

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

## No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Post and Telegraph Act—
  - Telephone Regulations Amended—
  - Parts I. and XIII.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 62.
  - Parts I. and VI.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 63.
  - Part XIX.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 87.
  - Postal Regulations Amended—Postcards ; Telephone Regulations Amended—Parts XII. and XVII.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 73.
 Mr. Hume Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Public Service Act—Substituted Regulation 168—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 100.
3. ACCIDENTS TO MACHINERY OF STEAMERS.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—
  - (1) The number of steamers trading to Australia which have been disabled through accidents to machinery since the inauguration of the Commonwealth.
  - (2) The names and tonnage of such steamers and the nature of the accidents in each case.
  - (3) Whether such steamers were fitted with single or double propellers.
  - (4) If with single propellers, whether supplied with effective sail or other auxiliary power sufficient to render the steamers navigable in case of a breakdown through accidents to machinery.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. 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 resumed.

Mr. Johnson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. 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 half-past ten 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. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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