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No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from certain ship-owners, carriers, merchants, and river-boat agents of Melbourne, South Australia, New South Wales, and Queensland, praying that the House may see fit to amend the provisions of the Inter-State Commission Bill, so as to make it reasonable and just to the Petitioners and others engaged in similar enterprises.  
Petition received and read.  
Petitions, praying that the House will pass clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill, which will withhold postal facilities for promoting lotteries, fortune-telling, and other unlawful pursuits, were presented—  
By Mr. Manifold—  
From certain residents of Beecac.  
By Mr. F. E. McLean—  
From certain residents of the State of New South Wales.  
By Mr. Tudor—  
From certain attendants of the Wesleyan Church, Clifton Hill, Melbourne, Victoria.  
From E. Handel Jones, styling himself Chairman, and J. John Halley, of the Congregational Union and Mission of Victoria.  
By Sir Malcolm McEacharn—  
From certain residents of Melbourne, attending the Collins-street Baptist Church.  
By Mr. Brown—  
From certain residents of the State of New South Wales.  
Petitions severally received.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. EWING).—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one fortnight be granted to the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Ewing) on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. LEPERS.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
  1. The number of leper patients who have been confined in lazarettos in each State of the Commonwealth in each of the preceding five years ended 30th June.
  2. The number of each race or nationality so confined, or, if Australian born, the race or nationality of parents.
  3. The number of deaths registered as having been due to leprosy in each of the States during the same period.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—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 a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members being then present, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker again 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Minister of Home Affairs (The Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), The Minister of Defence (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), and Messrs. Cameron, Cruickshank, Ewing, Macdonald-Paterson, and Spence.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*