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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
 

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No. 144.

 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 

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OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Taxation—Report by the Commonwealth Statistician on Professor Carslaw's articles concerning the accuracy of the Taxation Formulas.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 48, 51.  
 Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 36.  
 Public Service Act—Promotion of F. O. Elliott, Department of Trade and Customs.  
 War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 44, 50.
4. **CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
 —Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Fenton 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.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at three o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Hampson, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Riley, General Ryrrie\*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. West\*, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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 WALTER A. GALE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*