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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. FOWLER).—Mr. Watson moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Perth (Mr. Fowler) on the ground of public business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (SIR GEORGE TURNER).—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Balaclava (Sir George Turner).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following motion :—

That the House approves of an extension of the arrangements entered into on the 30th October, 1903, by the Commonwealth Government for the carriage of mails between Australia, Fiji, and Canada, by the steamers of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line, upon the following terms :—

(a) That the period of the contract be further extended from 1st May, 1905, to 31st July, 1906, with a proviso that if neither party gives not less than three months' notice of termination prior to the latter date, the contract shall continue until the 31st July, 1907.

(b) That the amount of subsidy payable by the Commonwealth be at the annual rate of £23,863 12s. 3d. for the period from 1st May to 31st July, 1905, and at the annual rate of £26,626 16s. from the 1st August, 1905, the difference between the two amounts being the Commonwealth proportion of a total increase of £6,000 per annum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice (given by Mr. Isaacs), That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to incorporate Amendments in amended Acts.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to incorporate Amendments in amended Acts,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
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7. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses,*" be now read a first time:

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Wilks 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Tudor called the attention of Mr. Deputy-Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Deputy-Speaker thereupon at nineteen minutes to five o'clock p.m. adjourned the House until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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