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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (MELBOURNE DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 15th March last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that William Robert Nuttall Maloney had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—William Robert Nuttall Maloney, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Skene presented a Petition from J. A. Campbell and others, styling themselves members of the Pastoralists' Federal Council of Australia, praying that the House will omit from the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill the clauses giving preference to unionists, as such preference would inflict grave injustice upon and cause serious injury to a large class of shearers and other pastoral employés who have no desire to become members of a Union and in many cases have strong objections to doing so.  
Petition received and read.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations for the use of Subscribers' Telephones by the Public on the Ticket System; Addition to Regulation as to "Reply Prepaid" Telegrams; New Regulation, No. 21, as to Money Orders—(dated 18th December, 1903).  
Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year, 1903-4 (dated 24th March, 1904).  
Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Electoral Act 1902—Provisional Regulation, No. 8, Ballot-box for Postal Votes (dated 22nd March, 1904).  
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Foreign Immigrants and Emigrants 1903.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th March, 1904.
6. IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO CANADA, SOUTH AFRICA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI, AND NEW HEBRIDES.—  
Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing separately the imports from and the exports to (1) the Dominion of Canada, (2) the South African Colonies, (3) New Zealand, (4) Fiji, and (5) the New Hebrides, distinguishing as far as possible the class of goods or products, for the years 1902 and 1903.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Imports from and Exports to Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Fiji, and New Hebrides.—  
Return to the foregoing Order of the House.

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8. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—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—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Sir John Quick moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
 And after debate—  
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. Mauger 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.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
- MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 1.*  
 The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act for the Interpretation of Acts of Parliament and for Further Shortening their Language,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
- R. C. BAKER,  
 President.
- The Senate,  
 Melbourne, 13th April, 1904.
10. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message intituled “ *A Bill for an Act for the Interpretation of Acts of Parliament and for Further Shortening their Language,*” be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.  
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Frazer, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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