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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Kingston presented a Petition from certain persons resident in South Australia, praying that the House will give effect to certain proposals set forth in the Petition for the retail trade of intoxicating liquors in the Federal Capital being exclusively owned and carried on by the Commonwealth.

Petition received and read.

Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth, praying that the House will sanction a federal project for the improvement of the navigability and conservation of the waters of the Rivers Murray and Darling, together constituting channels for Inter-State commerce.

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 residents of Portland.

By Mr. A. McLean (for Mr. A. C. Groom)—

From certain residents of Frankston and Langwarrin.

By Mr. A. McLean—

From certain residents of Morwell and adjacent parts.

From certain residents of Stratford.

From certain residents of Stratford, Valencia Creek, and Briagolong.

Petitions severally received.

- 3. ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF MR. MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—

I desire to inform the House that I yesterday forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General the following telegram for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a request that His Majesty the King would be pleased to cause it to be communicated to the Government of the United States :—

“For the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, I desire to express the utmost indignation at the attack on President McKinley, and the earnest hope that his life may be spared to his family and the nation.

F. W. HOLDER,
Speaker.”

I have received a letter from the Private Secretary, stating that His Excellency the Governor-General has transmitted the telegram as requested.

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4. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Correspondence *re* Introduction of Japanese into the Northern Territory.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of the next Order of the Day.

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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kingston moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Minister of Home Affairs (the Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), Messrs. Clarke, Cruickshank, G. B. Edwards, Ewing, A. C. Groom, Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Sawers, Skene, Bruce Smith, and Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.