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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—FIFTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Fifth 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 the Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers have been printed by order of the Senate since the last meeting of your Committee:—

Customs Act 1901—Regulations under—(Statutory Rules, No. 25).

Elections—

Melbourne Division—Report of the Divisional Returning Officer on the Election held on 30th March, 1904.

Riverina Division—Report of the Divisional Returning Officer on the Election held on 18th May, 1904.

Defence Act 1903—

Naval Forces—

Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations (Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 29).

Addition to Financial and Allowance Regulations, 1904 (Provisional) (Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 31).

Military Forces—

Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations, 1904 (Provisional) (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 30).

Amendment of Regulations (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 32).

Your Committee recommend that, in addition, the following be printed:—

Public Service Act 1902—First Annual Report by the Public Service Commissioner.

Chinese Labour in the Transvaal—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Military Forces—Second Annual Report by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton.

Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—

Southern Monaro District—Second Report (with plans), by C. R. Scrivener, Surveyor.

Tumut District—Second Report (with plans and appendices), by A. H. Chesterman, Surveyor.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

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

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

14th July, 1904.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Honorable Austin Chapman, a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on the case of Major Carroll.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 14th July, 1904.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Mr. Watson moved, That the House authorizes Mr. Chapman to attend accordingly if he think fit. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

General Officer Commanding and State Commandants—Travelling Expenses of—Return (as far as relates to Commandants, &c.) to an Order of the House dated 26th May, 1904 (in completion of part Return presented 31st May, last).

5. COMMONWEALTH LIFE AND ACCIDENT ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—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 resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. NAVIGATION BILL COMMISSION.—NAVIGATION CLAUSES AND THE CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, any clauses relating to Navigation proposed to be added to the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill should be remitted to the Royal Commission appointed to take evidence in connexion with the proposed Navigation Bill, for consideration and report—

Debate ensued.

Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, viz., "That the resolution be forwarded to the Senate by Message for their concurrence."

Debate continued.

Mr. Hutchison addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at half-past six o'clock, when, pursuant to Sessional Order, the time for precedence to General Business expired, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

7. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twelve minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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