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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Hutchison, for the Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered all the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, make the following recommendations with respect to such Papers as were not ordered by either House to be printed, viz.:—

| Subject of Paper. | Recommendation of Committee. | Remarks. |
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| Defence Acts—Amendment of Regulation—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 84 | Not to be printed | |
| Public Service Act— Amendment of Regulations—Statutory Rules 1907, Nos. 82 and 83 | „ „ | |
| Documents relating to promotion of Mr. J. G. Cameron | „ „ | |
| Lands Acquisition Act—Notifications of Acquisition of Land at (1) Singleton, (2) Culcairn | „ „ | |
| Immigration Restriction—Escaped Aliens—Return Pacific Islands—Return showing Trade with Commonwealth during 1905-6 and 1906-7 | To be printed To be printed | |
| Conference of Statisticians, 1906—Report and Appendices | To be printed ... | Already in type. |
| Census and Statistics Act— Official Bulletins of Trade, Shipping, &c., for months of January, February, March, April and May, 1907 | Not to be printed | Already in type and circulated to Members. |
| Bulletins Nos. 1 and 2, of Population and Vital Statistics | „ „ | „ |
| Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue of the Commonwealth for 1906—Part I. | „ „ | „ |

J. HUTCHISON,
For Chairman.

Committee Room, 22nd August, 1907.

Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

22nd August, 1907.

3. DEFENCE—COMPULSORY TRAINING OF ADULT MALES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes :—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—

Debate resumed.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion were called on.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 19th September next, and of Notice of Motion No. 2 until Thursday, 5th September next, and that Notice of Motion No. 4 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th September next.

5. DEFENCE—COMPULSORY TRAINING OF ADULT MALES.—The (interrupted) debate upon the following motion of Mr. Hughes :—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—was resumed.

Mr. Fairbairn addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th September next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Allowance to Members of each House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd August, 1907.

7. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff—Statement embodying the Tariff, and showing the rates previously in force (Tariff of 1902, and Amending Tariffs), the Recommendations of the Tariff Commission, and the Importations and Duty Payments for year 1906.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Deakin*, Mr. Harper*, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives