THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

VOTES AND **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1913.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., 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 financial year ended 30th June,
 - Shale Oils Bounties Act-Return of particulars of Bounty paid during financial year ended 30th June, 1913.
 - Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Lease of Land in Federal Territory. Approval granted—F. A. Campbell, Queanbeyan, Woden Station.
- 3. 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. Higgs 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.
- 4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Wynne moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at fifteen minutes 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.—Mr. Carr. Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Finlayson, and Colonel Ryrie.

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