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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 138.

PROCEEDINGS VOTES AND

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

MONDAY, 1st JUNE, 1908.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Surplus Revenue 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 following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Joseph Cook:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof-"the consideration of this Bill be postponed until the financial relations of the Commonwealth and the States can be dealt with as a whole "-

Debate resumed.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Tudor 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 to-morrow.

3. PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS BILL.—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 had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 3.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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 reconsidered clause 3 of the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Reports be now adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

- 4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY .- Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10.
- 5. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL (1907).—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—

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 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

- 6. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 7. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House at five minutes to 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. Archer, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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