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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Hedges presented a Petition from certain residents of Perth and Fremantle, Western Australia, praying for a full and complete investigation into the case of Messrs. Smith and Bryant, late officers of the Department of Trade and Customs, and that the appeal of the petitioners against the drastic punishment inflicted be considered.
Petition received, and read.
3. DISASTER ON FRENCH WARSHIP "LIBERTÉ."—The Prime Minister read to the House a copy of a cable of condolence proposed to be despatched in reference to the disaster on the French battleship *Liberté*.
4. "PREFERENCE TO UNIONISTS."—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the preferences in obtaining and retaining employment recently introduced into his Department by the Minister for Home Affairs are unjust and oppressive; prejudicial alike to the public interest, to the public service, and to the relations between Parliament and the public servants.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Charlton moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past ten 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. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Thomson.

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