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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 38.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 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 Mr. Winter Cooke—  
From certain electors of Wannan, Victoria.
  - By Mr. Crouch—  
From certain electors of Corio, Victoria.
  - By Sir Philip Fysh—  
From certain electors of Evandale and elsewhere, Tasmania.
  - By Mr. Fowler—  
From certain electors of Perth, Western Australia.
  - By Mr. Kennedy—  
From certain electors of Moira, Victoria.
  - By Mr. Kirwan—  
From certain electors of Western Australia.
  - By Mr. Knox—  
From certain electors of Kooyong, Victoria.
  - By Mr. O'Malley—  
From certain electors of Hobart and elsewhere, Tasmania.

Mr. A. C. Groom presented a Petition from certain electors of Mirboo North and surrounding district, Victoria, in favour of a bonus on the production of iron.

Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from certain electors of Queensland 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. Chapman presented a similar Petition from certain electors of New South Wales.

Petitions severally received.
3. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Defence Forces—Regulations relating to, made under the Defence Acts of the States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth—
  - Military Forces—Regulations prohibiting attendance in uniform at meetings held for Religious or Political purposes, &c. (dated 25th July, 1903).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
5. DEFENCE 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.
6. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Arrivals in and Departures from Victoria (1st January, 1901, to 31st May, 1903)—Return showing number of.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edmund Barton, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hartnoll, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Sawers, Mr. V. L. Solomon, and Mr. Thomson

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