the House sat in Session 1918, stating for each day the date of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment; and the total number of hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after Eleven p.m.; and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Standing Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.309 of Session 1917-18).—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London dock Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Education (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Diesel Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lancashire Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheffield Corporation (Consolidation) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the South Suburban Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum Production Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Education (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Samuel reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure; That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

No. 132. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 132. Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

Mr. Munro, supported by Mr. Shortt and Mr. Bruce, presented a Bill to extend the maximum period which may be allowed to elapse at elections during the present war and a period of twelve months thereafter between the close of the poll and the counting of the votes and to exclude from the operation of the Rules Publication Act, 1883, Orders in Council made under the Representation of the People Act, 1918: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Dr. Addison, supported by Mr. Munro and Mr. Macpherson, presented a Bill to make provision for determining the date of the termination of the present war, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee Supply (of 12th November) Report.

Colonel Sanders reported from the Committee Supply of the 12th day of this instant November several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Supplementary Vote of Credit, 1918-19.

1. That a Supplementary sum not exceeding £100,000,000 be granted to His Majesty, beyond the ordinary Grants of Parliament, towards defraying the Expenses which may be incurred during the year ending the 31st day of March 1919, for general Navy, Army, and Air Services, in so far as specific provision is not made therefor by Parliament; for the conduct of Naval and Military Operations; for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country; for assisting the Food Supply, and promoting the continuance of Trade, Industry, Business, and Communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against risk, the financing of the purchase and resale of Foodstuffs and Materials, or otherwise; for relief of Distress; and generally for Expenses, beyond those provided for in the ordinary Grants of Parliament, arising out of the existence of a state of War.

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2. That a sum not exceeding £100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919 for a grant to the Interim Forestry Authority.

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the Clock on Thursday morning.

Thursday, 14th November 1918.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Colonel Sanders, Yeas, | Mr. Dudley Ward | 44.

Tellers for the (Mr. Duncan Miller, Nous, | Mr. Hogge | 11.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee Navy and Army Expenditure, 1916-17, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1917, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a) That the aggregate expenditure on Navy Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services by a sum of £207,954,225 18s. Od.

(b) That the aggregate receipts in aid of Navy Services fell short of the aggregate sums appropriated in aid of those Services by a sum of £1,905,979 0s. 7d.

(c) That the total differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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And whereas, as shown in the Schedule hereto annexed, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of the excesses of the sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid of Navy Votes 2 to 15 over the sums which may be applied under the Appropriation Acts, 1916 and 1917, as Appropriations in Aid of those Votes, amounting in all to £14,968,325 11s. 0d., to make good part of the deficiency of Appropriations in Aid of Vote 1:

1. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

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II. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1917, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a) That the aggregate expenditure on Army Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services by a sum of £688,845,948 9s. 8d.;

(b) That the aggregate receipts in aid of Army Services exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated in aid of those Services by a sum of £2,065,391 6s. 8d.;

(c) That the total differences between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the net expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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And whereas, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, so far as necessary, of the receipts in aid of such expenditure has been sanctioned to the amount of £2,065,381 6s. 8d.;

And whereas, as shown in the Schedule hereunto appended, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, so far as necessary, of the excesses of the sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid of Army Votes 2 and 4 to 14 over the sums which may be applied under the Appropriation Acts, 1916 and 1917, as Appropriations in Aid of those Votes, towards making good the deficiency of £17,257,420 10s. 2d. in the sums realised on account of Appropriations in Aid of Votes 1, 3, and 15 :

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee on the Police (Pensions) Bill:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1917, the sum of £10 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1919, the sum of £702,656,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Ballance do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time this day ; and to be printed.

Colonel Gibbs reported from the Committee on Constabulary on Constabulary and Police (Ireland) [Money.] Bill, 113, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise further provision, out of moneys provided by Parliament, for the pay of members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police and for pensions, allowances, and gratuities to members of those forces, their widows, and children, and for other purposes in connection therewith, to the extent of £589,846,948.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Shortt and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Shortt accordingly presented a Bill to Constabulary on Constabulary and Police (Ireland) [Money.] Bill, 114, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise further provision, out of moneys provided by Parliament, for the pay of members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police and for pensions, allowances, and gratuities to members of those forces, their widows, and children, and for other purposes in connection therewith, to the extent of £589,846,948.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Committee on the Police (Pensions) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker
do now leave the Chair for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Holdings and Allotments Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministries of Health Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated income and expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year 1918–19 be approved.—(Colonel Sanders.)

