THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH JULY, 1904.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Adjournment-Motion for purpose of Discussion .- Mr. Mauger rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "To consider the distress existing through want of employment and the action that should be taken for its relief."
 - Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than five Members having accordingly risen-
 - Mr. Mauger moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 - Debate ensued.
 - It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, in order that the Orders of the Day might be called on. Mr. Watson moved, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the debate on the motion
 - now before the Chair is concluded.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Debate on the original motion continued.
 - Question-That the House do now adjourn-put and negatived.
- 3. 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 gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
 - Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
- 4. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION—TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Storrer moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration be further extended to Wednesday, the 31st August next. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 5. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
- Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

• On leave.

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