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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Salmon presented a Petition from certain electors of Victoria, employed in the Railway Department, praying that they may be included under the provisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.
 Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from George Dawson and others, of the Coal and Shale Miners' Mutual Protection Association of Airly, Industrial Union of Employés, praying that the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill may be amended so as to equally apply to all vessels engaging in the Australian coastal trades, whether Australian, oversea, or foreign.
 Mr. Tudor presented a Petition from certain persons, praying that a Federal Conciliation and Arbitration Bill should be passed with the least delay, and a Judicial Court established to determine, on behalf of the employers and employed, such industrial matters as may be deemed by them necessary for their welfare and good management.
 Petitions, 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, were presented as under :—
 By Mr. Chapman—
 From certain electors of New South Wales.
 By Mr. Cruickshank—
 From certain electors of Queensland.
 Petitions severally received.
3. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPER.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Immigration Restriction Act 1901—“Heathdene” case—Correspondence with regard to the application of the Act to the crew of an oversea vessel engaged in the coastal trade.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.

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5. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS 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.

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And the honorable Member having withdrawn the expression, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again 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 William Lyne, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon*, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ewing, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. F. E. McLean, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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