Adjourment.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the clock on Wednesday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Thursday, 14th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That in the case of the Brentford Gas Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended, into consideration. Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order Clyde Valley Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Cowdenbeath Water Order Confirmation C (Cowdenbeath Water Order Confirmation Bill) was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Brace presented, by His Majesty's Consul,.—Copy of Report of the Commissioner (Metropolis) of Police for the Metropolis for the year 1917.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Adjournment this instant November, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10. (Standing Order No. 10.)

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Business of this instant November, for a Return relative to Business of the House. (Standing Order No. 134.)

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Closure of this instant November, for a Return relative to Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26). (Standing Order No. 26.)

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Private Bills, this instant November, for Returns relative to Private Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Public Bills, this instant November, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Public Bills, this instant November, for a Return relative to Petitions. (Standing Order No. 26.)

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Select this instant November, for a Return relative to Select Committees. (Standing Order No. 26.)

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Sittings of this instant November, for a Return relative to the House. (Standing Order No. 26.)

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of Standing this instant November, for a Return relative to Standing Committees. (Standing Order No. 26.)

Ordered, That the Returns relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10, Business of the House, Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 26), Private Bills and Private Business, Public Bills, Public Petitions, Select Committees, and Standing Committees be printed.

Mr. Wilson-Fox reported from the Select Transport Committee on Transport: That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Licensed Stockbrokers (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tithe Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. George Roberts, supported by Mr. Bridge- man, presented a Bill to authorise the taking possession of premises required in connection with schemes of demobilisation for employment exchanges and other purposes of the Ministry of Labour: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House do sit to-morrow.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.

Another Amendment made.

The Constabulary and Police (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Captain Gilmour.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill.

(Clause No. 3 (Power of Minister to appoint additional members of committees).) Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Power to make regulations as to proceedings of committees, &c.). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1. 5, to leave out from the word " For," to the word " and," in 1. 6, in order to insert the words " determining what classes of officers are required by committees for the proper discharge of their functions, and defining the general duties of the officers of committees and the conditions under which officers may be appointed or removed by committees, and regulating the remuneration of such officers."—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.)
Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 disagreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Duty of Minister to provide for care of neglected children of men dead or on service).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 12, after the word "children," to insert the words "and young persons."— (Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 17, to leave out the word "suffering," in order to insert the words "in circumstances which may cause them to suffer."— (Sir George Toulmin.)

Question proposed, That the word "suffering" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Whitehouse),—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 21, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."— (Mr. Whitehouse.)

Question proposed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 11 and No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Power of Minister to require information for purpose of determining pre-war earnings)—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed to proposed Clause, in l. 13, at the end, to add the words:—

"(2) Where the applicant for pension required to furnish proof of his pre-war earnings is unable to do so it shall be the duty of the Minister of Pensions to assume a reasonable amount assessed on other available circumstances."—(Sir George Toulmin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 54 as to minimum number of disabled men to be included among members of committee)—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to defray expenses in connection with association of committees)—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Rules of committee)—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of an Amendment in Clause 1, p. 1, l. 11, to be moved on behalf of the Government.—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.)

The House immediately resolved itself into Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended on recommittal, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on recommittal, be now taken into consideration:— The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Munro.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on recommittal, be now taken into consideration:— The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Termination of the Present War (Definition) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Police (Pensions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of power to grant pensions to widows of constables).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the word "constable," in order to insert the words "a member of a police force."—(Mr. Fildes.)

Question proposed, That the word "constable" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out from the word "inspection" to the word "forty" in l. 3.—(Mr. Cotton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words "and in the event of there being no widow, or of the widow dying before any child or children of the marriage have reached the age of sixteen years, the pension, or such proportionate part thereof as the police authority may decide, shall be paid in respect of such child or children until they reach that age."—(Mr. Wiles.)

