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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEFENCE—COMPULSORY TRAINING OF ADULT MALES.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That, in order to effectively defend the Commonwealth against possible enemies, it is imperative that all able-bodied adult males should be trained to the use of arms and instructed in such military or naval drill as may be necessary for the purpose.  
Mr. Knox 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, 22nd instant.
3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had this day waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 11th ultimo, and that His Excellency had expressed his thanks to the House for its Address.
4. BOUNTIES BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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 desired to obtain the ruling of Mr. Speaker on the following point of order which had arisen in the Committee:—  
*Point of Order.*—Mr. McDonald reported that an amendment had been moved in the First Schedule of the Bill, to insert after the word "Dried" in the item "Fruits" the words "and canned pine-apples." He had ruled this amendment to be in order, and the Committee had decided that the question should be referred for the decision of Mr. Speaker.  
*Ruling of Mr. Speaker.*—Mr. Speaker stated he had no hesitation in giving his ruling. He would remind the House of the different stages through which the Bill had passed. First of all there was a Message from the Governor-General recommending an appropriation. The appropriation was voted in Committee, and a Bill was then brought in to give effect to the vote, and providing for certain bounties on certain items in the First Schedule. If the Bill did not provide for a bounty on pine-apples a bounty could not be now put in. If an item in the Estimates were under consideration the destination of a vote could not be altered. He ruled that no amendment could be introduced which would have the effect of giving a bounty on any item not provided for in the Schedule, or of increasing any bounty.  
Mr. Speaker again left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—VOTING MACHINES.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 4.*

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the following Resolution, which has been agreed to by the Senate this day, viz. :—

“That in the opinion of the Senate—

- (1) In order to obviate informal voting, errors in counting, and delay in Parliamentary Elections, the time has arrived to adopt a machine for voting purposes, if an effective one can be procured.
- (2) That a departmental inquiry should at once be instituted, and exhaustive tests made of such machines as may be submitted to the Department, with a view to the adoption of one of them, if it is found effective.”

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 1st August, 1907.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 3rd October next.

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 two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Foster, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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