

1907.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1907.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, on Wednesday, the twentieth day of February, in the seventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seven.

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of The Parliament for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Charles Gavan Duffy, C.M.G., Clerk of the House of Representatives, Walter Augustus Gale, Clerk Assistant, and Thomas Woollard, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the following Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

PROCLAMATION

Australia to wit.
NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.
(L.S.)

By His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also by Proclamation or otherwise may dissolve the House of Representatives : AND whereas on the fifth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and six, the House of Representatives was dissolved and the Honorable the Senators were discharged from attendance as from the ninth day of November of that year : Now, therefore, I, HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Wednesday, the twentieth day of February instant, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Two o'clock p.m. on the said Wednesday, the twentieth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and seven.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seven, in the seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMISSIONER BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

The Commissioner appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General requests the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber to hear his Commission read. Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where Letters Patent were read, as follows :—

His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia,

Greeting :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them : Provided always that the appointment of such a Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

And whereas by Proclamation dated the fifth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and seven, Wednesday, the twentieth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and seven, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs ; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Two o'clock, on the day and date aforesaid :

Now know you that in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputy for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seven, in the seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

(L.S.)

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

His Honour the Chief Justice then said :—

“GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

“I have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that, as soon as the Members of the Senate recently elected and the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, and a President of the Senate and a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall have been chosen, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared to you by him in person in this place. You, therefore, Gentlemen of the Senate, will proceed to choose some proper person to be your President ; and you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and thereafter His Excellency will have pleasure in receiving the Gentlemen whom you shall respectively so choose, at such time and place as may be convenient.”

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And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

3. COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Right Honorable Sir Samuel Griffith, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, having entered the Chamber and been conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows :—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, it is enacted that every Senator and every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

Now therefore I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you to attend at Parliament House, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation to such Senators as are present and have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the Senate, and to Members of the House of Representatives then present.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seven.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

(L.S.)

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General the 75 Writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 12th December, 1906.

By the returns indorsed on the several Writs it appeared that for the several Electoral Divisions of the States the following gentlemen had been elected, as shown hereunder :—

Division.	State.	Name.
Adelaide	.. South Australia ..	.. Charles Cameron Kingston.
Angas ..	.. South Australia ..	.. Patrick McMahon Glynn.
Balaclava	.. Victoria ..	.. Agar Wynne.
Ballaarat	.. Victoria ..	.. Alfred Deakin.
Barker ..	.. South Australia ..	.. John Livingston.
Barrier ..	.. New South Wales	.. Josiah Thomas.
Bass ..	.. Tasmania ..	.. David Storrer.
Batman	.. Victoria ..	.. Jabez Coon.
Bendigo	.. Victoria ..	.. Sir John Quick.
Boothby	.. South Australia ..	.. Egerton Lee Batchelor.
Bourke ..	.. Victoria ..	.. James Newton Haxton Hume Cook.
Brisbane	.. Queensland ..	.. Justin Fox Greenlaw Foxton.
Calare ..	.. New South Wales	.. Thomas Brown.
Capricornia	.. Queensland ..	.. Edward Walker Archer.
Cook ..	.. New South Wales	.. James Howard Catts.
Coolgardie	.. Western Australia..	.. Hugh Mahon.
Corangamite	.. Victoria ..	.. John Gratton Wilson.
Corio ..	.. Victoria ..	.. Richard Armstrong Crouch.
Cowper ..	.. New South Wales	.. John Thomson.
Dalley New South Wales	.. William Henry Wilks.
Darling New South Wales	.. William Guthrie Spence.

