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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—Bruce Smith, Esq., made and subscribed the oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Notification of the Acquisition of Land—
From Mr. William Gilbert, the Trustee of the estate of the late J. C. Bray—at Fort Largs, South Australia, for Defence purposes.
From Miss Sarah Miller—at Scone, New South Wales, for the purpose of a Post and Telegraph Office.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Bruce Smith, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Judiciary Act 1903 and High Court Procedure Act 1903—High Court of Australia—Rules of Court—
Scale of Fees (dated 6th October, 1903).
Dates of Sittings (dated respectively 7th, 12th, and 27th October, 25th November, 4th and 16th December, 1903, and 25th January, 1904).
Appeals, &c. (dated 12th October, 1903).
Elections (dated 28th January, 1904).
Public Service Act 1902.—Appointment of Mr. A. G. Brown as Secretary to the Representative of the Government in the Senate—Copies of Minutes of the Permanent Head of the Attorney-General's Department and the Public Service Commissioner, and the Certificate of the Public Service Commissioner.
Rules Publication Act 1903—Rules under (dated 18th December, 1903).
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Reid.

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