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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RESIGNATION OF TREASURER, AND CONSEQUENT REDISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL OFFICES.—Sir William Lyne (in the absence of the Prime Minister) read to the House certain correspondence between the Prime Minister and Sir John Forrest, and announced that Sir John Forrest had resigned the office of Treasurer, and that in consequence thereof the following appointments had been made :—
 

Treasurer	...	...	...	Sir William Lyne.
Minister for Trade and Customs	...	...	...	The Honorable Austin Chapman.
Postmaster-General	...	...	...	The Honorable Samuel Mauger.

Sir John Forrest and Mr. Reid addressed the House.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Edwards presented a Petition from the Ipswich Chamber of Commerce, in reference to the proposed Conditions of Tender for Mail Service, asking that vessels under the proposed contract shall call at the principal port of each State, that Brisbane be a port of call, that provision be made for cold storage, that Queensland be not called on to pay more than her proper proportion of the mail subsidy, and praying that the House will frame such measures as will safeguard the equal rights of each State.  
Petition received.
4. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne 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 19th July, 1907).  
Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—  
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—  
Telephone Regulations—Part I.—Telephone Exchanges ; Part VI.—Telephone Junction and Trunk Lines, Regulation 51 ; Press Rates, Regulation 55 ; Part XI.—Time Signals—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 74.  
Value Payable Post—Regulation 4A ; General Postal Regulations—Sale of Postage Stamps of one State in another State—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 75.  
General Postal Regulations—Private Mail Bags—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 79.  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended, Nos. 88, 88A—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 76.
5. AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT MAKERS AND EMPLOYÉS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA—EXEMPTIONS UNDER EXCISE TARIFF 1906.—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House, showing—
  - (1) The number and names of all South Australian firms of agricultural implement makers who have secured exemption under the Excise Tariff 1906.
  - (2) The number of labourers employed in making agricultural implements by each of said firms who are classified as “used to the trade,” and the number classified as “not used to the trade,” and the wages paid to each.
  - (3) The number of employés, other than labourers, employed in making agricultural implements by each of said firms, who are classified as “of average capacity,” “slow, under average capacity,” and “under average capacity,” setting out the various occupations.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. BOUNTIES BILL (1907).—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. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past ten 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. Thomas Brown, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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