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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

#### OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

#### THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

- 2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from certain electors, citizens, and residents of the State of Queensland, praying that the House will be pleased to eliminate clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.
  - Petitions, praying that the House will pass clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill, which will withhold postal facilities for promoting lotteries, fortune-telling, and other unlawful pursuits, were presented—

By Mr. Clarke (for Mr. Phillips)----

From certain residents of Korrak Korrak.

By Mr. Hume Cook-

From certain adherents of Scots' Church, Heidelberg.

From certain visitors to "Woodrow," Ivanhoe.

From certain residents of Brunswick.

From certain members of the Women's Temperance Union of Brunswick.

From certain members of the Heidelberg Band of Hope.

By Mr. Crouch-

From certain residents of Queenscliff worshipping at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. From certain members of Gisborne Presbyterian Church.

By Mr. Knox-

From certain residents of Kew.

From certain residents of Surrey Hills, Balwyn, and Canterbury.

By Mr. Manifold-

From certain residents of Camperdown connected with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. By Mr. Mauger—

From certain residents of Williamstown attending the United Methodist Church.

From certain residents of Williamstown attending the Baptist Church.

From certain residents of Williamstown attending the South Williamstown Presbyterian Church.

From certain residents of North Williamstown attending the Congregational Church.

From certain residents of Williamstown attending the Welsh Church.

From certain residents of Williamstown attending the North Williamstown Presbyterian Church.

By Mr. McCay-

From certain adherents of the Wesleyan Church, Egerton.

By Mr. F. E. McLean-

From certain residents of the State of New South Wales.

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By Sir John Quick-From certain residents of Golden Square, Bendigo. From certain residents of Long Gully, Bendigo. From certain members and adherents of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bendigo. From certain residents of Strathfieldsaye. From certain residents of Bendigo. From certain adherents of the Primitive Methodist Churches of Bendigo and Eaglehawk. From certain residents of California Gully, Bendigo. From certain residents of Sydney Flat, Bendigo. From certain residents of Eaglehawk, Bendigo. From the clergy and certain lay members of St. Paul's Church, Bendigo. By Mr. Tudor-From certain residents of Richmond. From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Richmond. By Mr. Tudor (for Mr. Higgins)-From certain adherents of the Bible Christian Church, Carlton. Petitions severally received. 3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid on the Table by the Clerk :---Statistics of Manufacturing Industries of the States.--Return to an Order of the House dated 7th June, 1901. Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed. 4. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read-Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except — Messrs. Ewing, Fisher, Glynn, Hughes, Kennedy, Macdonald-Paterson, Sawers, Bruce Smith, Spence, and Watson.

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

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