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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 89.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1904-5.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 20.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.  
Melbourne, 18th October, 1904.

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 21.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.  
Melbourne, 18th October, 1904.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply this day.

3. PETITION.—Mr. Dugald Thomson (for Mr. Sydney Smith) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Carcoar district and its vicinity, New South Wales, praying that the Manufactures Encouragement Bill may again be considered, and passed into law at an early date.  
Petition received.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua (British New Guinea).—Spirituous Liquors.—Correspondence respecting the suggested prohibition against their introduction, manufacture, and sale.  
Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
The Budget, 1904-5.—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir George Turner, for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1904-5.  
Mr. McCay presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Defence Department.—Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the Financial Year 1904-5.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under—  
At Narrabri West, New South Wales, for a Site for a Post Office—From the Government of New South Wales, and all persons interested.  
At Boggabilla, New South Wales, for a Site for a Post Office—From the Government of New South Wales, and all persons interested.  
At Darlington, New South Wales, for a Site for a Post Office—From the Government of New South Wales, and all persons interested.  
At Colah (Hornsby), New South Wales, for Defence purposes—From certain persons.

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5. HIGH COURT.—DETAILS AS TO CASES DEALT WITH.—Mr. Johnson (for Mr. Ewing) moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the amount of work performed by the High Court during the first year of its existence, viz. :—
- (a) A list of the cases heard, with a very brief indication of the nature of each case.
  - (b) A list of the cases awaiting hearing, with similar details.
  - (c) What has been about the average period taken in dealing with an appeal by the High Court.
  - (d) What was approximately the period which an appeal to the Privy Council involved before the decision was registered in the local courts.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. HIGH COURT.—NUMBER OF SITTINGS, APPEALS, AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, ETC.—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—
- (1) The number of full days on which the High Court has sat and dealt with cases during the first year of its existence, distinguishing the days—
    - (a) When one Judge sat alone.
    - (b) When the three Judges sat together.
  - (2) The number of appeals sent to the Privy Council, and the number of appeals sent to the High Court, during the same period ; and how many of the latter appeals could have been taken to the Privy Council.
  - (3) The time spent by the Judges in travelling.
  - (4) The number of cases finally disposed of by the Court in each State.
  - (5) The allowance and travelling expenses (apart from salaries) of the Judges and Associates during the year.
  - (6) The allowance and travelling expenses (apart from salaries) of the marshals, tipstiffs, and other functionaries of the Court during the year.
  - (7) The amount of other expenditure in connexion with the Court during the year.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, 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.

8. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Groom 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.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

10. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to 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. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lee, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*