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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POST OFFICES AND TELEPHONE CHARGES IN SUBURBS OF SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE—PARTICULARS AS TO.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing, of the suburbs in Sydney and Melbourne, where post-offices are located, and of a radius within one mile of the said post-offices—
  - (1) The charge for an exclusive telephone service.
  - (2) The charge for a service on a two-party line.
  - (3) The charge for a service on a four-party line.
  - (4) The grade or class of the post-office in each suburb.
  - (5) The distance of each said post-office from the General Post-office, of Sydney or Melbourne, as the case may be.

Objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed, it ceased to have precedence. Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. MOTOR CARS IMPORTED, AND DUTY PAID.—Mr. Salmon moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing number and value of motor cars, and duty paid thereon, imported into each State of the Commonwealth since 1st January, 1901.
 

Objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed, it ceased to have precedence. Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 8th October next.
4. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend His Excellency in the Queen's Hall, and having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 22nd instant, and that His Excellency had made the following reply :—
 

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with great pleasure that I receive from you the Address adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the speech delivered by me on the occasion of the opening of the Third Session of the Third Commonwealth Parliament; and it affords me very great pleasure to notice the expressions of continued loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Majesty the King.

DUDLEY.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Hume Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
 

Census and Statistics Act—  
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—Official Bulletin No. 19, July, 1908.  
Shipping and Oversea Migration for 1907.

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6. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1908).—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 upon the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Bruce Smith, viz. :—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 :—“in view of the wide difference of opinion in regard to the most suitable site for an Australian Federal Capital, the final choice be postponed until the year 1921, and that the Government shall forthwith prepare and introduce into Parliament a Bill providing for an alteration of the Constitution by which the city of Melbourne shall remain as the Seat of Government until the end of the year 1910, and that from the beginning of 1911 until the end of 1920 the Seat of Government shall be fixed in the city of Sydney, pending the final and permanent selection of a site for the Commonwealth Capital and Seat of Government, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Hams Irvine 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 to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watson.

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