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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that a reply had been received from the Prime Minister of New Zealand to the message of congratulation sent on behalf of the Commonwealth Parliament. The message and reply are as follow:—

MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

26th September, 1907.

To the Right Honorable the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

The Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia desire to take the opportunity of the assumption by the Dominion of New Zealand of her new title to offer to the Dominion heartiest congratulations upon her great past and her greater promise for the future, and to wish for her continuing prosperity as a part of that Empire to which the Commonwealth also rejoices to belong.

A. J. GOULD, President.
F. W. HOLDER, Speaker.

REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

Hon. President and Hon. Speaker,
Federal Parliament, Melbourne.

Wellington, 28th September, 1907.

The Government and people of New Zealand tender to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia sincere thanks for their hearty congratulations. We much appreciate the good wishes for the welfare of the new Dominion, and wish the Commonwealth every prosperity.

J. G. WARD.

3. PETITIONS.—Mr. McWilliams presented a Petition from sawmillers of Southern Tasmania, praying that the House will not remove the duty from imported timbers, and suggesting that a rebate of the duty on pine used in the making of butter boxes be made when the butter is exported.
Petition received and read.
Mr. Foster presented a Petition from the Mayor and women electors of Armidale, New South Wales, praying that the House will not pass the proposed Tariff, as its incidence will affect most severely the wives and children of the working classes.
Petition received.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Pacific Cable Board—Statement of Annual Revenue and Expenditure of the Board for the five years ending 31st March, 1907, showing the proportion of loss payable by the Commonwealth.
Ordered to lie on the Table,

2nd October, 1907.

5. DEFENCE FORCES—PERMANENT OFFICERS.—Mr. Crouch moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House, showing—

- (1) The names and ranks of all permanent officers in the Commonwealth Defence Forces.
- (2) The dates of their first military appointments, and successive promotions.
- (3) Their past services.
- (4) Their respective pay, showing the dates and amounts of each successive alteration since the year 1899.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. 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 a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH SALARIES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Taxation by the States of Salaries and Allowances paid by the Commonwealth.*"

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 2nd October, 1907.

8. 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 twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wise.

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