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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hughes presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Chinese Labour in the Transvaal—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in reference to the resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives on 22nd March, 1904.
Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Customs—Statistical Reports for the various States of the Commonwealth for the years 1901 and 1902.
Opium—Report in regard to opium-smoking in Tasmania.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Act 1903—Naval Forces—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations, Part II., par. 51 (to come into operation on 1st July, 1904.—Statutory Rules 1904—No. 29).
3. FIRE INSURANCE—COST TO COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
(1) The total sum paid by the Commonwealth in Fire Insurance premiums from 1st January, 1901, to 1st January, 1904.
(2) The total loss sustained during the period named.
(3) The sums received from Fire Insurance Companies as against such loss.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at half-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. Cameron, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Storrer, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave

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