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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Further Correspondence *re* Introduction of Japanese into Northern Territory.
Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Report and Appendices prepared by the Commonwealth Defence Pay Committee, assembled at Sydney, New South Wales.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. DAYS OF MEETING and ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—
 1. That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past ten o'clock on each Friday morning.
 2. That on each sitting day, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of general business.
 3. That these resolutions take effect on and after Wednesday next.
 Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. 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 Order of the Day, No. 3.
5. EXCISE 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 Wednesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PROPERTY ACQUISITION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Acquisition of Property for Public Purposes, for dealing with Property so acquired, and for other purposes connected therewith,*" to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.The Senate,
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7. PROPERTY ACQUISITION BILL.—Mr. Barton moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message intituled, *A Bill for "An Act to provide for the Acquisition of Property for Public Purposes, for dealing with Property so acquired, and for other purposes connected therewith,"* be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

8. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been read—

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 63, 78, and the consideration of two proposed new clauses.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments, and had added two new clauses.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

9. CUSTOMS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the following amendments made by the Senate in this Bill having been read:—

SCHEDULE SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 3, line 7, omit "Duty," insert "Duties."
- No. 2.—Page 5, clause 19, line 11, after "wharf" insert "also such shed accommodation for the protection of goods as the Minister may in writing declare to be requisite."
- No. 3.—Page 5, clause 20, line 13, after "Carriages" insert "boats."
- No. 4.—Page 5, clause 22, line 21, after "carriages" insert "boats."
- No. 5.—Page 5, clause 22, line 24, after "carriages" insert "boats."
- No. 6.—Page 5, clause 23, line 29, after "carriage" insert "boat."
- No. 7.—Page 5, clause 23, line 30, omit "Collector," insert "Comptroller."
- No. 8.—Page 5, clause 24, line 32, after "carriage" insert "boat."
- No. 9.—Page 5, clause 25, line 35, after "Minister" insert "Comptroller."
- No. 10.—Page 5, clause 25, line 36, omit "person," insert "officer."
- No. 11.—Page 5, clause 26, line 38, omit "officer," insert "person."
- No. 12.—Page 5, clause 26, line 38, after "declaration" insert "under this Act."
- No. 13.—Page 6, after clause 30, insert the following new clause:—
- "30A. All goods on board any ship or boat from parts beyond the seas shall also be subject to the control of the Customs whilst the ship or boat is within the limits of any port in Australia."
- Goods on ships subject to Customs control.
- No. 14.—Page 6, after clause 36, insert the following new clause:—
- "36A. Any person making any entry shall, if required by the Collector, answer questions relating to the goods referred to in the entry."
- Person making entries to answer questions.
- No. 15.—Page 7, clause 37, line 4, after "entry" omit remainder of clause.
- No. 16.—Page 7, after clause 37, insert the following new clause:—
- "37A. All goods in respect of which any entry has been made and passed shall forthwith be dealt with in accordance with the entry.
"Penalty: Fifty pounds."
- Goods to be dealt with according to entry.
- No. 17.—Page 7, clause 45, line 40, at end of clause add "or release or satisfaction."
- No. 18.—Page 8, clause 46, line 2, omit "In order to," insert "For the purpose of securing."
- No. 19.—Page 8, clause 46, line 5, omit "landed."
- No. 20.—Page 8, clause 46, line 5, after "and" insert "may be."
- No. 21.—Page 8, clause 49, omit sub-clause (a); insert the following new sub-clause:—
- "(a) Any reproduction except by permission of the proprietor of the copyright of any work copyrighted in the King's dominions, and of the existence of which copyright and date of its expiration written notice has been given to the Minister by or on behalf of the proprietor of such copyright."
- No. 22.—Page 8, clause 49, line 22, omit "not being of the proper," insert "of the King's dominions not being of the established."
- No. 23.—Page 8, clause 49, line 32, after "butter" insert "unless coloured and branded as prescribed."
- No. 24.—Page 8, clause 49, after sub-clause (h), add the following new sub-clause:—
- "(i) Mineral oil and mineral spirits unless imported under and subject to such restrictions as may be declared by proclamation."
- No. 25.—Page 8, clause 50, line 40, omit "of the," insert "as."
- No. 26.—Page 8, clause 50, line 40, omit "size."