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Division.	State.	Name.
Darling Downs ..	Queensland ..	Littleton Ernest Groom.
Darwin ..	Tasmania ..	King O'Malley.
Denison ..	Tasmania ..	Sir Philip Oakley Fysh.
East Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	George Houstoun Reid.
Echuca ..	Victoria ..	Albert Clayton Palmer.
Eden-Monaro ..	New South Wales ..	Austin Chapman.
Fawkner ..	Victoria ..	George Fairbairn.
Flinders ..	Victoria ..	William Hill Irvine.
Franklin ..	Tasmania ..	William James McWilliams.
Fremantle ..	Western Australia ..	William Noah Hedges.
Gippsland ..	Victoria ..	George Henry Wise.
Grampians ..	Victoria ..	Hans William Henry Irvine.
Grey ..	South Australia ..	Alexander Poynton.
Gwydir ..	New South Wales ..	William Webster.
Herbert ..	Queensland ..	Frederick William Bamford.
Hindmarsh ..	South Australia ..	James Hutchison.
Hume ..	New South Wales ..	Sir William John Lyne.
Hunter ..	New South Wales ..	Frank Liddell.
Illawarra ..	New South Wales ..	George Warburton Fuller.
Indi ..	Victoria ..	Joseph Tilley Brown.
Kalgoorlie ..	Western Australia ..	Charles Edward Frazer.
Kennedy ..	Queensland ..	Charles McDonald.
Kooyong ..	Victoria ..	William Knox.
Laanecoorie ..	Victoria ..	Charles Carty Salmon.
Lang ..	New South Wales ..	William Elliot Johnson.
Macquarie ..	New South Wales ..	Ernest Shoebridge Carr.
Maranoa ..	Queensland ..	James Page.
Maribyrnong ..	Victoria ..	Samuel Mauger.
Melbourne ..	Victoria ..	William Robert Nuttall Maloney.
Melbourne Ports ..	Victoria ..	James Mathews.
Mernda ..	Victoria ..	Robert Harper.
Moreton ..	Queensland ..	Hugh Sinclair.
Nepean ..	New South Wales ..	Eric Kendall Bowden.
Newcastle ..	New South Wales ..	David Watkins.
New England ..	New South Wales ..	Francis James Foster.
North Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	Dugald Thomson.
Oxley ..	Queensland ..	Richard Edwards.
Parkes ..	New South Wales ..	Bruce Smith.
Parramatta ..	New South Wales ..	Joseph Cook.
Perth ..	Western Australia ..	James Mackinnon Fowler.
Richmond ..	New South Wales ..	Thomas Thomson Ewing.
Riverina ..	New South Wales ..	John Moore Chanter.
Robertson ..	New South Wales ..	Henry Willis.
South Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	John Christian Watson.
Swan ..	Western Australia ..	Sir John Forrest.
Wakefield ..	South Australia ..	Sir Frederick William Holder.
Wannon ..	Victoria ..	John Keith McDougall.
Wentworth ..	New South Wales ..	William Henry Kelly.
Werriwa ..	New South Wales ..	David Robert Hall.
West Sydney ..	New South Wales ..	William Morris Hughes.
Wide Bay ..	Queensland ..	Andrew Fisher.
Wilmot ..	Tasmania ..	Llewelyn Atkinson.
Wimmera ..	Victoria ..	Sydney Sampson.
Yarra ..	Victoria ..	Frank Gwynne Tudor.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the Oath required by law, except Joseph Tilley Brown, William Morris Hughes, Hugh Sinclair, Dugald Thomson, and David Watkins (who were not present), and Edward Walker Archer, who made and subscribed an affirmation as allowed by law.

The Commissioner retired.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Sir Frederick Holder, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Reid, and supported by Mr. Watson and Mr. Knox.

The House having called Sir Frederick Holder to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling Sir Frederick Holder to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Deakin and Mr. Reid, and conducted to the Chair, where he returned his humble acknowledgements to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Then Mr. Deakin and Mr. Reid congratulated Mr. Speaker.

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7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the President and the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament, this day, at a quarter past four o'clock.
And the sitting of the House having been suspended until that hour—Mr. Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.
8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER,
His Excellency the Governor-General desires the immediate attendance of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—
9. PAPUA BILL (1907).—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Grants and Dispositions of Freehold Estates in Land in the Territory of Papua.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Grants and Dispositions of Freehold Estates in Land in the Territory of Papua,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows:—

GENTLEMEN :

1. It affords me much pleasure on this, my first meeting with the Third Parliament of the Commonwealth, to be able to congratulate you on a period of unprecedented prosperity throughout the continent. Bountiful harvests, accompanied by an expansion of the pastoral, dairying, and mining industries, promise a continuance of the present flourishing condition of Australia.
2. Your attendance has been required at this date in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and for the purpose of enabling My Advisers to meet Parliament.
3. A third Conference of Prime Ministers of the self-governing portions of the Empire has been summoned to assemble in London in April next. Many subjects of far-reaching importance will be submitted, a discussion of which should encourage the development of trade and commerce between the component parts of the Empire, lead to a wider and more intimate knowledge of our common interests, and strengthen the bonds of union between the United Kingdom and His Majesty's Dominions beyond the seas.
4. In order to obtain as much uniformity as is feasible, and to remove ambiguities in shipping legislation, the Imperial Government invited the Governments of Australia and New Zealand to appoint special representatives to confer with those nominated for the United Kingdom in London in the month of March. Ministers have accepted this invitation, in order that this interchange of views may assist you in the early exercise of your powers of legislation with respect to navigation and shipping.
5. When the last Parliament was prorogued, a Conference of State Ministers was sitting in Melbourne. Their discussion of the Federal financial situation, which was adjourned until this year, has not yet been resumed. My Advisers are anxious to lay before you as soon as circumstances permit a proposition determining the financial relations of the Commonwealth and the States between themselves and to the holders of their securities. This is a most important matter in itself, and because it affects great issues such as the nationalization of old-age pensions.
6. The Royal Commission of inquiry into the administration and settlement of Papua has presented a valuable Report, the recommendations of which are being examined, with a view to giving effect to them.
7. An examination of such of the Reports of the Tariff Commission as have been presented is now in progress, and prompt consideration will be given to the remainder when they are received.
8. You will be called together again as soon as possible, in order that you may consider the legislative proposals laid before the electors, comprising, among others, measures to place our national industries upon a sound and permanent basis, under equitable conditions; to develop the latent resources of the continent; promote trade relations within the Empire; make adequate provision for our defences; and augment the population of Australia by a judicious encouragement of immigration. The general agreement which My Advisers have arrived at with the Government of the State of South Australia for the transfer to the Commonwealth of the Northern Territory will also be then submitted for your approval.

