THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 24TH MAY, 1904.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PAPER.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament— Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.—Financial Year 1903-4 (dated 19th May, 1904).
- 3. Members of First Parliament of the Commonwealth.—Title of "Honorable."—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of "Honorable" by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial Statement of the Government Policy was made)-

Debate resumed.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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