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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 165.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Barton presented a Petition (which had been deposited with the Clerk) from James Crooke Whitelaw, of Zeehan, in the State of Tasmania, accountant and commission agent, against the return of William Hartnoll as a Member for Tasmania, and praying that it may be determined that the said William Hartnoll was not duly elected or returned, and that the said James Crooke Whitelaw was duly elected, and ought to have been returned.

Mr. Barton moved, That the Petition be received, and be referred at once to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from Kate McKillop and L. Alder, styling themselves respectively Secretary and President of the Women's Australian Natives Association, Queensland, and others, praying that the House will pass with the least possible delay the necessary legislation for giving women the franchise for both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament, on the same terms as it is now or may hereafter be granted to men.

Petition received and read.

Similar Petitions were presented as under :—

By Mr. Bamford—

From Sarah Fairman and Emma Miller, styling themselves respectively Treasurer and President of the Woman's Equal Franchise Society, Queensland, and another.

From Léontine Cooper and Annie E. Preston, styling themselves respectively President and Honorary Secretary of the Woman's Franchise League, Queensland.

From Annie Carvosso and Agnes Williams, styling themselves respectively President and Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Queensland, and others.

From Wm. F. Reid and S. G. Martin, styling themselves respectively President and Chairman of Executive of the Queensland Temperance Alliance, and another.

From Albert Bruntnell, styling himself Brigadier, Salvation Army, Queensland.

By Mr. Fowler—

From William Bray and Walter Simpson, of the Western Australian District Independent-Order of Rechabites.

From B. B. Hoddinott, styling himself Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Western Australia.

From John Wm. Croft, of the Coastal Trades and Labour Council, Western Australia.

From William C. Angwin, styling himself Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, Western Australia.

From G. O. Ferguson and Mary Fox Angelo, styling themselves respectively President and Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Western Australia.

By Mr. Poynton—

From Emily Hone and Mary J. George, styling themselves respectively President and Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Australia.

From E. Parry, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, South Australia.

From Emma M. Nienaber and A. Sutherland, styling themselves respectively Vice-President and Assistant Honorary Secretary of the Women's Land Reform League, South Australia.

From Catherine H. Spence and Jeanne F. Young, styling themselves respectively President and Honorary Secretary of the Effective Voting League, South Australia.

From Henry Zadow and other adult residents of South Australia.

By Mr. Watson—

From Sara S. Nolan and Alice A. Masterman, styling themselves respectively President and Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.

Petitions severally received.

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3. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the 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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with an amendment.
 On the motion of Mr. Kingston the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
 On the motion of Mr. Kingston the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Kingston moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Bill was then read a third time.
4. EXCISE TARIFF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
 Mr. Kingston 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 Mr. Kingston the House adopted the Report.
 On the motion of Mr. Kingston the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be read a third time this day.
 Mr. Kingston moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Honorable Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Messrs. Cameron, Cruickshank, G. B. Edwards, Ewing, Fisher, Fuller, Glynn, A. C. Groom, Harper, Kennedy, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Messrs. F. E. McLean, Phillips, Sir John Quick, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. V. L. Solomon, Wilks, and Willis.

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