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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PREMISES LEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. John Thomson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
 - (1) The premises leased by the Federal Government in the several capital cities of the States.
 - (2) What they are used for.
 - (3) What rents are paid for each.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SPIRITS—STATISTICS RE, FOR 1907.—Mr. Archer moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
 - (1) Quantity of each spirit which entered the Commonwealth in 1907.
 - (2) Quantity of each spirit made in the Commonwealth in 1907.
 - (3) Consumption of the various spirits in the States in 1907.
 - (4) Other statistical information available with regard to the above.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve o'clock midnight—

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass the Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1908-9 through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1908-9.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1908-9, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £720,541.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8, inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 9.
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 agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1908-9.

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1908-9, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and twenty thousand five hundred and forty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Deakin and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1908-9.—Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Deakin moved, 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 gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Joseph Cook called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.
The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at seventeen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned the House until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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