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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CUSTOMS PROSECUTIONS.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That the following paragraph be added to the Return giving particulars of prosecutions under the Customs Act ordered by this House on the 12th instant:—
 - (h) The value of the goods.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. WATER CONSERVATION—RIVERS MURRAY, MURRUMBIDGEE, AND DARLING.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition received by the House on 25th June, 1903, relating to the Murray and other rivers be considered in conjunction with the motion on the same subject, set down for discussion on the 7th August next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. BONUS ON "GINNED" COTTON.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, a bonus of one halfpenny should be paid from the revenue on each pound of "ginned" cotton grown and ginned within the Commonwealth before the 30th June, 1906.
 - (2) That, in the opinion of this House, a bonus of £2,500 should be paid to the person, firm, or company who first manufactures, from cotton grown in the Commonwealth, cotton goods to the value of £5,000—the plant to be used in the manufacture thereof to be of the fair value of not less than £10,000.
 - (3) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should bring in a Bill to provide accordingly.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. L. E. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
 Debate continued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
5. PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION No. 41.—Mr. Batchelor moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, section 41 of the Public Service Regulations should be amended by the deletion of the first sentence therein.

Debate ensued.
 Sir William McMillan, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Friday, 17th July next.

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6. COMMONWEALTH CLOTHING FACTORY.—Mr. Page moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that immediate steps be taken to establish a Commonwealth Clothing Factory, wherein shall be manufactured all cloth and clothing required for the use of the several Federal Departments.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mauger 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 Friday, 24th July next.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kingston moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Winter Cooke, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson*, Mr. McCay, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.