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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Fourth 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 Petitions presented and Papers laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers have been printed by order of the Senate since the last meeting of your Committee :—

Audit Act 1901—Transfers of amounts (dated 13th April, 1904).

Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—

Observations and Interim Report by Lieut.-Colonel Owen on Sites in Southern Monaro and Tumut Districts.

Report by Surveyor Scrivener on Southern Monaro Site.

Report by Surveyor Chesterman on Tumut Site.

Report by Sir John Forrest on Lyndhurst Site.

Report by Mr. T. Pridham *re* Dalgety Site—Water Supply and Water Power.

Your Committee recommend that, in addition, the following be printed :—

Conference of Commonwealth Electoral Officers of States—Report of.

British New Guinea—Annual Report for year ending 30th June, 1903.

Federal Capital—Proposed Sites—Minute by Sir John Forrest on suggested Sites in the Tumut and Southern Monaro Districts.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 16th June, 1904.

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

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Hides, Sheepskins, and Rags—Statement showing exports of, during 1901, 1902, and 1903.
Opium—Reports in regard to opium-smoking, in Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 7th July next.
5. LEGISLATION *re* COMMONWEALTH COINAGE AND CURRENCY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, the Attorney-General should introduce the necessary legislation to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of a Select Committee on Commonwealth Coinage and Currency, adopted by the House on 19th June, 1903—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Liddell moved, as an amendment, That the words "the Attorney-General should introduce" be omitted.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.

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And the question having been further amended by the insertion of the words "should be introduced" after the word "legislation"—

Debate continued.

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, the necessary legislation should be introduced to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of a Select Committee on Commonwealth Coinage and Currency, adopted by the House on 19th June, 1903—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. FEDERAL CAPITAL PROPOSED SITES—COST OF INSPECTIONS, REPORTS, ETC.—Mr. Robinson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—

- (1) The total cost of the Parliamentary visits of inspection to the proposed Federal Capital sites.
- (2) The total cost and expenses of all inspections and reports by various officers appointed to inspect such sites.
- (3) The total cost and expenses of the Royal Commission on the Federal Capital.
- (4) The total cost of all maps, plans, and other documents relating to the Federal Capital, including the cost of issuing and distribution.
- (5) The total weight of all documents, plans, maps, &c., printed in relation to the selection of a Federal Capital site.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Batchelor moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs 4 and 5 be omitted, and that the following paragraph be inserted in place thereof, viz. :—

"(4) The total cost of printing and distributing documents relating to the Federal Capital."

And the proposed amendment having been agreed to—

Debate continued.

Question—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—

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- (2) The total cost and expenses of all inspections and reports by various officers appointed to inspect such sites.
- (3) The total cost and expenses of the Royal Commission on the Federal Capital.
- (4) The total cost of printing and distributing documents relating to the Federal Capital—

put and resolved in the affirmative.]

7. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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