Question, That the words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"When a pension has been granted by a police authority before the first day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the police authority shall substitute for such pension a pension calculated under the provisions of and upon the same terms as this Act."—(Colonel Sir Frederick Hall.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Aneurin Williams.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Education (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 24, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 24, l. 30, at end insert ("and the expenses of any such inquiry as certified by the Department shall be paid by the authority "), the next Amendment, being read a second time; And it appearing that the Commons were willing to waive their privileges, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 29, after l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 29, after l. 35, insert as a new paragraph—

("14. Section ninety-three of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889 (which relates to local inquiry, &c.), shall apply in any case where the Secretary for Scotland is authorised or required by this Act to make any order or to hold any inquiry: Provided that the costs of any inquiry held in pursuance of the section of this Act relating to electoral divisions and constitution of authorities shall be deemed to be expenses incident to the first election of the education authority for the election area to which the inquiry relates,") the next Amendment, being read a second time; And it appearing that the Commons were willing [Special entry] to waive their privileges, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 36, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 36, l. 9, at end insert ("or meetings of a local advisory council "), the next Amendment, being read a second time; And it appearing that the Commons were willing [Special entry] to waive their privileges, was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum Production Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Resolution Committee on the Housing Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And it being after half-past Eleven of the Adjournment, clock on Thursday evening, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes after Two of the clock, on Friday morning, till this day, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of this day.

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Friday, 15th November 1918.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Ipswich Dock Bill [Ipswich Dock Lords] be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cowdenbeath Water Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Hodge presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances and sanctioned during the period 15th February 1917 to 31st March 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report for 1917 of the Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Shortt presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of Evidence and Index to the Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland on the fixing of Charges for scutching Flax and Tow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of Accidents resulting in death or personal injury known to have been caused by Vehicles in streets, roads, or public places in the Metropolitan Police District and the City of London during the nine months ended the 30th day of September 1918 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 44 of Session 1919).—(Mr. Brass.)

Mr. George Roberts presented a Bill for prescribing minimum rates of wages during a limited period and for repealing certain provisions of the Munitions of War Acts; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the remaining stages of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill may be taken immediately after the Bill has been reported from the Committee, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between the various stages of such a Bill.—(Mr. Shortt.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Termination of the Present War (Definition) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Dr. Addison.)

The Ministry of Labour (Requisitioning of Ministry of Labour Premises) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for Monday next.—(Mr. George Roberts.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.
An Amendment was made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

"Any order made under the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act, 1872, or this Act may be varied at any time either by the court of summary jurisdiction which made the order or by a court of summary jurisdiction for the place where the person who is entitled under the order to receive the payment resides."—(Sir Robert Neenan.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 24, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words—

"(3) Nothing in the last foregoing subsection shall take away or diminish any power to amend an order which might have been exercised if that subsection had not been enacted."—(Mr. King.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Petroleum Production Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of remuneration and expenses in connection with the interim court of arbitration constituted under any Act of the present Session for prescribing minimum rates of wages during a limited period and for repealing certain provisions of the Munitions of War Acts.—(Mr. George Roberts);
And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the purpose of the Bill, gives His Consent, so as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Brace presented,—Return to an Address, dated the 16th day of October last, for a Return relative to Parliamentary and Local Government Electors (United Kingdom). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 14th November 1918, as to certain financial arrangements between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Pacific Cable Act, 1901, and of the Moneys received, expended, and borrowed, and Securities created under the said Act, to the 31st March 1918, together with a Copy of the Report of the Pacific Cable Board.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Pacific Cable Act, 1901, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Employment in Coal and Salt Mines of British Prisoners of War in Germany.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Addison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Ministries of Health Bill, 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stephen Walsh presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Building Byelaws.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken by the Departmental Committee on Building Byelaws, with Index.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Albert Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplementary List of Persons, Firms, and Companies as to whom orders have been made under the Trading with the Enemy (Amendment) Acts, 1916 and 1918.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as Standing Orders, be amended, be printed.

