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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Third 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 :—

Paper—

Foreign Immigrants and Emigrants 1903—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th March, 1904.

Your Committee also beg to recommend the printing of a summary which has been prepared of the Paper presented to the House on 3rd September, 1902 :—“ Polling at First Federal Election—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th October, 1901,” in so far as it relates to the House of Representatives.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 14th April, 1904.

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

3. PETITION.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from S. Larard, styling himself Secretary of the Brisbane Chamber of Manufactures, praying that in the interest of the employes and employers in the producing, trading, industrial, and commercial world, the House will not pass the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.
Petition received.
4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee be increased to nine, and that Mr. Dugald Thomson be a Member of such Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Library Committee be increased to eight, and that Mr. G. B. Edwards be a Member of such Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That Mr. Mauger be a Member of the House Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PAPER.—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 (dated 13th April, 1904).
8. COMMONWEALTH LIFE AND ACCIDENT ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT.—Mr Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, there should be established a Commonwealth Life and Accident Assurance Department under the control, management, and guarantee of the Federal Government.
Debate ensued.
Sir George Turner 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, 19th May, next.
9. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom,*" and moved, That it 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.
10. 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.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, that the consideration of the Order of the Day, No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
12. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Report be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. 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 ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

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