THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 156.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1902.

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

- 2. Coinage.—Mr. G. B. Edwards, Chairman, brought up the report from the Select Committee on Coinage, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

 Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
- 3. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had made progress in the portions of the resolutions referred to it, and 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.

- 4. Return to Writ (l'asmania.)—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve for the State of Tasmania in the place of the Honorable F. W. Piesse, deceased, by which it appeared that the Honorable William Hartnoll had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
- 5. Member Sworn.—The Honorable William Hartnoll was then introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
- 6. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had made progress in the portions of the resolutions referred to it, 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.

 Special Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 8. Adjournment. Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at nineteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister (the Right Honorable Edmund Barton, P.C.), the Minister of Home Affairs (the Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), Messrs. Cameron, Chanter, Clarke, Hume Cook, Ewing, McColl, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Messrs. Salmon, Bruce Smith, and Watson.

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