

1903.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH MAY, 1903.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the commencement of the Session, and beg to recommend that the following be printed:—

Presented Paper.—British New Guinea—Annual Report on, from 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1902.

Presented Paper.—Conference between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Prime Ministers of Self-Governing Colonies, June to August, 1902.—Papers relating to.

The omission of Appendix V. (3), pp. 64 to 72 of this Paper is recommended on the grounds that it has already been printed (No. A36), and is included in the Parliamentary Papers of last Session, 1901-2; it is also recommended that Table III., pp. 91 to 113, be not printed, as it is not considered of sufficient interest to warrant the expense of printing so much tabular matter.

Presented Paper.—Immigration Restriction Act 1901—Return of—

- (a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth during the year 1902.
- (b) Persons who passed the prescribed test during the year 1902.
- (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the education test during the year 1902.

Presented Paper.—Finance 1901—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the period ended 30th June, 1901, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Presented Paper.—Finance 1901-2—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1902, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Presented Paper.—Conference of State Premiers held in Sydney on 15th April, 1903, and following days—Resolutions agreed to at.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 28th May, 1903.

Sir Edmund Barton moved, by leave, That the Report be taken into consideration forthwith, and agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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3. PAPER.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—

Amendments of Regulations *re* Telegrams after office hours, Private Telephone Lines, Telephone Directory, Press Telegrams, Counting Telegrams, Rates for Telephone Trunk Lines—dated 2nd October, 1902.

Post and Telegraph Act 1901 and Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902—
Regulations—

Meteorological Telegrams—dated 30th October, 1902.

Payment of Postage by Receivers of certain official correspondence in Victoria; Free Postage of Braille and Moon Articles and Electoral Papers—dated 21st November, 1902.

Payment of Postage by Receiver of official correspondence (Public Service Examiner)—dated 5th February, 1903.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Willis 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.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen 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—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Knox, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Sawers, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.