THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1904.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration have leave to sit at any time, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And after debate-

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. Paper.—Mr. Mahon presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Postmaster-General's Department—Letter from Mr. F. L. Outtrim. Deputy Postmaster-General, Victoria, re Official Recognition of Associations of Officers of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria (in continuation of Paper laid upon the Table on 19th instant).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. Adjournment.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, and Sir George Turner.

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