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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Hutchison, for the Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered all the Papers and Petitions presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

Précis of Correspondence between the Commonwealth Government, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and the Government of the United Kingdom, &c., respecting the Navigation Laws of the Empire and the question of coastal trade (*presented to Senate*).

Exemptions in regard to Manufacturers of Agricultural Implements (*presented to Senate*).

J. HUTCHISON,
Pro Chairman.

Committee Room, 8th August, 1907.

Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Secret Drugs, Cures, and Foods—Report of the Royal Commission on. (Vol. I.)
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION—ESCAPED ALIENS.—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be prepared showing—
 - (1) How many aliens have escaped from vessels into the Commonwealth since the passage of the Immigration Restriction (Amended) Act 1905.
 - (2) (a) In how many cases did prosecutions of those responsible for the escapees follow.
(b) If not in all cases, why.
 - (3) What is the amount of the fines paid.
 - (4) Were the fines refunded in any cases; if so, to whom, and why.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. FIRE INSURANCE BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Frazer moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion, General Business, were called on.

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6. PUBLIC SERVICE [APPEALS] BILL (1907).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Public Service Act of 1902.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hughes then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902,’*” 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 Thursday, 5th September next.

7. ELECTORAL [DISPUTED RETURNS] BILL (1907).—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Acts of 1902 and 1905 as regards the Court of Disputed Returns.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Chanter then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Acts of 1902 and 1905 as regards the Court of Disputed Returns,*” 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 Thursday, 29th instant.

8. FIRE INSURANCE BILL (1907).—The (interrupted) debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was resumed.

Mr. Hume Cook 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 Thursday next.

9. QUARANTINE 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. 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.

10. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1907-8.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 8.

12. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1907-8—Papers prepared by the Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1907-8.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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-four 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 (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Page, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Wilks.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives