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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Hartnoll presented a Petition from certain electors of Tasmania praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited.
Petition received.
3. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital—Supplement to Report of the Royal Commission on Sites for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth—Report on a Proposed Site for the Federal Capital at Dalgety ; with plans.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. DEFENCE 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Electoral Act 1902—Report of the Commissioner (Mr. William Houston) appointed to distribute the State of New South Wales into Divisions, together with maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed Division.
6. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER FOR TRADE AND CUSTOMS AND CONSEQUENT REDISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL OFFICES.—Sir Edmund Barton informed the House that, subject to the approval of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following appointments had been made, in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Kingston as Minister for Trade and Customs :—

Minister for Trade and Customs	Sir William Lyne,
Minister for Home Affairs	Sir John Forrest,
Minister for Defence	Mr. Drake,
Postmaster-General	Sir Philip Fysh.

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7. 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 four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

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