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No. 27.—Page 8, after clause 50, insert the following new clause :—

“ 50A. As to all tea imported :—

- (a) Samples shall be taken without payment and examined by the Collector. Tea subject to examination on importation.
- (b) Unless the Collector is as a result of the examination satisfied that the tea is not a prohibited import he shall submit the samples for analysis to an official analyst appointed by the Governor-General for the purposes of this Act.
- (c) If as the result of the analysis it appears that the tea is a prohibited import it shall after compliance with the next succeeding paragraph be dealt with accordingly.
- (d) Notice shall be given to the owner of the report of the analyst if the tea is thereby shown to be a prohibited import, and the owner shall be allowed fourteen days after the receipt of the notice to satisfy the Collector that the tea is not a prohibited import.
- (e) Any tea not complying with the prescribed standard of strength and purity shall be deemed unfit for human use.”

No. 28.—Page 9, after clause 52, insert the following new clause :—

“ 52A. There shall be publicly exposed at the principal ports of Australia printed lists of all books wherein the copyright shall be subsisting, and as to which the proprietor of such copyright or his agent shall have given notice in writing that such copyright exists stating in such notice when such copyright expires.” List of copyright books to be exposed at principal ports.

No. 29.—Page 9, clause 59, line 37, after “ arrival ” insert “ at any port.”

No. 30.—Page 9, clause 59, line 39; after “ duplicate ” insert “ of goods for such port.”

No. 31.—Page 10, clause 60, line 1, after “ is ” insert “ lost or.”

No. 32.—Page 10, clause 60, line 3, omit “ an inward,” insert “ a.”

No. 33.—Page 10, clause 67, line 32, omit “ landed ” (*first occurring*), insert “ unshipped.”

No. 34.—Page 10, clause 67, line 32, omit “ landed not later than seven days,” insert “ unshipped within such respective times.”

No. 35.—Page 10, clause 67, line 33, after “ ship ” insert “ as may be prescribed.”

No. 36.—Page 11, clause 69, line 11, omit “ Goods may only be unshipped,” insert “ Except as prescribed goods may be unshipped only.”

No. 37.—Page 11, clause 70, line 17, after “ licensed ” insert “ boat or.”

No. 38.—Page 11, clause 70, line 17, omit “ direct.”

No. 39.—Page 11, clause 70, line 20, after “ carriage ” insert “ boat.”

No. 40.—Page 12, clause 74, line 4, after “ use ” insert “ under such conditions as may be prescribed.”

No. 41.—Page 12, clause 74, line 6, after “ process ” omit remainder of clause.

No. 42.—Page 13, clause 82, line 5, omit “ in ” insert “ as.”

No. 43.—Page 13, clause 82, line 5, omit “ cases.”

No. 44.—Page 15, clause 96, line 7, omit “ six ” insert “ nine.”

No. 45.—Page 16, clause 110, line 40, after “ licensed ” insert “ boat or.”

No. 46.—Page 17, clause 112, line 9, after “ export ” omit the remainder of the clause.

No. 47.—Page 17, clause 115, line 25, after “ ship ” insert “ except as provided in section one hundred and nine.”

No. 48.—Page 18, clause 121, line 11, omit “ Collector ” insert “ Comptroller.”

No. 49.—Page 18, clause 121, line 14, after “ Customs ” omit the remainder of the clause.

No. 50.—Page 18, clause 122, line 21, before “ stores ” insert “ ships.”

No. 51.—Page 18, clause 122, transfer clause 122 to follow after clause 124.

No. 52.—Page 18, clause 123, line 25, after “ stores ” insert “ whether shipped in parts beyond the seas or in the Commonwealth unless entered for home consumption or except as prescribed.”

No. 53.—Page 18, clause 123, line 26, after “ ship ” insert “ and.”

No. 54.—Page 18, clause 124, line 28, after “ No ” insert “ ships.”

No. 55.—Page 18, clause 124, line 28, omit “ after being shipped.”

No. 56.—Page 18, clause 124, line 28, after “ be ” insert “ used contrary to the last preceding section or shall be.”

No. 57.—Page 19, clause 136, line 34, after “ quantity ” insert “ or equivalent.”

No. 58.—Page 19, clause 136, line 35, at end of clause add “ according to a standard to be prescribed.”

No. 59.—Page 20, clause 144, line 29, omit “ or the owner of the goods.”

No. 60.—Page 20, clause 146, line 35, before “ Samples ” insert “ Goods the produce of Australia or.”

No. 61.—Page 20, clause 146, lines 35 and 36, omit “ or goods the produce of Australia.”