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11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Deakin moved, That a Committee, consisting of Mr. Wise, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Chanter, and Mr. Storrer, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.
12. ELECTION PETITION.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a copy of an Election Petition which he had received from the Deputy-Registrar of the High Court, at Melbourne, under section 202 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902, viz.:—Petition of Thomas Kennedy against the return of Albert Clayton Palmer as Member for the Electoral Division of Echuca, in the State of Victoria—Gazetted in the *Commonwealth Gazette* of 26th January, 1907, page 436.
13. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
- Northern Territory (South Australia).—Memorandum setting out the terms on which the Northern Territory is to be surrendered to the Commonwealth by South Australia.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
- New Hebrides.—Correspondence relating to the Convention with France, dated 20th October, 1906.
- Papua—
Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the present conditions, including the method of Government, of the Territory of Papua, and the best means for their improvement; together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
British New Guinea.—Annual Report for the year ending 30th June, 1906.
International Workmen's Congress in Vienna, 1905.—Report, &c., together with an account of the system of Workmen's Insurance, including Old-age Pensions, in Germany, by the Honorable Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G.
Rabbit Destruction.—Dr. Danysz's Experiments.—Second Report, by Dr. E. Angas Johnson and W. J. P. Giddings, Honorary Commissioners for the South Australian Government, on the Experiments being made on Broughton Island, New South Wales, with the Danysz virus.
Customs Tariff (British Preference) Bill 1906 (Reserved for Assent).—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 7th December, 1906, intimating that he proposed deferring, until after the Colonial Conference, tendering any advice to His Majesty regarding the Bill.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
- Papua.—Ordinances of the Territory of—
Royal Commissions, No. IV. of 1906.
Land, No. V. of 1906, and Regulations under.
Liquor Law Amendment, No. VI. of 1906.
Quarantine Amendment, No. VII. of 1906.
Inflammable Oils, No. VIII. of 1906.
Executions Amendment, No. IX. of 1906.
Supplementary Appropriation, 1906-7, No. X. of 1906.
Naturalization Act 1903.—Return of Number of Persons to whom Certificates of Naturalization were granted during 1906.
Immigration Restriction Acts 1901-1905.—Regulation No. 5A—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 70.
Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901.—Regulations *re* Orders for Deportation.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 71.
- Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Copyright Act 1905.—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 119.
Designs Act 1906.—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 117.
Distillation Act 1901.—Regulations Amended, Nos. 48, 69, 70.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 115.
Excise Act 1901.—Sugar Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 120.
Excise Tariff 1906 and Excise Act 1901.—Regulations relating to Scents and Toilet Preparations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 116.
Spirits Act 1906.—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 118.
Sugar Bounty Act 1905.—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 121.
Trade Marks Act 1905.—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 122.
- Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council, 22nd January, 1907.—Financial Year, 1905-6.
- Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at—
Epping, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.
Ross, Tasmania—As a site for a Drill Hall.
Mount Nelson, Hobart, Tasmania—As a road of access to Battery Site.
Public Service Act 1902—
List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, 1st January, 1907.
Regulations Amended, &c.
No. 104.—Telephone Indoor Supervisors—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 96.

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No. 276A.—Boards of Inquiry—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 100.

No. 43A.—Soliciting Presents—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 113.

Nos. 163A, 104, 148, 17, 18, 21, 90.—Bicycles, Fines, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 112.

No. 40.—Performance of Duties—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 6.

Hunt, H. A.—Appointment as Commonwealth Meteorologist, Postmaster-General's Department.—Recommendation.

Todd, C. H. U.—Appointment as Clerk of Works, Public Works Branch, Department of Home Affairs, Sydney.—Recommendation and Approval.

Murphy, C. J.—Promotion as Manager, Telegraph Branch, Postmaster-General's Department, Sydney.—Recommendation and Approval.

14. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Wise brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament. ✓

Mr. Wise moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. John Thomson seconded the motion.

Mr. Reid 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.

15. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past Two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. 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 six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. J. Tilley Brown, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.