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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. STATE PROPERTY PURCHASED OR TO BE TAKEN OVER BY COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. E. Solomon moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 1. The cost of all freehold property purchased by the Commonwealth from each State to date, and where located.
 2. The detailed estimated cost to the Commonwealth of all properties to be taken over from the various States.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. MAILS VIA ALBANY OR VIA FREMANTLE.—Mr. A. McLean (for Sir Malcolm McEacharn) moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be prepared and laid before this House, showing the average time occupied in transmission of mails from London to Sydney during the last six months, as compared with the time occupied during the last six months that the mail steamers were calling at Albany.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SERGEANT INSTRUCTORS IN QUEENSLAND DEFENCE FORCE.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a Return showing—
 1. The names of Sergeant Instructors on the staff of the Queensland Defence Force on the 1st March and 1st August, 1901, respectively.
 2. Date of appointment of each.
 3. Rank in Imperial Army or Queensland Defence Force on date of appointment.
 4. Present rank.
 5. Service in Imperial Army or Queensland Defence Force, or both, prior to date of appointment.
 6. Annual salary and allowances for rent, fuel, and light.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. OFFICERS OF PERMANENT DEFENCE FORCES.—Sir Langdon Bonython (for Mr. Glynn) moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, in the case of each officer in the Permanent Defence Forces—
 1. His corps and rank.
 2. The date on which he joined his corps, his then rank, and rate of pay.
 3. The record of his promotions, the number of years served in each rank, and his present rank and rate of pay.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. DISTILLATION 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, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day, Government Business No. 2, be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

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8. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS 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 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, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day, Government Business No. 4, be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
10. DEFENCE 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, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 6 to 14 inclusive, be made Orders of the Day for Wednesday next, and that Order of the Day, General Business No. 1, be made an Order of the Day for Friday, 15th November next.
12. NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRIES.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, a National Department of Agriculture and Productive Industries, on the same lines as that of the United States of America, ought to be organized and maintained in connexion with the Government of the Commonwealth, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Skene moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion—“and that steps should be taken to ascertain whether the State Parliaments will, in the meantime, co-operate to the extent of placing the services of their Agricultural Departments at the disposal of the Commonwealth Parliament in so far as they may be an aid to the carrying out of those matters appertaining to Agricultural interests which will shortly come under the exclusive control of the Commonwealth.”
Debate continued.
Mr. A. McLean moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Friday next.
13. RETURN ORDERED BY HOUSE—PARTIAL PRINTING OF.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—
A Return ordered by the House, giving Statistics of the Manufacturing Industries of the States, was presented to the House on the 22nd instant, and ordered to be printed; on inquiry, however, it was found that the cost of printing the whole of the information would amount to £245, and as the Return consists largely of printed schedules, taken from statistical papers of the various States, it was suggested that, in order to save expense, only the new matter should be printed, and that the printed schedules should be bound together and laid on the Table, where they could be referred to at any time. This suggestion I have ventured to adopt, being sure that I was giving effect to the wish of this House to save unnecessary expense.
I may state that this proposal was made at the desire of the honorable Member who moved for the Return, and with the consent of the Minister who furnished it.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Cameron, Clarke, Joseph Cook, R. Edwards, 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.