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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—William Morris Hughes, Esquire, made and subscribed the oath required by law.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Second 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 Petitions presented and Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee, and beg to recommend that the following be printed:—

Petition—

From E. E. Smith and others, styling themselves respectively president, vice-president, and executive committee of the Central Council of Employers of Australia, praying that the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be referred to a Select Committee and further praying that the House will not pass the Bill.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 17th March, 1904.

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

4. 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.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY.—Sir William Lyne, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir William Lyne, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—METHOD OF ELECTION.—Mr. McLean, addressing the House, was about to move, pursuant to notice, That the method of election of the Chairman of Committees of this House shall be open exhaustive ballot, but, by leave, did not proceed therewith.

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8. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, that the words "Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon)" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Boothby (Mr. Egerton Lee Batchelor)."
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Ewing,	Sir John Quick,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Johnson,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir William Lyne,	

Tellers.

Mr. R. Edwards,
Mr. Mauger.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Kingston,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. O'Malley,	

Tellers.

Mr. Conroy,
Mr. McDonald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Salmon, at the request of Mr. Speaker, having taken the Chair as Deputy Speaker—

9. SEAT OF SIR FREDERICK W. HOLDER QUESTIONED.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the honorable Member for Wakefield, Sir Frederick William Holder, K.C.M.G., has, by his acceptance of a fee or honorarium for services rendered to the Commonwealth between the 23rd day of November, 1903, and the 2nd day of March, 1904, vacated his seat as a Member of the House of Representatives.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair—

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of the intervening business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 8.
11. CHINESE LABOUR IN THE TRANSVAAL.—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That this House records its grave objection to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal until a referendum of the white population of the colony has been taken on the subject, or responsible Government is granted.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Dugald Thomson 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, and take precedence.

12. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Egerton Lee Batchelor, Esquire,
Littleton Ernest Groom, Esquire,
Charles McDonald, Esquire, and
William Henry Wilks, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this seventeenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and four.

F. W. HOLDER,
Speaker.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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