THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1911.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—Mr. McWilliams presented a Petition from communicants of the Seventh Day Adventists' denomination of Tasmania against the proposal in the Electoral Bill making it compulsory to hold all elections on Saturday, and praying that a day other than Saturday may be selected, as otherwise the petitioners would be disfranchised.

Mr. Sinclair presented a Petition from certain residents of Nerang Creek and elsewhere, praying that the House will approve of an import duty of Twopence per pound on arrowroot at an early

Petitions severally read and received.

- 3. POSTAL SERVICES—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Webster:—That, in the best interest of the public and of the Commonwealth Postal Service, the report of the Royal Commission on Postal Services should (in a general sense) be adopted by this House-
 - Mr. Sampson 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 Tuesday next.
- 4. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired under, at Redbank, Queensland-For Commonwealth purposes-Notifications-

Dated 20th October, 1911.

Dated 25th October, 1911.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thomas moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- And then the House, at four minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cook, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Ryrie, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

WALTER A. GALE, Clerk Assistant, for Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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