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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 213.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—I desire to inform the House that I have arranged with the President of the Senate that we will mutually receive and despatch Messages between the two Houses even though both Houses may not be sitting at the time. This arrangement is, of course, subject to the approval of our respective Houses.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Deakin moved, That Notice of Motion, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. 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 made progress, 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.
5. FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE—COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That with a view to obtain necessary information that will enable the Parliament of the Commonwealth to select a site for the seat of Government, a Committee of Experts should be appointed to examine and report upon sites in the following localities:—

Albury, Bombala, Lake George,	Orange, Tumut,
in relation to—	
Accessibility, Building Materials, Climate, Drainage,	Physical Conditions and Soil, Water Supply with Rainfall, General Suitability,

and such other salient matters as may be approved by the Honorable the Minister of Home Affairs. Such report to be submitted to the Federal Government on or before the 30th of April next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sawers moved, That the question be amended by inserting the word "Armidale" after the word "Albury."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. McDonald moved, That the question be amended by omitting the word "Albury."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And the word "Armidale" having been inserted after the word "Albury," and the words "(and in consequence of their proximity, Bathurst and Lyndhurst)" having been inserted after the word "Orange."

Mr. Paterson moved, That the question be further amended by inserting the words "Goulburn and Yass" after the word "Tumut."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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And it having been proposed to further amend the question by omitting the words "Accessibility," "Climate," and "General Suitability," and the amendment, by leave, having been withdrawn—
Mr. Thomson moved, That the question be further amended by inserting, after the word "such," the words "Committee to avail itself of all valuable information already gathered and its" in the second last line.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—

That, with a view to obtain necessary information that will enable the Parliament of the Commonwealth to select a site for the seat of Government, a Committee of Experts should be appointed to examine and report upon sites in the following localities:—

Albury,	Orange (and in consequence of their proximity,
Armidale,	Bathurst and Lyndhurst),
Bombala,	Tumut,
Lake George,	
in relation to—	
Accessibility,	Physical Conditions and Soil,
Building Materials,	Water Supply with Rainfall,
Climate,	General Suitability,
Drainage,	

and such other salient matters as may be approved by the Honorable the Minister of Home Affairs. Such report to be submitted to the Federal Government on or before the 30th of April next—

put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.—Sir George Turner, on behalf of Mr. Deakin, pursuant to an Order of the House made on 24th September instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make temporary provision for enforcing Claims against the Commonwealth,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G.,* Messrs. Chapman,* Winter Cooke, Cruickshank,* Fisher,* Harper,* Hartnoll, Hughes, Kennedy, Knox,* Macdonald-Paterson, McColl, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, K.C.M.G., Messrs. Phillips, Bruce Smith,* and Spence.

* On leave.

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