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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Sir John Quick presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Telephone Accounts—Progress Report of Committee of Accountants (Messrs. Whitton and Holmes) appointed to report on, together with remarks thereon by the Acting Secretary, Postmaster-General's Department.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PRIVILEGE.—DISSENT FROM SPEAKER'S RULING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion, of which notice had been given at the last sitting, to dissent from a ruling of Mr. Speaker—Mr. Hughes moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, that the Closure could be applied to the question, under Standing Order No. 241, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Coon	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. John Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Willis
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Kelly

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Catts	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Mr. Hughes	
Sir William Lyne	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frazer
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Maloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—"That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker, that the Closure could be applied to the question, under Standing Order No. 241, 'That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair'"—

The House divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Carr	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Archer	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Catts	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Frazer		Mr. Coon	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Storrer
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Thomas Brown	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	
		Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Liddell	Mr. Crouch

And so it passed in the negative.

4. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 9—
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 agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

5. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill, Mr. Groom moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 6, in order to increase the salary from £3,000 to £6,000.

Mr. Speaker stated that even if the Bill were recommitted, the honorable Member could not move such an increase, and that he was not sure if he ought not to rule him out of order. He would suggest that the honorable Member should not proceed with his motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the Report be now adopted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Harper 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 next sitting.

7. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT OUT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Atkinson 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 nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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