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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—EIGHTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Eighth 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 be printed :—

Presented Papers—

Electoral Act 1902—

Report of the Commissioner (Mr. E. A. Counsel) appointed to distribute the State of Tasmania into Divisions.

Report of the Commissioner (Mr. H. F. Johnston) appointed to distribute the State of Western Australia into Divisions.

Petitions—

From certain electors of New South Wales, praying that the further consideration of the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill may be delayed.

From the Victorian Employers' Federation, praying that the House will not pass the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.

With reference to the Presented Paper, "Archives—Report on European Archives, by Mr. F. M. Bladen," mentioned in their Sixth Report, the Committee now recommend that pages 1 to 9 and 30 to 34 inclusive be printed.

The Committee do not recommend that the Presented Paper, "A Review of the Report of the Commonwealth Commissioners on Capital Sites, by Mr. A. Oliver," be printed, but that copies be obtained as required from the Government Printer, Sydney.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 26th August, 1903.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Batchelor presented a Petition from 2,000 persons, praying that a Federal Conciliation and Arbitration Bill should be passed with the least delay, and a Judicial Court established to determine on behalf of the employers and employed such industrial matters as may be deemed by them necessary for their welfare and good management.

Petitions; praying that the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill may be amended so as to equally apply to all vessels engaging in the Australian coastal trades, whether Australian, oversea, or foreign, were presented as under :—

By Sir Langdon Bonython—

From Fredk. Riley and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the United Trades and Labour Council of South Australia.

By Mr. Hughes—

From E. H. Hillyer and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union of New South Wales.

From John H. Ferguson and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Coast Trades Masters and Officers' Association of New South Wales.

By Mr. McDonald—

From James Bradshaw and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Queensland branch of the Federated Seamen's Union of Australasia.

Petitions, praying that, in view of the recent drought and the consequent emigration of many workmen, speedy provision may be made by the House for the passage of an Iron Bonus Bill, which will give substantial encouragement to private enterprise in developing the iron industry, were presented as under :—

By Sir Malcolm McEacharn—

From certain electors of Victoria.

By Sir John Quick—

From certain electors of Victoria.

Petitions severally received.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Exercise of the Judicial Power of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 25th August, 1903.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled "*An Act to regulate the Practice and Procedure of the High Court*" which has been presented to him for the King's Assent, and transmits herewith the following amendments which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law :—

Amendments recommended.

Clause 2, page 2, line 19. At end of line add "And any proceeding to review or call in question the proceedings, decision, or jurisdiction of any Court or Judge."

Schedule. Part I., Order XXX., rule 2, page 41. Omit all words down to "Justice with a jury" inclusive, and insert—

"Any party to a suit may within ten days after notice of trial has been given, or within such extended time as the Court or a Justice allows, apply to the Court or a Justice for a trial with a jury of the suit or of any issues of fact, and the Court or Justice may if they think fit direct a trial with a jury of the suit or issues accordingly."

Rule 3, page 41. Omit the Rule.

Government House,

Melbourne, 25th August, 1903.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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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 agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

6. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.

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. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Edward Braddon*, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. V. L. Solomon.

* On leave.

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