

1906.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 27.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Watkins, for the Chairman, brought up the Second 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 and the Petition laid on the Table of the House since the last meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Paper, presented to both Houses, has been printed by the Senate :—

Commerce Act 1905—Resolutions of Conference of Officials, &c., *re* proposed regulations as to Butter, Cheese, Meat, and Fruit Industries.

Your Committee recommend that the following Paper be printed :—

Old-age Pensions—Report, &c., from the Royal Commission.

D. WATKINS,  
For Chairman.

House of Representatives,  
Committee Room, 19th July, 1906.

Mr. Watkins moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Northern Territory—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of South Australia, relative to the Transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS APPOINTED—PARTICULARS CONCERNING.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Lonsdale, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—
  - (1) The number of Royal Commissions appointed during this and the preceding Parliament.
  - (2) What are the names and subjects of such Commissions.
  - (3) What are the names of movers and seconders.
  - (4) What are the names of Members composing them.
  - (5) What is the total cost of each Commission, giving details as to fees, personal expenses, printing, and other matters.
  - (6) What is the total amount paid to each Member.
  - (7) What is the aggregate cost of the whole.

Objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed, it ceased to have precedence, and was set down as General Business for to-morrow.

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5. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, That the consideration of the Notice of Motion and Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
6. **MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE—AGREEMENT WITH SIR JAMES LAING AND SONS, LTD.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chapman :— That this House approves the agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi—*and on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Thomas, viz :—*That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain."—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Dugald Thomson 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 to-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards\*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid\*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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