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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1927.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department—Sixteenth Annual Report, 1925-26.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Works Committee Act—Twelfth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Second Annual Report of the Federal Capital Commission, for the period ended 30th June, 1926.
Severally ordered to be printed.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
Albury, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Seymour, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1927—No. 2—Northern Territory Government.
Public Service Act—Appointments—
Department of—
Health—
H. G. Furphy.
J. J. Graydon, R. T. Simmons.
Home and Territories—
W. L. James.
Works and Railways—
J. I. Strachan.
3. STATES GRANTS BILL.—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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"in view of the State Governments' heavy financial responsibilities, the Bill be withdrawn"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Ley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Beer Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 18.
Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st April, 1925, to 31st March, 1926, and Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1926; together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.
Cotton Bounty Act—Cotton Bounty (Seed Cotton) Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 21.
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 17.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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 (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bell, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Sir Neville Howse,
Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Seabrook.

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