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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that the House will speedily pass legislation to prohibit the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors in military camps, canteens, and Army transports, were presented as under :—

By Mr. R. Edwards—

From Agnes H. Williams, styling herself State President, and Charlotte E. Trundle, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Queensland.

By Mr. Liddell—

From Sara S. Nolan, styling herself President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.

Petitions severally received.

Mr. Liddell moved, That the Petition presented by him be read.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Knox,
Sir Langdon	Mr. Lee,
Bonython,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Carpenter,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Webster,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilks,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Tudor.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson.
Mr. O'Malley,	
Mr. Page,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McDonald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Petition read.

A Petition, praying that the House will pass legislation to prohibit the importation of opium, except for medicinal purposes, was presented as under :—

By Mr. Liddell—

From Sara S. Nolan, styling herself President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales.

Petition received.

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Mr. Page moved, That the Petition be read.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Brown,	Sir William Lyne,	Sir Langdon	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mauger,	Bonython,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,	Sir Philip Fysh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Crouch,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Poynton.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Knox,			
Mr. Lee,			
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Carpenter,		
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hume Cook.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Petition read.

3. MAIL CONTRACT WITH ORIENT COMPANY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chapman :—

That this House accepts the Agreement, made and entered into on the 25th day of April, 1905, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, of the first part; the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, of the second part; and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society, of the third part, for the carriage of mails between Naples and Adelaide, and other ports—

And upon the following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. R. Edwards:—

That all the words after the word "That," up to and inclusive of the word "Adelaide," in the last line, be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—

"in the opinion of this House the contract entered into with the Orient Company for Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain should be referred back to the Government for further consideration, with the object of including Brisbane as a port of call"—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Bamford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Lonsdale.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Bruce Smith,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Knox,			
Sir William Lyne,			
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Robinson.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And an amendment to omit the last words of the motion "and other ports" having been negatived—
Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, viz. :—
"and is of opinion that a sum equivalent to Three shillings and eightpence per mile per voyage between Sydney and Brisbane and Brisbane and Sydney, should be paid to the State of Queensland towards the cost incurred by that State in connexion with the calling of the mail steamers at Brisbane."

Debate continued.

Mr. Storrer moved, as an amendment on the proposed amendment, That the following words be added thereto :—"and that an allowance of a similar rate should be paid to Tasmania for European mails between Melbourne and Tasmania and Tasmania and Melbourne."

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment on amendment and amendment both, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—"but is of the opinion that, without varying the original contract with the Commonwealth Government, arrangements should be made by which, during the continuance of its present contract with the Queensland Government, the Company, in consideration of the payment of a sum of Three shillings and eightpence per mile by the Commonwealth, shall agree to carry postal matter between the ports of Sydney and Brisbane, and shall reduce the payment to be made by the Queensland Government by a corresponding amount, and also that arrangements should be made for making similar provision in the case of Tasmania."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 5.	
Sir Langdon	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Bonython,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Poynton.	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Carpenter,	Sir William Lyne,		
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McWilliams,		
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Page,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Groom,			
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. McDonald.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House accepts the Agreement, made and entered into on the 25th day of April, 1905, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, of the first part; the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, of the second part; and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society, of the third part, for the carriage of mails between Naples and Adelaide, and other ports, but is of the opinion that, without varying the original contract with the Commonwealth Government, arrangements should be made by which, during the continuance of its present contract with the Queensland Government, the Company, in consideration of the payment of a sum of Three shillings and eightpence per mile by the Commonwealth, shall agree to carry postal matter between the ports of Sydney and Brisbane, and shall reduce the payment to be made by the Queensland Government by a corresponding amount, and also that arrangements should be made for making similar provision in the case of Tasmania—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 11.	
Sir Langdon	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. David Thomson,
Bonython,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. R. Edwards,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Webster,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilks,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Groom,			
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1905.

Debate continued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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