No. 62.—Page 22, after clause 150 insert the following new clause :—

“ 150A. If the original invoice prepared and issued by the seller or consignor in the country whence the goods were exported cannot conveniently be obtained the Collector may permit to be substituted the original invoice prepared and issued by the last seller or consignor and the invoice so substituted shall be deemed the genuine invoice but so that— Substituted invoice.

- (1.) The Collector shall first be satisfied that the value shown by the invoice of the last seller or consignor is not less than the fair market value in the country of export ascertained according to section one hundred and forty-nine.

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(ii.) The value shown by such invoice shall for the purpose of duty be taken to be the fair market value of the goods in the country of export ascertained according to section one hundred and forty-nine."

No. 63.—Page 22, clause 151, line 11, after "rate" insert "of exchange."

No. 64.—Page 22, clause 153, line 27, omit "Twenty," insert "One hundred."

No. 65.—Page 22, after clause 154, insert the following new clause:—

"154A. (1) For the protection of the revenue against the undervaluation of goods subject to *ad valorem* duties any goods entered as of a specified value may at any time before sale to a person having no knowledge of the entry and subject as may be prescribed be purchased by the Customs at their declared value with an addition of Ten pounds per centum on the amount of such value. Customs may take goods on paying the declared value plus ten per cent.

"(2) The purchase shall be effected by the seizure of the goods by an officer and written notice of the seizure given to the owner.

"(3) The officer shall remove the goods to a warehouse or some place of security, and the owner shall thereupon be entitled to the purchase money.

"(4) The goods shall become the property of the King immediately on seizure, and shall afterwards be disposed of as may be prescribed or as the Collector may direct.

"(5) A refund in whole or in part of any duty paid on the goods may be made by the Collector.

"(6) This section shall not limit or restrict any other power possessed by the Customs relating to the goods."

No. 66.—Page 23, clause 160, lines 37, 38, and 39, omit "in cases where the Minister is of opinion that any evasion of this Act has been committed or attempted," insert "to any goods which may be detained or seized for undervaluation or in respect to which any attempt to evade the payment of duty may have been made."

No. 67.—Page 24, clause 166, line 24, after "not" (*first occurring*) insert "to his knowledge."

No. 68.—Page 24, clause 167, line 37, at end of clause add "but so as not to deprive the person entitled thereto of any remedy he may have for such drawback."

No. 69.—Page 24, clause 168, line 41, after "place" insert "beyond Australia."

No. 70.—Page 25, clause 173, line 23, omit "being," insert "and in all places to which this limitation is declared by proclamation to extend such agent shall be."

No. 71.—Page 25, clause 173, line 24, omit "being," insert "shall be a Customs agent."

No. 72.—Page 25, clause 176, line 39, omit "employé or."

No. 73.—Page 25, clause 176, line 41, omit "employé or."

No. 74.—Page 27, clause 184, lines 2, 3, 4, and 5, omit "and if any ship shall arrive in any port with any such fastening, lock, mark, or seal open, altered, broken, or erased, except as aforesaid, the master shall be guilty of an offence against this Act."

No. 75.—Page 27, after clause 184 insert the following new clause:—

"184A. No fastening, lock, mark, or seal placed by an officer upon any goods or upon any door, hatchway, opening, or place for the purpose of securing any stores upon any ship which has arrived in any port from parts beyond the seas and which is bound to any other port within the Commonwealth shall be opened, altered, broken, or erased except by authority; and if any ship enters any port with any such fastening, lock, mark, or seal opened, altered, broken, or erased contrary to this section, the master shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Or on vessels in port bound to another port within Commonwealth.

"Penalty: One hundred pounds."

No. 76.—Page 27, clause 190, line 40, after "assistance" insert "in the form of Schedule III. hereto."

No. 77.—Page 28, clause 191, line 7, omit "III.," insert "IV."

No. 78.—Page 28, clause 192, line 13, after "into" insert "and search."

No. 79.—Page 28, clause 192, line 14, omit "the same and," insert "and search."

No. 80.—Page 28, clause 197, line 31, after "ship" insert "boat."

No. 81.—Page 28, clause 197, line 33, after "ship" insert "boat."

No. 82.—Page 28, clause 197, line 37, after "ships" insert "boats."

No. 83.—Page 28, clause 197, line 39, after "ship" insert "boat."

No. 84.—Page 28, clause 197, line 42, omit "things" insert "goods."

No. 85.—Page 29, clause 198, line 2, after "ship" insert "boat."

