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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Sir Langdon Bonython presented a Petition from certain residents of the town of Kadina and surrounding districts in South Australia, praying that the House will place upon the Estimates a sum sufficient for a new Post and Telegraph Office at Kadina.
Petition received and read.
Similar Petitions were presented as under :—
By Mr. Glynn (seven Petitions).
By Mr. Poynton (seven Petitions).
By Mr. Batchelor (one Petition).
Petitions severally received.
Mr. Thomas moved, That the Petitions be read.
Question—put and negatived.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales praying that, in view of the recent drought and the consequent emigration of many workmen, speedy provision may be made by the House for the passage of an Iron Bonus Bill, which will give substantial encouragement to private enterprise in developing the iron industry.
Mr. Wilkinson presented a similar Petition from certain electors of New South Wales.
Petitions severally received.
Mr. Batchelor presented a Petition from certain electors of South Australia praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies referring to a proposed Conference of representatives of the Governments interested in the Pacific cable, to consider the ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.
Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget 1903-4.—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir George Turner, for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1903-4.
Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Forces—
Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, Annual Report upon, by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton ; with Appendices (Melbourne, 1st May, 1903).
Regulations relating to Military Forces, made under the Defence Acts of the States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth—
Conversion, Disbandment, and Re-organization of Corps (dated 24th July, 1903).
Establishments (dated 24th July, 1903).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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4. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1903-4.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 28th July, 1903.

TENNYSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representative Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 28th July, 1903.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply this day.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 11.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUGAR BOUNTY [BONUS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for a Bonus to Growers of Sugar-Cane and Beet,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the modification made by the House in the requested amendment in clause 2.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 24th July, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUGAR REBATE ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Abolish the Rebate of Excise Duty on Sugar,*" without requests.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 24th July, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

8. 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 agreed to a certain resolution.

Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Report be considered this day.

Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. SUPPLY.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and ninety-five thousand six hundred and fifty-nine pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1904.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

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10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Report be considered this day.

Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Five hundred and ninety-five thousand six hundred and fifty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 2).**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir George Turner 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 Sir George Turner the House adopted the Report.

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

13. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.**—Mr. Deakin, pursuant to an Order of the House made on the 7th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes,*" 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.

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, No. 5.

15. **EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH COMPANY—AGREEMENT WITH.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—

(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—

And on the following amendment, viz.:—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"—

having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Glynn 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.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. V. L. Solomon.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

