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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Tudor:—That the Government is deserving of censure for its general incapacity, and more particularly—
 - (a) for its failure to prevent an inordinate rise in the cost of living;
 - (b) for its failure to keep its pledges with returned soldiers and their dependants;
 - (c) for its failure to take steps to deal with the causes of industrial unrest;
 - (d) for its failure to secure an adequate return to the Australian people for their wool and other primary products sold overseas;
 - (e) for its failure to make definite binding contracts for the sale of such products which would have prevented any possibility of profiteering overseas in Australian products at the expense of Australian producers, and would have made it possible to secure a prompt adjustment of accounts in connexion with such sales—

Debate resumed.

Point of Order.—A Point of Order having been raised that the Member addressing the House was not in order as he was referring to a case *sub judice*, and Mr. Speaker having upheld the Point of Order, Mr. Ryan handed in, in writing, the following objection to the ruling:—

“That the Speaker’s ruling that references to the inquiry before Sir Robert Garran in the Father Jerger case and to the conduct of the Executive in connexion with that inquiry are not proper subjects for discussion in Parliament—be disagreed to.”

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

Debate on the Want of Confidence motion continued.

Mr. Stewart 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, and to take precedence of all other business.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Considine, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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

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