Sir William Bull reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they have examined the Petitions presented upon the 13th day of May last, the 18th and 25th days of June last, the 8th, 10th, and 15th days of July last, the 17th and 23rd days of October last, and the 15th day of this instant November; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have come to the following Resolution, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Brentford Gas Bill and South Shields Gas Bill have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with the Bills, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o'clock on the day prior to the close of the present Session and that all fees due thereon up to that period be paid:

That such Bills shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session:

That such proceedings on such Bills shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages:

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bills in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Provisional Orders Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas and Water Provisional Orders Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Charles Roberts reported from the Select Committee on Emergency Legislation; That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereon.

Parliamentary and Local Government Electors (United Kingdom). No. 139.

Canadian Government (Advances). No. 159.

Pacific Cable Act, 1901. No. 139.

Taxe Management Act, 1890.

Prisoners of War (Miscellaneous). No. 23, 1918.

Ministry of Reconstruction.

Building Byelaws (Departmental Committees.)

Trading with the Enemy (Departmental Acts. Vol. 173.)
Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not interrupted this night under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House), and may be entered upon at any hour although opposed.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to congratulate His Majesty on the conclusion of the Armistice and on the prospect of a victorious peace.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council do humbly know His Majesty's pleasure when He will be attended by this House with the said Address.

Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow, at a quarter past Two of the clock.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Ministry of Munitions Act, 1915: And that Mr. Kellaway, Mr. Churchill, and Major-General Seely do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Kellaway accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Ministry of Munitions Act, 1915: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ministry of Labour (Requisitioning of Premises) Bill.

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to. Clause No. 2 agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Wages (Temporary Regulation) Bill was, Wages according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.—(Mr. George Roberts.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Wages (Temporary Regulation) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Resolution made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of remuneration and expenses in connection with the interim court of arbitration constituted under any Act of the present Session for prescribing minimum rates of wages during a limited period and for repealing certain provisions of the Munitions of War Acts.—(Mr. George Roberts.)

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "provided that the sum shall not exceed thirty thousand pounds."—(Mr. Watt.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and agreed to.

Main Question, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of remuneration and expenses in connection with the interim court of arbitration constituted under any Act of the present Session for prescribing minimum rates of wages during a limited period and for repealing certain provisions of the Munitions of War Acts, provided that the sum shall not exceed thirty thousand pounds.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Holdings and Allotments Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Health Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 32nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill be now read a second time, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported to His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Ninth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise, relating to the wishes of the Natives of the German Colonies as to their future government.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of the 18th day of this instant November as relates to the Brentford Gas Bill and the South Shields Gas Bill be now taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Brentford Gas Bill and South Shields Gas Bill which have been introduced into this House in the present Session of Parliament, and which have passed this House and been sent to the House of Lords, shall have leave to introduce the same in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Five o'clock on the day prior to the close of the present Session.

Ordered, That such Bills shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Five o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That the proceedings on such Bills shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to gas take into consideration the Amendments made in regard to such Bills by the Lords to the Gas Provisional Orders Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Mr. Secretary Long presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the wishes of the Natives of the German Colonies as to their future government.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Balfour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report on the Treatment of British Prisoners of War in Turkey.

Copy of Conditions of Armistice with Germany, Signed 11th November 1918.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Baldwin presented, by His Majesty’s Customs and Excise,—Copy of Ninth Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Customs and Excise, 

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Small Holdings and Allotments Bill.

Ministry of Health Bill.

Irish Land (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) Bill.

King appoints to be attended.

Adjournment.

Tuesday, 19th November 1918.

The House met at a quarter after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker and the House went to attend His Majesty, and, having returned, MR. Speaker reported to the House, That the House had this day attended His Majesty in the Royal Gallery of the Palace of Westminster.

Whereupon MR. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House on the 22nd day of October last, was proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of October last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;
for the year ended 31st March 1918, being the
Sixty-second Report relating to the Customs and
the Sixty-first Report relating to the Excise.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a
Copy of Accounts of the Civil Contingencies
Fund, 1917-18, showing (1) the Receipts and
Payments in connection with the Fund in the year
ended the 31st day of March 1918; (2) the
Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the
commencement and close of the year; together with
Copy of the Correspondence with the
Controller and Auditor General thereon. —
(Mr. Baldwin.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a
Return of all the Draft Provisional Orders under
the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland)
Act, 1899, which in the Sessions of 1917
—18 and 1918 have been reported on by Com-
mmissioners; together with the names of the
Commissioners; the first and also the last day of
the sittings in each group; the number of days
on which each body of Commissioners sat; the
number of days on which each Commissioner
has served; the number of days occupied by
each Draft Provisional Order before the Com-
missioners; the Draft Provisional Orders, the
Preambles of which were reported to have been
proved; and the Draft Provisional Orders, the
Preambles of which were reported to have not
been proved.

