THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 35.

VOTES AND **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

THURSDAY, 30TH JULY, 1903.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—Petitions, 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, were presented as under :-

By Sir Edmund Barton-

From certain electors of the Hunter, New South Wales (five Petitions).

By Mr. Batchelor-

From certain electors of South Australia.

By Sir Langdon Bonython-

From certain electors of South Australia.

By Mr. Deakin-

From certain electors of Ballarat, Victoria.

By Mr. Glynn-

From certain electors of South Australia.

By Mr. Mauger-

From certain electors of Melbourne Ports.

By Mr. Sydney Smith (for Mr. Hartnoll)-

From certain electors of Hobart and suburbs.

By Mr. V. L. Solomon-

From certain electors of South Australia (three Petitions).

Petitions severally received.

3. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 11 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 to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:-

Resolved—That it is expedient 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.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

4. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read-Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Sir William McMillan 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 Thursday next.

- 5. Paper.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Defence Department—Statement by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the financial year 1903-4.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 6. Papua (British New Guinea) Bill.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House 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. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and 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.
- 7. Adjournment.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty 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. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hartnoll, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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