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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
High Court Arrangements and Expenses—Return to an Order of the House dated 10th August, 1905.
3. SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND UNITED KINGDOM—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

- (1) That a Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to make full inquiry as to the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers for the carriage of mails, passengers, and cargo between Australia and the United Kingdom. The Committee, so far as the House of Representatives is concerned, to consist of Mr. Glynn, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Webster, and the Mover, and to have power to send for persons, papers, and records. Four to be the quorum.
- (2) That the foregoing resolution be transmitted by Message to the Senate and their concurrence requested in the appointment of the Committee, and asking them to appoint Members to serve thereon—

*And on the amendments proposed thereto, viz. :—*Omit the words “ of both Houses of Parliament ” in line 1 ; omit the words “ the advisability of the Federal Government owning and controlling a fleet of steamers for ” in lines 2 and 3 ; omit the words “ so far as the House of Representatives is concerned ” in line 4 ; omit the words “ Mr. Robinson ” in line 5 ; and omit paragraph (2)—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment, That the names of Mr. Glynn and Mr. Webster be omitted from the proposed Committee, and that the names of Mr. Chanter and Mr. Gibb be inserted in place thereof, and that the name of Mr. Storrer be inserted in place of the name of Mr. Robinson, proposed to be omitted.

Mr. Batchelor moved as an amendment, That the name of Mr. McWilliams be omitted, and that the name of Mr. Willis be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Mr. Carpenter, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 7th September next.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion, General Business, were called on.

4. COMMONWEALTH TREASURY NOTES.—Mr. Culpin moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable—
 - (1) That Commonwealth Treasury Notes should be issued, on the lines of the Treasury Notes issued by the State of Queensland.
 - (2) That a reserve fund should be established for payment of the notes on demand ; provision for similar payment being now in force in the Queensland Treasury.
 - (3) That instead of such issue being put into circulation as in Queensland by being lent to financial institutions at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, the proposed notes shall be issued on a population basis to the several State Treasurers, and each Treasurer shall credit the amount received as on account of the properties transferred to the Commonwealth.
 - (4) That 4 per cent. of the issue shall be withdrawn from circulation each year and cancelled, and that a sufficient sum each year shall be granted for the purpose of such cancellation.

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Sir John Forrest 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 Thursday, 7th September next.

5. HARVESTERS OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURE—EXPORTS OF.—Mr. Robinson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing the number of Harvesters of Australian manufacture exported from Australia from 1st January, 1901, to this date; such Return to specify the destination of such exports.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mauger moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion, viz., “also the number of Harvesters imported into the Commonwealth from 1st January, 1901, to this date.”

Debate continued.

The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (NO. 2).—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—

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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1905-6.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 24th August, 1905.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

*On leave.

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