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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 98.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Copy of letter from the Right Honorable the Prime Minister to the Honorable the Premier of Queensland on the Pacific Island Labourers Bill.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ACQUISITION OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA BY THE COMMONWEALTH.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the proposed resolutions relating to the acquisition of British New Guinea by the Commonwealth 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 considered the proposed resolutions and agreed to the same with amendments.  
And the said resolutions, as so amended, were read, and are as follow :—
  - (1) That this House is prepared to join in measures for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a territory of the Commonwealth, if His Majesty is pleased to place it under Federal control.
  - (2) That towards the expenses of the administration of the Possession this House is willing, when called upon, to vote a sum not exceeding £20,000 per annum, as from the 1st July, 1901, subject to revision at the end of five years.
 On the motion of Mr. Barton, the House adopted the resolutions.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir Philip Fysh, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HOPETOUN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 26.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Postal and Telegraphic Services of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

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

And then the House, at five minutes to 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. G. B. Edwards, F. E. McLean, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Bruce Smith, V. L. Solomon, Spence, and Willis.

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