And also a Statement showing how all Draft
Provisional Orders of the Sessions have been
dealt with.—(Mr. Mauns.)

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Select Committee appointed to join with a Com-
mitee of the House of Lords to consider the
Criminal Law Amendment Bill [ Lords] and the
Sexual Offences Bill [ Lords] [both now pending
in the House of Lords];

That they had considered the said Bills, and
taken Evidence thereon, and not having com-
menced; the number of days occupied by
each Draft Provisional Order before the Com-
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dealt with.—(Mr. Mauns.)

Also ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Government Business be not
interrupted this night under the Standing Order
(Sittings of the House), and may be entered
upon at any hour although opposed. —(Mr.
Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

No. 142.

Business of the House
(Government Business.)

New Members sworn.

New Writ (Counties of
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New Members sworn.

New Writ (Counties of
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Division.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 4th day of this instant November,
That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the
Clerk of the Crown to make out a New Writ
for the electing of a Member to serve in this
present Parliament for the County of Surrey
(South Eastern or Riegate Division) in the
room of Colonel Richard Hamilton Rawson,
decree ;

and the Question being again proposed —
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the said Motion was, with leave of the
House, withdrawn.

Mr. George Roberts reported from the Com-
mitee on Wages (Temporary Regulation) [Ex-
ceptions] a Resolution; which was read, as
followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment,
out of moneys provided by Parliament, of
remuneration and expenses in connection with the
interim court of arbitration constituted under
any Act of the present Session for prescribing
minimum rates of wages during a limited period
and for repealing certain provisions of the Muni-
tions of War Acts, provided that the sum shall
not exceed thirty thousand pounds.
The said Resolution, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wages (Temporary Regulation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 amended, and
agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clauses No. 4 and No. 5 amended, and
agreed to.

Clauses No. 6 and No. 7 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That
the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Committee, be now taken into consideration :—
The House accordingly proceeded to take the
Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third
time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third
time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ministry of Munitions Bill was, according Ministry
of to Order, read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will immediately
resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill.—
(Colonel Gibbs.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the
Committee. —(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of purposes of
Ministry.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 5, at the
beginning, to insert the words "During the period
of six months from the passing of this Act."—
(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 8, 6,
to leave out the words "or utilised."—(Sir
William Pearce.)

Question proposed, That the words "or
utilised" stand part of the Clause—Amend-
ment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.
John William Wilson reported, That the Com-
mitee had gone through the Bill, and directed
him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill, without any Amendment.

Naval and Military War Pensions Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Naval and Military War Pensions Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith Rosecress.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Adjournment.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 20th November 1918.

PRAYERS.

THE Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Herbert Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Three Orders in Council, dated 8th November 1918, made under the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Shops Act, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made under the Shops Act, 1912, by the Councils of the Local Authorities, and confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland:—

Burgh of Edinburgh.

Burgh of Glasgow (with Amendment).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Police (Pensions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bastardy Laws Amendment Act (1872) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Cowdenbeath Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ipswich Dock Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received Congratulatory Messages upon the conclusion of the Armistice from the Presidents of the Chambers of Panama, Brazil, Bolivia, and Uruguay.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 6th day of August last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Adjournment Order of the House of the 13th day of February last, proposed the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
21st November. 1918.

PRAYERS.

Maj or Fluri Henderson, by His Majesty's Command, presented a Copy of the Second Annual Report of the War Office, for the year ending 30th September 1918.

