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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 21.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Fowler, Acting Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.  
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee, and beg to recommend that the following Paper be printed :—

Presented Paper.—Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901—Correspondence relating to.

J. M. FOWLER,  
Acting Chairman.

House of Representatives,  
Committee Room, 1st July, 1903.

Mr. Fowler moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Supply having been read—  
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.  
Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Report be considered this day.  
Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—  
*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding Seventy-five thousand pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1904.  
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

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5. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—  
 Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.  
 On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Report be considered this day.  
 Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
 Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—  
*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Seventy-five thousand pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.  
 And the said resolution was adopted by the House.  
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
7. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.  
 Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.  
 On the motion of Sir George Turner the House adopted the Report.  
 Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business No. 3, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.
9. **HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.  
 Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. **CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.**—Sir Edmund Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of an extension, for a period of two years, of the arrangements entered into on the 5th day of June, 1899, and the 10th day of August, 1899, by the Governments of New South Wales and Queensland respectively, for the carriage of mails between Australia, Fiji, and Canada by the steamers of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line, upon the following terms :—  
 (a) That the amount of subsidy payable by the Commonwealth be increased by a sum of £6,363 12s. 9d., being the Commonwealth proportion of a total increase of £16,000.  
 (b) That provision be made for the efficiency of the vessels employed in such service.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Sir John Quick moved, as an amendment, That the words "and facilities for the conveyance of perishable products" be added at the end of paragraph (b).  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. Wilks moved, That the amendment be amended by adding the following paragraph thereto, viz. :—  
 (c) Such increase to be equitably apportioned among all the States.  
 Debate continued.  
**POINT OF ORDER.**—Mr. Joseph Cook submitted that the motion by Sir Edmund Barton was not in order according to the provisions of Standing Order 243, as it should have originated in Committee, inasmuch as it involved a charge upon the people of the country.  
 Mr. Speaker stated that Standing Order 243 related to Committees of Supply and Ways and Means; and that the motion would not, without some sum being later voted on the Estimates, after recommendation by Message, authorize the actual payment of any money for this work. If it had been proposed to follow the motion by another to the effect that the Prime Minister be authorized to bring in a Bill to give effect to it, he (Mr. Speaker) would have ruled such a proposition out of order, as contrary to both the Standing Order and the practice of the House of Commons.  
 He ruled that the present motion was properly before the House.  
 And the amendment and the proposed amendment thereon having been, by leave, withdrawn—  
 The original motion was put and resolved in the affirmative.

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11. JUDICIARY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been read—

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 2, 6, 36, 41, 46, 48, 49, 51, 63, and 70, and for the consideration of proposed new clauses 2A, 34F, 34G, 34H, 34I, 34J, 34K, and 34L, and a Schedule.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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 except—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson\*, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Sydney Smith.

\* On leave.

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