

1904.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM DURING 1903.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
 - (1) The total amount of duty collected in the Commonwealth on goods, the product of the United Kingdom, during the year 1903.
 - (2) The total value of such goods.
 - (3) The total value of free goods, the product of the United Kingdom, entered inwards during the year 1903.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. APPOINTMENT OF THE FEDERAL PATENTS COMMISSIONER.—Mr. Robinson moved, by leave, pursuant to notice, That a copy of all papers in connexion with the appointment of the Federal Patents Commissioner be laid on the Table of this House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. FOREIGN IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS DURING 1903.—Mr. Carpenter moved, by leave, pursuant to notice (for Mr. Frazer), That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—
 - (a) Number of Chinese and Japanese admitted from places outside the Commonwealth into the various States during 1903; and the number who have departed during the same period.
 - (b) Number of Austrians and Italians who have been admitted from places outside the Commonwealth into the various States during 1903.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. CHINESE LABOUR IN THE TRANSVAAL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—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 resumed.
Mr. Johnson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "views with extreme regret the proposal to import Chinese labour into the Transvaal, regarding such a step as prejudicial to the best interests of the colony."
Debate continued.
Mr. Cameron moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
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 Tuesday next.
6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising; adjourn until half-past three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address which had been agreed to in reply to the Governor-General's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, would be presented to His Excellency at Government House on Tuesday next, at twenty minutes to three o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Speaker stated that he would be glad if such honorable Members as were able to do so, would accompany him to present the Address.
8. WIMMERA ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ORDER OF THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a letter which he had received from the Deputy Registrar of the High Court at Melbourne, forwarding a copy of an Order, made on 12th March instant, dismissing the Petition of Maximilian Hirsch against the return of Pharez Phillips, for the Electoral Division of Wimmera, in the State of Victoria. The letter and Order were read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

High Court of Australia.

Principal Registry,
Melbourne, 18th March, 1904.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Parliament House, Melbourne.

SIR,

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives
for the Electoral Division of Wimmera, in the State of Victoria.

In pursuance of Section 202 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902 I herewith forward
you a copy of the Order of the Court of Disputed Returns made herein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

In the High Court of Australia,
Principal Registry,
Court of Disputed Returns.

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives
for the Electoral Division of Wimmera, in the State of Victoria.

Before His Honour the Chief Justice,
Saturday, 12th day of March, 1904.

This Petition coming on for trial this day, upon reading the Petition of Maximilian Hirsch, filed the eighth day of February, 1904, and the appearance of Pharez Phillips, who was returned as a Member of the House of Representatives at the above-mentioned election, and upon hearing what was alleged by Mr. Mitchell, of Counsel for the said Maximilian Hirsch, and Mr. McCay, of Counsel for the said Pharez Phillips, no evidence being tendered by the said Maximilian Hirsch, this Court doth order that the Petition of the said Maximilian Hirsch be and the same is hereby dismissed, and this Court doth not think fit to make any order as to the costs of the said Petition except that the sum of Fifty pounds deposited with the Principal Registrar by the said Maximilian Hirsch at the time of filing his said Petition be returned to him or to his Solicitor, Mr. Henry Rawdon Francis Chomley.

(L.S.)

By the Court,
J. W. O'HALLORAN,
Deputy Registrar.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk—

Imports from the United Kingdom during 1903—Return to an Order of the House dated 18th March, 1904.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks. and Mr. Willis.

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