No. 86.—Page 29, clause 202, line 20, omit "any offence against," insert "smuggling contrary to the provisions of."

No. 87.—Page 29, clause 203, line 23, omit "on demand," insert "as soon as practicable after arrest."

No. 88.—Page 31, clause 213, line 8, at end of clause add "unless a Justice of the High Court of Australia or the Supreme Court of a State has granted leave to the plaintiff to proceed without notice, which leave such Justice or Judge may grant on such terms as he may think just."

No. 89.—Page 31, after clause 213 insert the following new clause:—

"213A. No notice under the last preceding section shall be deemed invalid by reason of any defect or inaccuracy therein unless the Court is of opinion that the defect or inaccuracy would prejudice the defendant in his defence. Defect in notice not to invalidate.

No. 90.—Page 31, clause 214, line 13, after "served" omit remainder of clause.

No. 91.—Page 32, clause 219, line 3, after "ships" insert "or boats not exceeding two hundred and fifty tons registered tonnage."

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- No. 92.—Page 32, clause 219, line 4, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 93.—Page 32, clause 219, line 5, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 94.—Page 32, clause 219, line 8, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 95.—Page 32, clause 219, line 11, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 96.—Page 32, clause 219, line 13, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 97.—Page 32, clause 219, line 17, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 98.—Page 32, clause 219, at end of clause add—“The owner of a ship exceeding two hundred and fifty tons registered tonnage which would be forfeited if the ship were less than two hundred and fifty tons registered tonnage shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding One thousand pounds, and the ship may be detained until the penalty is paid or until security is given for its payment.”
 No. 99.—Page 32, clause 220, line 32, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 100.—Page 32, clause 220, line 34, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 101.—Page 33, clause 220, line 5, after “or” (*second occurring*) insert “wilfully.”
 No. 102.—Page 33, clause 220, line 11, after “ship” (*first occurring*) insert “or boat.”
 No. 103.—Page 33, clause 220, line 11, after “ship” (*second occurring*) insert “or boat.”
 No. 104.—Page 33, clause 220, line 15, after “size” insert “or weight not being ships’ stores.”
 No. 105.—Page 33, clause 220, line 21, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 106.—Page 33, clause 221, line 42, after “package” insert “under the last preceding section.”
 No. 107.—Page 34, clause 223, line 10, after “ship” insert “boat carriage.”
 No. 108.—Page 34, clause 223, line 14, after “ship” insert “boat carriage.”
 No. 109.—Page 34, clause 223, line 32, omit “Three” and insert “Five.”
 No. 110.—Page 34, clause 224, line 35, after “goods” insert “subject to the control of the Customs.”
 No. 111.—Page 34, clause 224, line 35, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 112.—Page 34, clause 224, line 36, after “ship” insert “or boat.”
 No. 113.—Page 37, clause 245, omit sub-clause (2).
 No. 114.—Page 39, clause 256, line 21, after “order” insert “published in the *Gazette*.”
 No. 115.—Page 39, clause 258, line 29, after “Act” insert “shall hold such inquiry in public and.”
 No. 116.—Page 40, after clause 259, insert the following new clause :—
 “259A. Any matter of difference arising under this Act, or in relation to the Customs, and not involving a contravention of this Act, may, at the request of the parties interested, be referred to the Minister for decision, and thereupon the Minister shall in such manner as he shall think fit, inform his mind of the circumstances, and finally decide the difference.”
 No. 117.—Page 40, clause 260, line 7, omit “Minister,” insert “Governor-General.”
 No. 118.—Page 40, clause 261, line 12, after “regulations” insert “so.”
 No. 119.—Page 40, clause 261, lines 12 and 13, omit “by the Minister may afterwards be confirmed by the Governor-General and after such confirmation.”
 No. 120.—Page 40, clause 262, line 33, after “Act” insert “and any State Act relating to Customs.”
 No. 121.—Page 42, Schedule II., after second paragraph of Schedule, insert the following new paragraph :—“When only half the services of a locker are required ... £100 per annum.”
 No. 122.—Page 42, after Schedule II. insert the following new Schedule :—

SCHEDULE IIA.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

*Writ of Assistance.*His Majesty the King (*or Queen, as the case may be*).

To all Peace Officers, and to all whom it may concern : Greeting.

