THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1909.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petition.—Mr. Maloney presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament, while adopting defensive measures for the protection of Australia, will create a sub-Department of State to devise methods of cultivating international friendliness; will direct that no teaching connected solely with military training be imparted to children under 18 years of age; and will pass a resolution in favour of international limitation of armaments. Petition received and read.
- 3. Sugar Mills—Coloured Aliens Employed.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—
 - (1) The number of coloured aliens employed in each sugar mill in New South Wales and Queensland.
 - (2) The nationalities of such men.
 - (3) The work in which each man is engaged.

Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 4. Defence Bill (1909).—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 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.
- 5. Papers.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Audit Acts—Regulations Amended—Treasury Regulation, Clause 96 (f)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 114.
 - Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute-
 - Spirits Act—Regulation Added (Provisional)—Liniments and Veterinary Medicines Manufactured from Methylated Spirits—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 112.

 Sugar Bounty Act—Regulation Added No. 12a—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 113.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at 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. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Watson*.

• On leave.

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