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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. McCay, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 24.*
A Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Defence Act 1903,’* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.
Government House,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1904.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Harper presented a Petition from the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, under its common seal, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.
Petition received and read.
4. PAPER.—Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces.—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part VI., Section VI.—Rations (dated 30th November, 1904. Statutory Rules. 1904, No. 73).
5. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS 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. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1.
7. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES 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 had agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 2 and 6.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Hume Cook the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Hume Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
8. PAPER.—Mr. Reid 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 12th December, 1904).

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9. PREFERENTIAL TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE COLONIES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

Inasmuch as every increase in trade between the Mother Country and the Colonies or any of them would be of mutual advantage commercially, while collectively, by multiplying their production, profitable employment, population, and exchanges, such increases must enhance the unity and power of the Empire, this House resolves that—

- (1) The encouragement of industry and commerce within the Empire is a high national aim of paramount importance to all its peoples.
- (2) The proposals of the Secretary of State for the Colonies at the Colonial Conference of 1902 as then approved and since tentatively defined in order to foster inter-Imperial trade, outline a patriotic and statesman-like policy of internal development and external influence, whose details should be discussed by a further conference at the earliest opportunity.
- (3) The Prime Minister be requested to consider the existing openings for preferential trade relations between Australia and other Colonies.
- (4) The Prime Minister be invited to obtain all data necessary for the preparation of a measure granting a preference to British imports into Australia which compete solely with imports from foreign countries.
- (5) The Prime Minister is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth, to offer to the Government of the United Kingdom a preference upon its exports to Australia in return for a preference upon our exports to Great Britain and Ireland, such preferences to be reciprocally adjusted according to Schedules sanctioned by Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And after debate—

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Phillips,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Gibb,	
Mr. Higgins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. McColl.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill, Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4 and 6A.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Reid the House adopted the Reports.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved. That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Willis.

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