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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by Honorable Members, he had, on the 19th instant, waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 4th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—

It gives me great pleasure to receive your Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the Opening of the Second Session of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth.

I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty.

I trust that your earnest consideration of the various measures submitted to you will result in benefit to all classes of the Commonwealth.

TENNYSON,
Governor-General.

19th June, 1903.

3. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Defence Forces—Regulations relating to Military Forces, made under the Defence Acts of the States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth—
 - Rifle Clubs (dated 15th June, 1903).
 - Financial Regulations (dated 15th June, 1903).
 - Efficiency and Pay (dated 15th June, 1903).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir George Turner presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

 - Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, financial year 1902-3 (dated 22nd June, 1903).
 4. JUDICIARY 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.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Harper, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson*, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Reid.

* On leave.

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