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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during year 1908-9.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Postmaster-General's Department—Yearly Expenditure and Revenue Statements—Year 1907—
Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st April, 1908.
Ordered to be printed.
3. MONOPOLIES—FEDERAL CONTROL OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hall :—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to so amend the Commonwealth Constitution as to confer upon the Federal Parliament power to own and control monopolies—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Spence 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 Thursday, 30th September next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 9th September next.
5. TARIFF—PERMANENT BOARD RE.—Mr. Manger moved, pursuant to notice, That, with a view to securing the most accurate information for Parliament in relation to anomalies in the present Tariff—the continuous watching of the operations of the Tariff as to preference, and questions relating to the effect of duties on industries—the relationship of duties on raw material to the manufactured article—the inauguration and encouragement of new industries, or the development of natural resources for manufacturing and agricultural purposes, a permanent competent body on the lines of the British Board of Trade, which shall include representatives of the principal staple interests affected by Customs Tariff Acts, should be at once appointed by the Government.
Debate ensued.
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 Thursday, 9th September next.
6. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act for the Legitimation of Children by Registration.
Question put and resolved in the affirmative.

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7. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
 Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
 Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past 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. Archer, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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