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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 48.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1901.

I. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Harper presented a Petition from J. Meiklejohn, D.D., James S. Laing, D.D., and George Tait, M.A., styling themselves respectively Moderator and Clerks of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, praying that the House will take steps towards suppressing an institution in Tasmania commonly called "Tattersall's," or any similar institutions, and to insure that the Post Office shall not be prostituted into the drudge of gambling, and for this purpose retain clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.

Petition received and read.

Mr. Barton presented a Petition from A. R. Edgar and Arthur Powell, styling themselves respectively President and Secretary of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Victoria, praying that the House will adopt clause 54 of the Post and Telegraph Bill, which withholds postal facilities for the promotion of lotteries.

Sir William McMillan presented a Petition from W. M. Dill Macky, styling himself President of the Evangelical Council of New South Wales, in annual meeting assembled, and others, in favour of the clauses in the Post and Telegraph Bill with respect to the transit of correspondence relating to lotteries and horse-racing consultations, and praying that the House will not assent to the request to have the Bill in this respect at all weakened.

Mr. Barton presented a Petition from certain residents of the State of New South Wales in favour of the retention of clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.

Sir Langdon Bonython presented a similar Petition from Thomas Piper and J. Cowperthwaite, styling themselves respectively President and Secretary of the South Australia Conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Petitions severally received.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented—

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company Limited.—An agreement, dated the 16th day of January, 1901, and made between the Government of the Colony of New South Wales by the Honorable Henry Copeland, Agent-General for New South Wales, of the first part, and the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company Limited of the second part.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. EXCISE ON BEER BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—  
Bill, on the motion of Mr. Kingston, read a third time.

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5. **POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. **PAPER.**—Mr. Barton presented—  
Cane Sugar Industry of Australia.—A Report upon some factors relating to the Cane Sugar Industry of Australia—By Walter Maxwell, Director of the Sugar Experiment Stations of Queensland.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 14, inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow, that the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Friday, 4th October next, and that the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until Friday, 23rd August instant.
8. **ISSUE OF WRIT (DARLING DOWNS DIVISION, QUEENSLAND).**—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had, this day, issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Darling Downs, in the State of Queensland; in the place of the Honorable William Henry Groom, deceased, and that the dates appointed in the Writ were as follow :—
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| Date of Nomination | ... | ... | Tuesday, 27th August.                |
| Date of Polling    | ... | ... | Saturday, 14th September.            |
| Return to Writ     | ... | ... | Not later than Tuesday, 1st October. |
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past ten o'clock p.m. adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present except—The Minister of Defence (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Messrs. Clarke, Cruickshank, Ewing, A. C. Groom, Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, Poynton, Sawers, Bruce Smith, Sydney Smith, Spence, and Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*