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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor,
 The Honorable James Mackinnon Fowler,
 The Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, and
 The Honorable William Henry Wilks

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this eleventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seven.

F. W. HOLDER,
 Speaker.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the First 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 commencement of the Session.

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

Papua—Native Labour—Ordinance No. 1 of 1907.
 Inter-State Conference of Premiers, &c., Melbourne, October 1906.
 Contract Immigrants Act—Return.
 Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—Minute by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest on suggested site at Canberra.
 Naval Defence—Report by the Director of Naval Forces for 1906.
 Military Board—Report for 1906.

Your Committee do not recommend that any other Paper be printed.

Your Committee beg to request that power be given to them to confer with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

JOHN QUICK,
 Chairman.

House of Representatives,
 Committee Room, 11th July, 1907.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted, and that leave be given, as requested by the Committee, to confer with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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4. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Meteorological Conference, held in Melbourne, May, 1907—Report of.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
 Audit Acts—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial
 year 1906-7 (dated 5th July, 1907).
 Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
 Public Service Act—Regulations amended—
 No. 66.—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 70.
 No. 231.—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 69.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day
 having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address
 in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—
 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—
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders
 of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday,
 Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take
 precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until
 otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday
 in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order,
 viz. :—
 On one Thursday—
 Notices of Motion.
 Orders of the Day.
 On the alternate Thursday—
 Orders of the Day.
 Notices of Motion.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. NORTHERN TERRITORY—PARTICULARS AS TO HOLDERS OF ALIENATED LANDS, ETC.—Mr. Joseph
 Cook moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Johnson, That a Return be laid upon the
 Table of the House, in relation to the proposals for taking over the Northern Territory of
 South Australia, showing—
 (1) The names of individual holders of alienated lands within the Territory (excluding
 Palmerston and suburbs), together with the following particulars, viz. :—
 (a) Total area and estimated capital value of each holding.
 (b) Nature of the tenure and terms upon which such lands are held.
 (c) Nature and estimated value of improvements effected on such lands by the holders.
 (d) The purposes for which such lands were alienated.
 (e) The number of men employed (white and coloured) by each holder.
 (2) Similar information relating to lands held by companies or syndicates, and the names
 of the persons comprising them.
 (3) Similar information (excepting as to paragraphs (d) and (e)) relating to the town of
 Palmerston and its suburban area.
 (4) Total amount of revenue received by the South Australian Treasury from alienated
 lands within the territory.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. NEW HEBRIDES—MONEY GRANTED FOR RELIEF OF BRITISH SETTLERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved,
 pursuant to notice given by Mr. Johnson, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House
 showing how the £500 voted by Parliament for the relief of British settlers in the New
 Hebrides has been disbursed—giving the names of the recipients, the amounts paid to each,
 and stating whether such payments were made directly through Captain Rason or indirectly
 through a shipping firm.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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11. NORTHERN TERRITORY—PARTICULARS AS TO LANDS, REVENUE, RAILWAYS, ETC.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Catts, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing, with reference to the proposed transfer of the Northern Territory of South Australia to the Commonwealth—

- (1) The estimated area and value of Crown lands.
- (2) The estimated area and value of alienated lands.
- (3) The amount of Customs revenue collected at Port Darwin since the inauguration of the Commonwealth.
- (4) The amount of revenue other than Customs collected in the Northern Territory by the Federal authorities since the inauguration of the Commonwealth.
- (5) The total amount expended for the administration of Federal services in the Northern Territory since the inauguration of the Commonwealth.
- (6) The amounts of earnings and expenditure respectively upon the Port Darwin–Pine Creek Railway for 1901–2–3–4–5–6.
- (7) The amounts of earnings and expenditure upon the Port Augusta–Oodnadatta Railway for 1901–2–3–4–5–6 respectively.
- (8) The total capital cost of the Port Augusta–Oodnadatta Railway, including cost of resumptions, stations, wharfs, and other buildings and accessories used in connexion with the working of the line.
- (9) The estimated cost of Northern Territory services already transferred to the Commonwealth.
- (10) The estimated value of Northern Territory services not already transferred, but whose transference is provided for under the Commonwealth Constitution.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—

Canberra Site—

Report by L. A. B. Wade, Chief Engineer, New South Wales.

Report on Water Supply, by Stephen H. Weedon, Inspecting Engineer.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Deakin, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.