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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Federal Capital —Dalgety proposed Site—Report by Mr. T. Pridham *re* Water Supply and Water Power.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ORIGINAL PAPERS LAID UPON TABLE—PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—  
In compliance with an Order of the House, all the Papers in regard to the appointment of the Commissioner of Patents were laid upon the Table on the 22nd March last. The Papers supplied were the originals, not copies, and the Department of Trade and Customs are now anxious to have them returned. A strict compliance with the Standing Orders and Parliamentary practice would prevent Papers, which had once been formally laid on the Table, being returned. As, however, it appears improbable that the Papers I have referred to will be further required by the House, I propose, with the concurrence of the House, to authorize their return.  
While upon this question, I would like to point out to the House that, where Members are desirous to peruse Papers, which it is considered inadvisable to copy on account of their bulk, and the consequent cost, Members would probably be equally well served by the Minister placing them on the Library Table instead of the Table of the House. There would then be no difficulty in their return as soon as Members interested had perused them.  
At the same time, where for any reason it may be found necessary to lay *original* Papers on the Table of the House, I propose, with the approval of the House, in future, to allow them to be returned, if applied for, in any case where it appears improbable that they will be further required by honorable Members.
4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved. That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilks.

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