THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 138.

PROCEEDINGS VOTES AND

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1902.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—Sir Philip Fysh presented a Petition from certain Woollen Manufacturers in the State of Tasmania, praying that the rate of duty fixed at 15 per cent. ad valorem on woollen piece goods, blankets, flannels, shirtings, &c., may be made 20 per cent. ad valorem.

Petition received and read.

Similar Petitions were presented by Mr. Deakin as under:-

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From certain employés in the woollen manufacturing industry in Ballarat (Doveton Mills).

Mr. Crouch presented a Petition from Elizabeth Holmes, widow, of Upper Autumn-street, Geelong West, in the State of Victoria, praying that the pension which her husband was receiving when he died may be continued to her; or, if not, that such sum of money may be granted to her as will in some degree compensate her for the injuries, losses, deductions and stoppage of pay entailed on her late husband through accidents occurring while he was discharging his duties as an officer of the Victorian Postal Department, and for the physical injuries received by herself through attending on him.

Petitions severally received.

- 3. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 - On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House 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.

Supply.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows:-

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty thousand nine hundred and fifty-five pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services for the year ending 30th June, 1902.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

- 5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had come to a certain
 - On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered the Report to be considered this day.
 - Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. Ways and Means.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1902, the sum of Three hundred and twenty thousand nine hundred and fifty-five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

7. Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 6).—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Three hundred and twenty thousand nine hundred and fifty-five pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and two," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House adopted the Report.

The Bill was then read a third time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress, 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.

9. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—The Minister of Trade and Customs (the Right Honorable C. C. Kingston, P.C.), Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Messrs. Joseph Cook, Glynn, Kennedy, McCay, McColl, F. E. McLean, Page, Piesse, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Salmon and Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives