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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1904.

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 this day 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 17th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN—

It is with extreme pleasure that I receive from you the Address adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the Opening of the First Session of the Second Commonwealth Parliament. I trust that the deliberations of the House of Representatives during the ensuing Session will be productive of much benefit to the people of the Commonwealth.

NORTHCOTE.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Appointment of the Federal Patents Commissioner.—Return to an Order of the House dated 18th March, 1904.
4. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures,*" and moved, That it 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 to-morrow.
5. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
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 to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir William Lyne, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 1.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Bounties for the Encouragement of Manufactures.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd March, 1904.

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

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7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1.
8. CHINESE LABOUR IN THE TRANSVAAL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this House records its grave objection to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal until a referendum of the white population of the colony has been taken on the subject, or responsible Government is granted—*And on the amendment proposed thereto, viz.:*—That all the words after the word “House” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words “views with extreme regret the proposal to import Chinese labour into the Transvaal, regarding such a step as prejudicial to the best interests of the colony”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McCay,
Sir Langdon	Mr. McColl,
Bonython,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Watkins,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Kingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Mauger,
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Poynton.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. R. Edwards,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House records its grave objection to the introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal until a referendum of the white population of the colony has been taken on the subject, or responsible Government is granted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mahon,
Sir Langdon	Mr. Mauger,
Bonython,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Sir John Quick,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Kingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Tudor.

Noes, 5.

Mr. R. Edwards,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Skene.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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