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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—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. Winter Cooke—
 - From certain members and adherents of Horsham Presbyterian Church.
 - From certain residents of Horsham Bible Christian Methodist Circuit.
 - By Mr. A. McLean—
 - From certain residents of Bairnsdale.
 - From certain residents of Bairnsdale and district.
 - From certain members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church at Sale.
 - From certain residents of Lindenow and Wuk Wuk and district.
 - By Mr. Skene—
 - From certain residents of Dunolly (Wesleyans).
 - From certain residents of Marnoo, Rupanyup, Murtoa, Wallaloo, and Banyena.
 Petitions severally received.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, having been read—
 - Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and negatived.
 - Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Maize.—Return showing—
 1. The quantity of maize imported into each State of the Commonwealth during the past three years, and the countries from which it came.
 2. The amount of maize exported from each State for a similar period, and where sent.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. **DISTILLATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
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 a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members being then present, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker again 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.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except the Minister of Home Affairs (the Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Clarke, Joseph Cook, Ewing, Fisher, Glynn, Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., and Mr. Sydney Smith.

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