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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21st JULY, 1909.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Paper.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Small Arms Factory—Précis of proceedings in connexion with the tenders for machinery for Small Arms Factory.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

- 3. Audit Bill (1909).—Sir John Forrest, pursuant to leave given on 20th July instant, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Acts 1901-1906," 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 to-morrow.
- 4. TELEGRAPH BILL.—Sir John Quick, pursuant to leave given on 20th July instant, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in Time of Emergency," 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 to-morrow.
- 5. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

 Debate resumed.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 - Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Poynton 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.
- 6. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
 - Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at half-past 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. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Watson*.

 * On leave.

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