THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.—Mr. Kennedy presented a Petition from certain tobacco-growers in the North-Eastern district of the State of Victoria against the imposition of an excise duty of One shilling per pound on colonial-grown tobacco leaf, and praying that the duty may be fixed at Sixpence, that the bonus of Threepence per pound granted by the Victorian Government may be continued to the end of the present year on State-grown tobacco leaf for export, and afterwards a bonus of Twopence per pound be granted for three years.

Petition received.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress, 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.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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And then the House, at eighteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Bruce Smith and Willis.

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

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