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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 103.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—VISIT OF FLEET.—Mr. Deakin informed the House that the Governor-General had received the following cablegram from the Secretary of State:—"My telegram of 2nd March and your telegram of 21st March please inform your Ministers United States Government gladly accept invitation for visit of Fleet, and highly appreciate friendly courtesy on the part of Commonwealth."
3. CANADIAN CELEBRATION AT QUEBEC.—Mr. Deakin read to the House a telegram conveying an invitation to him from the Canadian Government to be present, personally, or by representative, as a guest at the celebration to be held at Quebec in July next, and his reply thereto, and also a telegram from the Earl of Elgin stating that Lord Dudley, Governor-General elect, had accepted an invitation of the Commonwealth Government to represent Australia on the occasion.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Colonial Office—Copy of Despatch from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, dated 19th November, 1907, relating to the organization of the Colonial Office.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. DEFENCE FORCES—OFFICERS' QUARTERS.—Mr. Bowden moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—  
(1) The officers of the Defence Forces to whom an allowance of quarters is made.  
(2) The number of rooms allowed in each case.  
(3) The deductions of pay made for the said quarters in each case.  
(4) The pay of which each officer is in receipt.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill, Mr. Groom moved, That the Reports be now adopted.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Groom moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.  
Question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Carr	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Chapman	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Coon	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Ewing	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Hall	
Mr. Hutchison	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

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Mr. Archer	Sir John Quick
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Johnson

And so it being resolved in the affirmative, but not by the absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the House required by Standing Order No. 407—  
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin 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 three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Catts, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watson, Mr. Willis, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wise.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*