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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 13.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the second Division which took place yesterday in connexion with the motion in reference to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal, the Tellers for the Ayes inadvertently omitted to record the name of the honorable Member for Hume (Sir William Lyne), and that he would direct the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
4. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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 the next day of sitting.
5. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 1 having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Wilks reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.  
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.  
And thereupon the said Resolution was read, and is as follows :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures.  
And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Government Business, be postponed until the next day of sitting.
7. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice:—
  - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.
  - (2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.
  - (3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.
  - (4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion.
 Mr. G. B. Edwards 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 Thursday, 21st April next.
8. ADJOURNMENT FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 13th April next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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9. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Notification of the Acquisition of Land—  
At Mosman, New South Wales, for the purposes of a Post and Telegraph Office—From Mrs.  
Agnes Hepburn, and all persons having any estate, right, title, or interest therein.

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

And then the House, at nine minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 13th April next,  
at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Fisher,  
Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr.  
Robinson, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Spence.

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