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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PENSIONS FOR BRAVERY .- Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That, in any scheme of pensions, provision should be made so that any person risking his or her life to save that of another human being shall become entitled to a full old-age pension and, should the rescuer lose his or her life in the attempt, his or her next-of-kin shall become entitled to a double pension. Debate ensued.

Mr. Hutchison moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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 Thursday, 29th August next.

3. FEDERAL OFFICIALS ACTING AS RETURNING OFFICERS .--- Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice, That a report be obtained from all the Post Office officials who are acting as returning officers, as 'to whether they are satisfied with the present arrangement, which entails the work of returning officers being added to their postal duties.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Storrer moved, as an amendment, that the words "Post Office" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Federal."

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived. Question-That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted-put and resolved in the affirmative. Debate continued.

Motion, as amended, by leave, withdrawn.

4. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL (1907) .- The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill-Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report. On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time. Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.-Bill read a third time.

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5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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- 6. 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 nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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