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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POSTAL, TELEGRAPHIC, AND TELEPHONIC BUSINESS AT CERTAIN QUEENSLAND POST OFFICES.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table showing—
 - (1) The monthly average number of letters delivered from the Post Offices at Boonah, Caboolture, Esk, Laidley, Rosewood, and Nambour, in the State of Queensland.
 - (2) The monthly average number of newspapers, magazines, and parcels delivered from the same offices.
 - (3) The average number of mails made up and despatched from these to other places.
 - (4) The value of telegraphic and telephonic business (monthly average) transacted at each of the offices named.

Return to cover the year ended 30th June, 1904.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. GOVERNMENT MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF TOBACCO, ETC.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 3—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, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That the House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Speaker, addressing the House, said—“The Sessional Order relating to Private Members' business appears to contemplate an equal division of time on Thursday afternoons between Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. While, however, the Standing Orders provide that Orders of the Day shall be called on two hours after the meeting of the House, and so equally divide the time when Notices of Motion are taken first, there is no corresponding Standing Order providing that when Orders of the Day are taken first Notices of Motion shall be called on at the expiry of two hours. As this is the first occasion on which the point has arisen, I call the attention of honorable Members to it, and, unless it is otherwise desired, I propose to apply the same limitation in regard to the time during which Orders of the Day will have precedence as is provided by the Standing Order in regard to Notices of Motion.”
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive, General Business, be Orders of the Day for Thursday next.
6. DEBATE—LIMITATION OF.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to facilitate the Parliamentary business of the Commonwealth, provision should be made to secure—whilst preserving proper freedom of debate—the discussions of the House being confined within more reasonable limits.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

24th November, 1904.

7. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—ESTIMATES, AND ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS (1904-5).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply—the said resolutions were read, and are as follow:—

ESTIMATES, 1904-5.

Résolved—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1904-5 for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz.:—

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i. The Parliament	29,956
ii. The Department of External Affairs	45,477
iii. The Attorney-General's Department	10,394
iv. The Department of Home Affairs	166,803
v. The Department of the Treasury	37,193
Refunds of Revenue	30,000
Advance to the Treasurer	200,000
vi. The Department of Trade and Customs	269,797
vii. The Department of Defence	592,127
viii. The Postmaster-General's Department	2,533,539

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1904-5.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1904-5 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £404,240.

And, after debate, the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means to be adopted and the Bill for the appropriation for Works and Buildings to be passed through all its stages without delay, and the Appropriation Bill to be read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means certain resolutions, which were read, and are as follow:—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1904-5, a sum not exceeding Two million forty-six thousand and eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1904-5, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and four thousand two hundred and forty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Reid and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1904-5.—Mr. Reid then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Reid the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL 1904-5.—Mr. Reid also brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament.*,” 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 Tuesday next.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.