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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Proposed Sites.—Tooma District—Report by A. H. Chesterman, Surveyor.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Opium—Report in regard to opium-smoking in New South Wales.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION.—ADDITIONAL POWER TO SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration have leave to move from place to place.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Wilson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “That” be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—“in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient that a selection of the site for the Federal Capital be proceeded with at the present time, and that, with a view to securing greater freedom of choice in the future, steps should be taken to alter the Constitution by striking out the words ‘and be distant not less than one hundred miles from Sydney’ in the 125th section of the Constitution, and to add the words ‘or Sydney’ after ‘Melbourne’ in the same section.”
Debate ensued.
Mr. G. B. Edwards 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.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor 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—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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