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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Inter-State Commission—Forms *re* Applications for Tariff Investigation.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment of J. S. C. Elkington as Chief Quarantine Officer, Queensland, Department of Trade and Customs.  
Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land Acquired under, at—  
Albany, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.  
Bombala, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
Port Adelaide, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
3. ELECTORAL ROLLS AND VOTES RECORDED—PARTICULARS *RE*.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—
  - (1) The number of names placed on the rolls within one month before the issue of the writs for the last election.
  - (2) The percentage of votes—
    - (a) to the estimated adult population qualified to vote ;
    - (b) to the number enrolled ;
 recorded at the various elections for the Commonwealth Parliament, including that for the present Parliament.
  - (3) The number of votes recorded at the last election in polling booths erected at hospitals in any State of the Commonwealth.
 Question—put and passed.
4. GENERAL BUSINESS.—Notice of Motion No. 1 (General Business) was withdrawn, and Notice of Motion No. 2 (General Business) was postponed until Thursday next.
5. SMALL-POX—ISOLATION IN LIEU OF VACCINATION.—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to notice, That—  
with a view to putting an end to the suffering, sacrifice of human life, and the commercial, industrial, and domestic stagnation in the State of New South Wales, resulting from the proclamation and administration of the laws governing small-pox epidemics—this House is of the opinion that the proclamation should be cancelled, and that isolation, combined with sanitary reform, the true enemy of small-pox, should be substituted for the present injurious methods.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. West 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, 2nd October next.

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6. ELECTORAL BILL (1913).—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.

Mr. West 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Dankel, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. Roberts.

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