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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Edwards, for the Chairman, brought up the Third 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 the undermentioned Petition and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petition— Pension Fund—From certain officers of the Commonwealth Public Service praying that an Act may be passed to establish a fund, &c.	To be printed	
Papers— Census and Statistics Act—Official Bulletins— Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance— No. 29	No recommendation	Already in print
Social Statistics—Education, Hospitals and Charities, and Law and Crime for year 1907— No. 1	„	„ „
Conciliation and Arbitration—Court of—Number of Days occupied in hearing Industrial Disputes— Return.	To be printed	
Customs Act—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 94	No recommendation	Already in print
Defence Acts—Statutory Rules 1909, Nos. 97 and 98	„	„ „
Dry Farming—Report by Senator J. H. McColl of Proceedings at Third Trans-Missouri Dry-Farming Congress, February, 1909, &c.	To be printed	
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Baulkham Hills (three notifications)	No recommendation	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during 1908-9	To be printed	

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REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers— <i>continued.</i> Papua— Ordinances of 1909—Nos. 3, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 Report on Progress of the Territory by the Hon. Staniforth Smith (dated 16th July, 1909) Post Offices and Telephone Charges in suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne (and other State Capitals)—Particulars <i>re</i> —Return Public Service Act—Promotions in cases of W. J. Clemens, A. E. Hutchison, E. J. Marquard, W. J. Skewes	To be printed No recommenda- tion ” ”	

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R. EDWARDS,
For Chairman

Mr. Edwards moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—Amendment of General Postal Regulations (Customs Duty) and Postal Regulations (Registration)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 99.

4. PAPUA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS—REBATE OF DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That, with a view to promoting and encouraging British and Australian settlement in Papua and the islands of the Pacific, a rebate of duty or its equivalent for a period of seven years from the date of taking up land for tropical cultivation be allowed to each *bonâ fide* settler on all British and Australian island-grown produce coming into the Commonwealth.

(2) That in any scheme of Commonwealth advertising prominence should be given to the advantages that Papua, New Hebrides, and other groups of islands in the Pacific offer for settlement to families possessing a limited amount of capital.

5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the Honorable Sir Langdon Bonython was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

6. PAPUA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS—REBATE OF DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM.—The debate (interrupted as above) on this question was resumed.

Mr. Bowden 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 Thursday, 7th October next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2 and 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 16th instant, and that Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 7th October next.

8. TARIFF ANOMALIES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir William Lyne:—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proceed without delay to introduce a Bill for an Act to remove the anomalies existing in the present Customs and Excise Tariff Acts, and to add such other duties as may be deemed necessary—and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fairbairn, *viz.*:—That all the words after the word “House” be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—“the Government declaration that ‘Consideration is being given to the adjustment of anomalies in the Tariff and any Bill on the subject would, as a matter of course, safeguard the interests of the producers and manufacturers of the Commonwealth. Each anomaly will be dealt with according to its character; the general policy of the existing Tariff being maintained,’ is satisfactory”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Mathews, 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, 23rd instant.

9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch 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.

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

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past 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. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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