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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee, and beg to recommend that the following Papers be printed.

Presented Papers—

Eastern Extension Telegraph Company—Further Correspondence relating to.

The Committee do not recommend that the speech of Sir Sandford Fleming be printed.

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.

The Budget, 1903-4.—Papers.

Defence Forces—Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia—Annual Report upon, by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton, with Appendices.

Mail Contracts—Further Correspondence relating to contracts for the Carriage of Mails between Australia and Great Britain *via* Suez.

Military Forces of the Commonwealth—Scheme of Organization.

With reference to the Presented Paper—"Archives—Report on European archives, by Mr. F. M. Bladen," the Committee again considered the question of printing this Report, and they do not consider the Paper of sufficient general interest to recommend its being printed.

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JOHN QUICK,

Chairman.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. 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 (for Sir Edward Braddon)—
From certain electors of Beltana, Devonport, and elsewhere, Tasmania.
 - By Mr. Manifold—
From certain electors of Terang, Victoria.
 - By Mr. McCay—
From certain electors of Castlemaine (Corinella).
 - By Sir John Quick—
From certain electors of Bendigo, Victoria.
- Petitions severally received.

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4. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—
 Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
 Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 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 to-morrow.
6. 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.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at four minutes past 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 Langdon Bonython, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Thomson.

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