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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—General Election, 16th December, 1903—Statement showing—
 - (1) Electors on Rolls.
 - (2) Votes recorded.
 - (3) Percentage of Votes to Electors.
 - (4) Expenses of Elections (Senate and House of Representatives) held 16th December, 1903.
 - (5) Comparison of Cost with first Commonwealth Elections.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902.—Promotion of Mr. W. H. Barkley as Senior Clerk, Central Staff, Department of Trade and Customs.—Copies of the Reports of the Permanent Head of the Department, and the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Webster 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.

4. RETURN TO WRIT (WILMOT DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ issued by His Excellency the Governor-General for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wilmot, in the State of Tasmania, in the place of the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, deceased, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Donald Norman Cameron had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Wilson.

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