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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 205.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Malcolm McEacharn rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The administration of the Customs Act." Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—
Sir Malcolm McEacharn moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Sir William McMillan addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Kingston addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.
 3. ROYAL COMMISSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
 4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
 5. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
 6. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G., Messrs. Chapman,* Cruickshank,* G. B. Edwards, Ewing, Fisher,* Harper,* Hughes, Knox,* Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, Page, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Bruce Smith, V. L. Solomon, and Spence.

* On leave.

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