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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT 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, *and on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Wilks, viz.:*—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"it is not expedient to proceed further with this Bill during the present Session for the following reasons:—

- (1) A general election is imminent, and there is consequently not sufficient time for the proper consideration of the measure, or for making the necessary Electoral arrangements if the Bill became law.
- (2) The proposals contained in the Bill are crude and incomplete.
- (3) No provision is made for increasing the total number of votes polled, or for effective voting.
- (4) The question has not been considered by the constituencies."—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

| Ayes, 22. | | Noes, 15. | |
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| Mr. Batchelor, | Mr. Maloney, | Mr. Carpenter, | Mr. McLean, |
| Sir Langdon Bonython, | Mr. McWilliams, | Mr. Joseph Cook, | Mr. Page, |
| Mr. Chapman, | Mr. Phillips, | Mr. Fowler, | Mr. Thomas, |
| Mr. Crouch, | Mr. Ronald, | Mr. Frazer, | Mr. David Thomson. |
| Mr. Culpin, | Mr. Spence, | Mr. Hutchison, | |
| Mr. Ewing, | Mr. Tudor, | Mr. Lee, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Fisher, | Mr. Watson, | Mr. Lonsdale, | |
| Sir John Forrest, | Mr. Wilkinson. | Mr. McCay, | Mr. Kelly, |
| Mr. Groom, | | Mr. McDonald, | Mr. Wilks. |
| Mr. Kennedy, | <i>Tellers.</i> | | |
| Sir William Lyne, | Mr. Hume Cook, | | |
| Mr. Mahon, | Mr. Mauger. | | |

And so it was 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. McDonald 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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3. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColi, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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