

1903.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 31.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee, and beg to recommend that the following Papers be printed:—

Presented Paper.—War Office and Admiralty Supplies—Correspondence with reference to.  
Presented Paper.—Electoral Act 1902—Report of the Commissioner (Mr. G. C. Morrison) appointed to distribute the State of Victoria into Divisions.

In connexion with this Paper the Committee recommend that the technical description of the boundaries be not printed.

Presented Paper.—Transcontinental Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta—Correspondence regarding the strategical importance of the proposed railway.

With reference to the Presented Paper—"Evidence given before the Royal Commission on Federal Capital Sites for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth," the Committee find that the cost of printing would amount to £250, and as the evidence (which is chiefly that of private residents interested in the localities affected) is fully epitomized in the report of the Commission, the Committee do not feel justified in recommending that the Paper be printed.

House of Representatives,  
Committee Room, 23rd July, 1903.

JOHN QUICK,  
Chairman.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. NAVAL AGREEMENT 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 without amendment.

On the motion of Sir Edmund Barton, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. PAPERS.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
British North Borneo Company—Correspondence with reference to a complaint made by Captain Strachan as to the action of certain officials of the Company.

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 Queensland and the Constitution of the Commonwealth—

Land Force, Queensland, Alteration of Regulations—Section XIII, Allowances (dated 11th July, 1903).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATURALIZATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Naturalization*," to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,  
President.

6. NATURALIZATION BILL.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Naturalization*," 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.
7. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Willis 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 Wednesday next.
8. DEFENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, having been read—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon 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 Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUGAR BOUNTY [BONUS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for a Bonus to Growers of Sugar-Cane or Beet*," and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon amendment No. 3, but requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,  
President.

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BE MADE IN THE  
SUGAR BOUNTY BILL.

Page 1, clause 2, line 9, after "three" insert "or for a period of twelve months immediately preceding the delivery thereof for manufacture."

23rd July, 1903.

E. G. BLACKMORE,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Kennedy, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

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