WE command you to permit A.B. of an Officer of the Customs of the Commonwealth of Australia, and his assistants, and each and every of them at any time in the day or night to enter in and search any house premises or place and to break open and search the same and any chests trunks or packages in which goods may be or are supposed to be, and to seize any goods forfeited to Us and any goods that he the said A.B. has reasonable cause to believe are forfeited to Us, and to take such goods to the nearest King’s warehouse or to such other place of security as Our Collector of Customs for Our State of in Our said Commonwealth shall direct.

And We grant to the said A.B. all powers which are capable of being granted by a Writ of Assistance.

And We command all Peace Officers and all Our loving subjects in Our said Commonwealth of Australia upon sight of this Our Writ, and upon being so required by the said A.B. to be aiding and assisting the said A.B. in the matters aforesaid : Herein fail not at your peril :

And We declare that this Our Writ of Assistance shall remain in force so long as the said A.B. remains an Officer of Customs in Our Commonwealth of Australia whether in his present capacity or not.

Witness (*name and description of the Judge testing the Writ*) at

the day of

One thousand nine hundred and

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By the Court.

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Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendments in the following manner:—

- (1) Amendments Nos. 1-26, 29-45, 47, 48, 50-64, 66, 68, 70-78, 80-87, 90-100, 102-109, 111, 112, 115, 117-121, agreed to.
 - (2) Amendments Nos. 46, 49, 67, 69, 101, 110, 113, disagreed to.
 - (3) Amendments Nos. 27, 28, 65, 79, 88, 89, 114, 116, 122, agreed to subject to the amendments which follow:—
- No. 27.—At end of paragraph (d) add "and if the collector is not so satisfied the tea shall be a prohibited import."
- No. 28.—In line 1, omit "publicly exposed" and insert "open to public inspection at the Customs House."
- In line 4, after "writing" insert "pursuant to section forty-nine."
- No. 65.—In line 3, omit "to a person having no," and insert "and delivery to a person who shall prove to the satisfaction of the collector that he purchased and took delivery in good faith and without any."
- No. 79.—Omit the words "omit the same and" (and consequentially the further word "and").
- No. 88.—After "Australia or," in line 2, insert "of"; omit "or Judge," in line 3.
- No. 89.—At end of proposed new clause add "and the Court may give leave to attend such notice as it thinks just."
- No. 114.—Before "published" insert "which shall forthwith be."
- No. 116.—In line 4, after "Minister" omit "shall," and insert "may."
- No. 122.—In line 4 omit "(or Queen, as the case may be)."

Mr. Kingston moved, That the Committee's Report be adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kingston moved, That the Attorney-General, Mr. Glynn, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives not agreeing to certain of the amendments made by the Senate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kingston, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read, and are as follow:—

REASONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISAGREEING TO CERTAIN AMENDMENTS OF THE SENATE.

As to Amendment No. 46:—

Because the provision proposed to be omitted is usual and necessary for the proper protection of the revenue; further, it is permissive and to be exercised only when the Collector sees reason to require it; instead of, as in many existing Acts, in all cases.

As to Amendment No. 49:—

Because when a person declines to comply with the law in his relations with the Customs it is reasonable that the Department should have the power to postpone, until compliance, the transaction of further business with the person in default.

As to Amendment No. 67:—

Because the State has a right to ask for a positive assurance that the necessary conditions have been performed before paying away money which is only payable when those conditions have been performed.

As to Amendment No. 69:—

Because the amendment is unnecessary and not altogether consistent with the context.

As to Amendment No. 101:—

Because so long as the statement is misleading the injury to the revenue and to more careful traders is the same whatever the intention; further, where necessary any forfeiture can be waived, but to make the right of forfeiture for misleading entries depend on proof of intention would in many cases defeat the course of justice.

As to Amendment No. 110:—

Because the result of the amendment would be to unnecessarily limit the effect of the clause.

As to Amendment No. 113:—

Because the amendment would prevent the truth from being elicited.

Mr. Kingston moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION 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.

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11. PAPERS.—Mr. Kingston presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Statistics as to Imports and Exports of Timber and number of Saw-mills.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Imports of Sugar, Tea, Spirits, Tobacco, Kerosene, &c.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th June, 1901.

Customs Statistics as to Imports of Sugar, Tea, Spirits, Tobacco, Kerosene, &c.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th June, 1901.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Honorable Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., Messrs. Batchelor, Cameron, Clarke, Conroy, Joseph Cook, Ewing, Fuller, Harper, Kirwan, McColl, F. E. McLean, Phillips, Sir John Quick, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Sydney Smith, V. L. Solomon, Spence, Thomas, Watkins, and Wilks.

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