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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
United States of America Fleet—Cablegrams (dated 21st and 31st March) from and to Secretary of State for the Colonies as to period of visit and ports of call.  
Secret Drugs, &c.—Correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. O. C. Beale as a Royal Commission to inquire into the matter.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PRIVILEGE—SELECT COMMITTEE RE PROCEDURE IN CASES OF.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave—
  1. That a Select Committee be appointed, to join with a Select Committee of the Senate, to inquire and report as to the best procedure for the trial and punishment of persons charged with the interference with or breach of the powers, privileges, or immunities of either House of the Parliament or of the Members or Committees of each House.
  2. That the Members of this House upon such Committee be Mr. Bamford, Mr. Fuller, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Wise; two to be a quorum.
  3. That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
  4. That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting it to appoint a similar Committee empowered to act conjointly with the Committee of this House.

Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—YEARLY EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE STATEMENTS.—Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That the following Returns be laid on the Table :—  
Return No. 1, showing—
    - (a) the number of permanent employés engaged in postal work only ;
    - (b) their total remuneration ;
    - (c) the number of temporary employés engaged in postal work only ;
    - (d) their total remuneration ;
    - (e) the number of permanent employés, including the administrative staff, engaged partially in postal work ;
    - (f) the sum representing the proportion of their total remuneration which may be fairly allocated to postal work ;
    - (g) the number of temporary employés engaged partially in postal work ;
    - (h) the sum representing the proportion of their total remuneration which may be fairly allocated to postal work ;
    - (j) the total of all other expenditure solely for postal purposes ;
    - (k) the sum representing the proportion of the total of all other expenditure (not solely for postal purposes) which may be fairly allocated to postal purposes ;
    - (l) the total purely postal revenue for the year ;

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- (m) the sum representing the proportion of the total of all other revenue or credits (not solely for postal services) which may be fairly allocated to the postal service ;
- (n) the resulting excess of revenue over expenditure, or of expenditure over revenue.

Return No. 2, showing the same in regard to telegraphic services.

Return No. 3, showing the same in regard to telephonic services.

The total expenditure and revenue of the three Returns to agree with the total Departmental expenditure and revenue for the year dealt with.

- (2) That similar Returns be prepared, dealing with the expenditure and revenue of the last completed financial year, and be presented annually with the Departmental Estimates.
- (3) That, should the Department find it necessary to depart from the form of the returns as outlined, any form substituted shall show, as nearly as possible, the excess of revenue over expenditure, or expenditure over revenue, in each of the three services.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. 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.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven 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. Atkinson, Mr. Carr, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Watson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*