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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from C. Stuart Ross and others, citizens and residents of Darlington and elsewhere, Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking may be enacted.

Petition received and read.

Similar Petitions were presented from certain citizens and residents of Victoria, as under :—

By Mr. Crouch—
From William Goyen and others, of Oaklands Junction and elsewhere.

By Mr. Isaacs—
From J. J. Munro and others, of Palmerston and elsewhere.
From J. H. Angus, of Wangaratta, and others.

By Mr. Knox—
From J. A. Robertson and others, of Hawthorn and elsewhere.

By Mr. McLean—
From G. M. Connor and others, of Sale.

By Mr. Phillips for Mr. Kennedy—
From W. Tait and others, of Nathalia and elsewhere.

By Mr. Ronald—
From Elsie S. Tait and others, of South Yarra and elsewhere.

By Mr. Salmon—
From H. Cameron and others, of Captain Gully and elsewhere.
From J. Smiley and others, of Learmonth and elsewhere.

By Mr. Skene—
From J. A. Rodger and others, of Tarnagulla and elsewhere.
From J. Haberle and others, of Bet Bet and elsewhere.
From R. J. H. McGowan and others, of Beaufort and elsewhere.

Mr. R. Edwards presented a similar Petition from On War Tai and others styling themselves Chinese merchants and importers resident and carrying on business in Brisbane.

Petitions severally received.

3. RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY.—Mr. Reid informed the House that, after the division taken in the House on Friday last, Ministers had considered the position and had decided to tender to His Excellency the Governor-General advice for a dissolution. His Excellency had not seen fit to accept the advice, and Ministers had tendered their resignations, and now held office only until their successors could be appointed.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Friday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, and Sir John Quick.

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

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