THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH MAY, 1924.

- 1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
- 2. Absence of Mr. Speaker.—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (the Honorable F. W. Bamford) took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
- 3. Seat of Government (Administration) Bill (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—Debate resumed.
 - Mr. Blakeley, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member 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 the next sitting.
- 4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Meteorological Service—Report by the Commonwealth Meteorologist for the year 1922-23. Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 66.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Garden Vale East, Victoria, for Postal purposes.

ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. Makin, Mr. Mann, Mr. Charles McDonald*, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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