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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Navigation Service—Annual Report of the Director of Navigation for the year ended 30th September, 1925.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. CRIMES BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time – *and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz.* :—That all the words after the word " That " be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—" this House is of opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn with a view to re-drafting so as to eliminate the obnoxious clauses referring to industrial disputes as such clauses associated with the Crimes Act are an unwarranted affront to the great bodies of organized labour."

Debate resumed.

Mr. Mann moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

4. PAPER.- The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua Act—Ordinance of 1925—No. 13—Appropriation 1925-26 ; together with Estimates for 1925-26.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except — Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Nott, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Stewart.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.