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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 7.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1913.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Honorable Sir Frank Madden, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Public Service Act—Promotions, &c.—Department of Trade and Customs, Central Staff—
    - L. F. East—To new position of Senior Clerk, 2nd Class, Lighthouse Branch.
    - G. F. Parkes—To new position of Clerk, 3rd Class, Lighthouse Branch.
    - R. A. Marx and H. Thomson—as Clerks, 4th Class.
  - Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—
    - Lands Acquisition Act—
      - Land acquired under, at Congwarra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.
      - Return of Land acquired and disposed of, Federal Territory—Leased to I. Cameron and W. P. Bluett.
    - Public Service Act—Appointments, Department of Home Affairs, as Surveyors, Lands and Surveys Branch, Federal Territory—
      - J. D. Reid, Class C.
      - R. J. Rain, Class D.
      - A. Percival, Class D.
      - F. M. Johnston, Class D.
      - H. Mouat, Class D.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY AND STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the proposed Address in Reply, and on the Statement of Ministerial Policy—
 

Debate resumed 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—

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fisher, viz.:—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—

“But regret your advisers—

- (1) propose to destroy the beneficial character of our social and industrial laws ;
- (2) indicate no intention of taking such steps as will reduce the high cost of living ; and
- (3) fail to realise the urgent necessity of an immediate revision of the Tariff”—

Mr. Bennett, 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.

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

And then the House, at nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur, Mr. Carr, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Webster.

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