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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Eastern Extension Telegraph Company—Further Correspondence relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Australasian and China Telegraph Company.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH COMPANY—AGREEMENT WITH.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*—
 - (1) That this House ratifies an agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Company, a copy of which was laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 2nd July.
 - (2) That this resolution be communicated to the Senate, with a request for its concurrence therein.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Kirwan moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" in line 1 be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof, viz. :—"is of opinion that the Conference proposed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies between representatives of the various partners in the Pacific Cable should be held before any agreement is arrived at between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Company."

Sir Malcolm McEacharn 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 Tuesday next.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House 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.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. McDonald reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That it is desirable to provide for a Customs Tariff preference on goods imported from the Territory of Papua.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir Edmund Barton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

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6. CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA PREFERENCE) BILL.—Sir Edmund Barton then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for a Customs Tariff Preference on Goods imported from the Territory of Papua,*” 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 Thursday next.

7. SUGAR BONUS BILL.—SENATE’S MESSAGE NO. 10.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate’s Message No. 10 having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed that the amendment requested by the Senate be made, with a modification, viz. :—

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BE MADE IN THE
SUGAR BOUNTY BILL.

Page 1, clause 2, line 9, after “three” insert “or for a period of twelve months immediately preceding the delivery thereof for manufacture.”

Modification of the requested amendment :—

At end of clause 2 add—

“Provided that nothing in this section shall authorize the payment of any bounty for any sugarcane or beet in respect of which any planting has been done by other than white labour after the twenty-eighth day of February One thousand nine hundred and three.”

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate accordingly.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. CONSTITUTION (SECTION 125) AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. V. L. Solomon moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section 125 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. V. L. Solomon do prepare and bring in the Bill.
10. RESIGNATION OF MINISTER FOR TRADE AND CUSTOMS.—Sir Edmund Barton announced to the House that the Right Honorable C. C. Kingston had resigned the office of Minister for Trade and Customs, and he then read to the House certain correspondence which had taken place on the subject.
Mr. Kingston, Sir William McMillan, and Mr. McDonald addressed the House.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past two o’clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o’clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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