### THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

#### No. 43.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1912.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Papers.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act-Department of Home Affairs-Appointment of C. A. Hoy as Draftsman, Class E, Professional Division, Public Works Branch, New South Wales.

Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute-

Public Service Act-Postmaster-General's Department-Promotion of A. J. Odgers as Clerk, Fourth Class, Central Staff.

3. PINE CREEK TO KATHERINE RIVER RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—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-

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Title agreed to. Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Thomas, the House adopted the Report. Mr. Thomas moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

4. Northern Territory—Crown Lands Ordinance 1912.—Motion to Disallow.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fuller:-That the Ordinance No. 3 of 1912 (an Ordinance relating to Crown Lands, entitled Crown Lands Ordinance 1912), made in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Northern Territory Acceptance Act 1910, and the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, be disallowed-

Debate resumed.

Mr. Poynton moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:-"until it be amended in such a way as will prevent any pastoral lands being let under perpetual lease conditions"

Debate continued.

Mr. Laird Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thomas moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at a quarter past ten 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—Sir Robert Best, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Cook, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Greene, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine\*, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne\*, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Spence, and Mr. West.

\* On leave.

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