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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE.

WEEK ENDED 24TH JULY, 1902.

TUESDAY, 22ND JULY, 1902.

No. 1.—*Electoral Bill*—(continued)—Clause 112—

112. Any elector who has received a postal ballot-paper shall in the presence of a postmaster officer police stipendiary special magistrate or head master of a State school and of no other person record his vote as follows:—

- (i.) By exhibiting the ballot-paper unmarked and in the condition in which it was issued :
- (ii.) By marking his vote on the ballot-paper, but so that the postmaster officer magistrate or head master shall not see the vote :
- (iii.) By signing his name on the counterfoil :
- (iv.) By presenting the ballot-paper, folded up, to be witnessed :
- (v.) By enclosing the ballot-paper with the counterfoil attached as witnessed, together with the postal-vote certificate in the envelope, addressed to the Returning Officer, and having closed the envelope by handing it to a postmaster for posting, or posting it at a post-office.

—(Sir William Lyne.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “and, except in cases of serious illness or infirmity, at the usual office, place of business, or residence of” be inserted after the word “of” in line 1.

—(Sir John Quick.)

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Tudor.	Sir Langdon	Mr. Manifold,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Bonython,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Fowler,		Mr. Brown,	Mr. A. McLean,
Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Watson.	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Phillips,
Sir John Quick,		Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Reid,
		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Skene,
		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. V. L. Solomon,
		Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Thomson.
		Mr. L. E. Groom,	
		Mr. Hartnoll,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Higgins,	
		Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. McColl.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1902.

No. 2.—*Electoral Bill*—(continued)—Clause 139—

139. The polling shall be conducted as follows :—

- (i.) Before any vote is taken the presiding officer shall exhibit the ballot-box empty, and shall then securely fasten and seal its inner cover so that nothing can be removed without breaking the seal :
- (ii.) The poll shall open at eight o'clock in the morning, and shall not close until all electors present in the polling booth at [seven] o'clock in the evening, and desiring to vote, have voted :
- (iii.) At the close of the poll the presiding officer shall publicly close, fasten, and seal the outer cover and take charge of the ballot-box, and with the least possible delay forward it for the purposes of scrutiny ; and it shall on no account be opened except as allowed by this Act.

—(Sir William Lyne.)

Amendment proposed—That the word “seven” in line 6 be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “eight” in place thereof.

—(Mr. McDonald.)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 14.	
Sir Langdon	Mr. Paterson,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Ronald,
Bonython,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Tudor,
Sir Edward Braddon,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. E. Solomon,	Mr. O'Malley,	
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. V. L. Solomon,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Batchelor,
Mr. Hartnoll,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. L. E. Groom.
Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Willis.		
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Manifold,			
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Clarke,		
Mr. A. McLean,	Mr. Ewing.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3.—*Electoral Bill*—(continued)—Clause 151—

151. In elections for the Senate the voter shall mark his ballot-paper by making a cross in the square opposite the name of each candidate for whom he votes. [The voter shall vote for the full number of candidates to be elected.]

—(Sir William Lyne.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “The voter shall vote for the full number of candidates to be elected,” in lines 2 and 3, be omitted.

—(Mr. L. E. Groom.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 19.	
Sir Edward Braddon,	Mr. Paterson,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. E. Solomon,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. V. L. Solomon,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Sir George Turner.	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Hartnoll,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. L. E. Groom,	Mr. Watson.
Sir William Lyne,		Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Manifold,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Mauger,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. McDonald,	
		Mr. A. McLean,	Mr. Batchelor,
		Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Watkins.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 24TH JULY, 1902.

No. 4.—*Electoral Bill*—(continued)—Clause 185—

185. In addition to bribery and undue influence the following shall be illegal practices :—

- (a) Any publication of any electoral advertisement hand-bill or pamphlet or any issue of any electoral notice without at the end thereof the name and address of the person authorizing the same, and on the face of the notice the name and address of the person authorizing the notice.]
- (b) Printing or publishing any printed electoral advertisement hand-bill or pamphlet (other than an advertisement in a newspaper) without the name and place of business of the printer being printed at the foot of it.
- (c) Any contravention by a candidate of the provisions of Part XV. of this Act relating to the Limitation of Electoral Expenses.

—(Sir William Lyne.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (a) be omitted.

—(Mr. Mahon.)

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 16.	
Sir Edward Braddon,	Mr. A. McLean,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Paterson,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. E. Solomon,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. L. E. Groom,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Hartnoll,	Mr. V. L. Solomon.	Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Higgins,		Mr. O'Malley,	
Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Kingston,		Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Watkins.
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Clarke,		
Mr. McColl,	Mr. McCay.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—*Electoral Bill*—(continued)—Clause 185—

185. In addition to bribery and undue influence the following shall be illegal practices :—

- (a) Any publication of any electoral advertisement hand-bill or pamphlet, or any issue of any electoral notice without at the end thereof the name and address of the person authorizing the same, and on the face of the notice the name and address of the person authorizing the notice.
- (b) Printing or publishing any printed electoral advertisement hand-bill or pamphlet (other than an advertisement in a newspaper) without the name and place of business of the printer being printed at the foot of it.
- (c) Any contravention by a candidate of the provisions of Part XV. of this Act relating to the Limitation of Electoral Expenses.

—(Sir William Lyne.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "Advertisement in this section shall not mean an advertisement in a newspaper" be added to the clause.

—(Mr. Tudor.)

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Spence,	Sir Edward Braddon,	Mr. A. McLean,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Tudor.	Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Crouch,		Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Phillips,		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Hartnoll,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. E. Solomon,	Mr. O'Malley.	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. V. L. Solomon.
		Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kingston,	
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. L. E. Groom,
		Mr. McColl,	Mr. McCay.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 6.—*Electoral Bill*—(continued)—Clause 185—

185. In addition to bribery and undue influence the following shall be illegal practices :—

- (a) Any publication of any electoral advertisement hand-bill or pamphlet or any issue of any electoral notice without at the end thereof the name and address of the person authorizing the same, and on the face of the notice the name and address of the person authorizing the notice.

- (b) Printing or publishing any printed electoral advertisement hand-bill or pamphlet (other than an advertisement in a newspaper) without the name and place of business of the printer being printed at the foot of it.
- (c) Any contravention by a candidate of the provisions of Part XV. of this Act relating to the Limitation of Electoral Expenses.

—(*Sir William Lyne.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “If it is apparent from any advertisement hand-bill pamphlet or notice that it has been issued by the candidate no such name or address shall be necessary” be added to the clause.

—(*Mr. Crouch.*)

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Spence,	Sir Edward Braddon,	Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Tudor.	Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Fowler,		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Mahon,		Mr. Hartnoll,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. O'Malley,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. V. L. Solomon.
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Ronald,	Mr. E. Solomon.	Mr. Kingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. L. E. Groom,
		Mr. McColl,	Mr. McCay
		Mr. A. McLean,	

And so it passed in the negative.