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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 87.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ASSASSINATION OF MR. MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Commonwealth of Australia,  
Governor-General,  
Melbourne, 25th October, 1901.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence respecting the Message from the House of Representatives relative to the attempted assassination of the late President McKinley, I have the honour to state that I have received a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating that the United States Ambassador has requested that the thanks of the President and people of the United States might be conveyed to yourself and the Members of the House of Representatives for the earnest and fraternal sympathy expressed in your Message of the 10th September ultimo.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

HOPETOUN,  
*Governor-General.*

The Honorable  
The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AND TARIFF PROPOSALS.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—
  - (1) That this House cannot accept the Financial and Tariff proposals submitted by the Government—
    - (a) Because they would place the finances of the Commonwealth and the States upon an unsound and extravagant basis.
    - (b) Because they fail to adjust the burdens of taxation and the advantages of the free list in an equitable manner, revealing a marked tendency, which this House regrets to observe, to press upon necessities of life and appliances used in our farming, mining, and pastoral industries more heavily than they do upon many articles of luxury.
    - (c) And because they would in their operation destroy the stability of the Revenue by making imposts for national purposes a source of undue profit to a few individuals, and a few favoured industries, at the expense of the whole community.
  - (2) That the foregoing resolutions be conveyed, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor-General—

having been read—  
Debate resumed.

Mr. Ewing moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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 to-morrow.

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

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Cameron, Hughes, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. V. L. Solomon, Thomson, and Wilks.

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