Mr. Baldwin, by His Majesty's Command, presented a Return to the Ministry of Labour (Requisitioning of Premises) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of Parliamentary Papers Nos. 143 to 145.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Labour (Requisitioning of Premises) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wages (Temporary Regulation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Munitions Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords Amendment, in p. 1, l. 19, leave out ("fixed with regard to, and shall not be later than"), and insert ("as nearly as may be"), being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment :

The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.  
Tellers for the [Lord Edmund Talbot, Yea,  
Mr. Pratt : ] 85.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Edmund Harvey, Noes,  
Mr. King : ] 9.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Royal Assent.  

A Message was delivered by Admiral Sir Henry Frederick Stephenson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attending the House of Lords:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commissions, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.  

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords thereby authorised declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation Act, 1918.  
2. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1918.  
3. Loans (Incumptions of Benefices) Amendment Act, 1918.  
5. Special Commission (Belfast Prison) Act, 1918.  
7. Stockbrokers (Ireland), Act, 1918.  
8. Education (Scotland) Act, 1918.  
11. School Teachers' (Superannuation) Act, 1918.  
13. Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1918.  
15. Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1918.  
17. Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act, 1918.  

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22. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1918.  
23. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1918.  
24. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1918.  
25. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1918.  
27. Cowdenbeath Water Order Confirmation Act, 1918.  
29. Gas Orders Confirmation Act, 1918.  
31. Portsea Gas Act, 1918.  
32. Gas Light and Coke Company's Act, 1918.  
33. South Metropolitan Gas Act, 1918.  
34. London United Tramways Act, 1918.  
35. Ipswich Dock Act, 1918.  
36. Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Act, 1918.  
37. Commercial Gas Act, 1918.  
38. Lancaster Corporation Act, 1918.  
39. Sheffield Corporation (Consolidation) Act, 1918.  
40. South Suburban Gas Act, 1918.  
41. Smith Estate Act, 1918.  

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious King's Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor, in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands, as followeth:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The occasion on which I address you marks the close of a period which will be for ever memorable in the history of our country.

The War, upon which all the energies of My people throughout My dominions have for more than four years been concentrated, has at length been brought to a triumphant issue. The conclusion of an armistice with the last of the Powers that have been ranged against us gives promise at no distant date of an honourable and enduring peace. I have already sought an opportunity of expressing publicly to My peoples and to My Allies the sentiments of heartfelt admiration and gratitude with which I regard the supreme and self-sacrificing devotion that has led to this glorious result. Amidst our rejoicing let us not forget to render humble thanks to Almighty God for the success with which it has pleased Him to crown our arms.
Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the unfailing patriotism with which you have made provision for the requirements of the War.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The exertions which have carried us to victory in the field must in no wise be abated or slackened until the ravages of war have been repaired, and the fabric of our national prosperity has been restored. Through the extension of the suffrage which this Parliament has carried into effect, all classes of My people will have an opportunity of inspiring and guiding this beneficial undertaking. I trust that the spirit of unity which has enabled us to surmount the perils of war will not be wanting in the no less arduous task of establishing on the sure foundation of ordered liberty the common welfare of My people.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your labours.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name and in obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Friday the thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday the thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.
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| 25 February : | | |
| Air Force, 1,000 all ranks | 18 | | 19 |
| Pay, &c. | 18 | 1,000 | |

| 29 April : | | |
| Air Ministry | 69 | 1,000 | 195 |
| Miscellaneous Effective Services | 69 | 1,000 | |
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### ARMY.

#### 25 February:

**Army Estimates, 1918-19.**

- Land Forces, 5,000,000 all ranks  
- Pay, &c.  

**26 February:**

**Army Supplementary Estimate, 1917-18.**

- Pay, &c. (Supplementary)  

#### 30 July:

**Army Estimates, 1918-19.**

- Question put on outstanding Votes, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15  
- Army Expenditure (Excesses)  

### NAVY.

#### 26 February:

**Navy Supplementary Estimates, 1917-18.**

- Wages, &c. (Supplementary)  

#### 6 March:

**Navy Estimates, 1918-19.**

- 430,000 Officers, Seamen, and Boys  
- Wages, &c.  

#### 30 July:

- Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, Personnel  
- Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., Material  
- Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., Contract Work  

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#### 18 February:

**Civil Services Supplementary Estimates, 1917-18.**

**Class I.**

- Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain (Supplementary)  
- Diplomatic and Consular Buildings (Supplementary)  
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