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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH 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 residents of the town of Wentworth and district, in the State of New South Wales, against any alterations in the existing rights to river traffic on the Murray, Darling, Murrumbidgee, and Edwards Rivers, and praying that the House will make such amendments in the Inter-State Commission Bill as will conserve the interests of the petitioners.
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. Crouch—
From certain residents of Werribee, adherents of the Presbyterian Church.
From certain adherents of the Newtown Wesleyan Church.
 - By Mr. R. Edwards—
From certain residents of the State of Queensland.
 - By Sir Philip Fysh—
From certain residents of Dundas and Mount Read, Tasmania.
 - By Mr. Kennedy—
From certain residents of Euroa, attending the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
 - By Mr. Knox—
From certain residents of Malvern.
From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Church, Camberwell.
From certain residents of Oakleigh, attending the Wesleyan Church.
 - By Mr. McColl—
From certain members and adherents of Mooropna Presbyterian Church.
 - By Mr. Page—
From certain residents of the State of Queensland.
 - By Mr. Phillips—
From certain residents of Goschen.
From certain residents of Kunat.
From certain members and adherents of Mystic Park Wesleyan Church.
From certain residents of Diapur and district.
From certain residents of Kaniva and district.
From certain residents of Fish Point.
From certain residents of Bulga, near Swan Hill.
From certain residents of Swan Hill.
From certain residents of Beulah and environs.
From certain residents of Lah and environs.
From certain residents of Rosebery and Hopetoun.
From certain residents of Brim.

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By Mr. Piesse—

From certain residents of Beaconsfield and district.

By Mr. Ronald—

From certain members and adherents of Colac Presbyterian Church.

By Mr. Salmon—

From certain members of the Presbyterian Church in the Miners' Rest Charge.

Petitions severally received.

3. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.**—Mr. Poynton, Acting Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to submit a Schedule, showing their recommendations on the Papers and Petitions referred to them.

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ALEX. POYNTON,
Acting Chairman.

4. **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 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.
5. **DISTILLATION 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.
Mr. McColl moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
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 two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Clarke, Joseph Cook, Ewing, Fisher, Glynn, A. C. Groom, Macdonald-Paterson, McCay, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, The Right Honourable G. H. Reid, P.C., and Mr. Sydney Smith.

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