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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.
3. OPIUM.—RESTRICTION ON IMPORTATION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson :—That, in the opinion of this House, the importation of opium for other than medical purposes should be prohibited—
Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until Thursday, 2nd November next.
5. HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Higgins :—
That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom of a sincere desire now to deal justly with Ireland; and in particular we congratulate the people of the United Kingdom on the remarkable Act directed towards the settlement of the land question, and on the concession to the people of Ireland of a measure of Local Government for municipal purposes. But the sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of Ireland.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful Petition—

And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Reid, viz. :—

That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof :—

"whilst in full sympathy with every movement calculated to advance the best interests of Ireland, this House declines to petition His Majesty either in favour of or against a change in the parliamentary system which at present prevails in the United Kingdom—

- (1) because this House does not consider such matters within its legitimate province;
- (2) because they will shortly become issues in an appeal to the electors of Great Britain and Ireland, in which this House has no right to interfere; and
- (3) because this House confidently relies upon the fairness and wisdom of the British people for the removal of every just Irish grievance in the manner most likely to promote the welfare of the Irish people and the stability of the Empire"—

Debate resumed.

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And a request having been made that the amendment be divided—

Question—That the amendment (in so far as it relates to the proposed omission of words) be divided—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Skene,
Sir Langdon	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Bonython,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Mr. Hughes,			
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. McDonald.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That all the words in the motion after the first word "That" to the end of paragraph 1 of the Address, proposed by Mr. Reid to be omitted, stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That the words "We have observed with feelings of profound satisfaction the evidence afforded by recent legislation and recent debates in the Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom of a sincere desire" in paragraph 2, proposed by Mr. Reid to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 4.		Noes, 49.	
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Lee,
Sir Philip Fysh.	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Lonsdale,
	Mr. Wilks.	Sir Langdon	Sir William Lyne,
		Bonython,	Mr. Mahon,
		Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Maloney,
		Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mauger,
		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McCay,
		Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McDonald,
		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. O'Malley,
		Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Poynton,
		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
		Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,
		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Storrer,
		Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Thomas,
		Mr. Glynn,	Mr. David Thomson,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
		Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson,
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Willis.
		Mr. Johnson,	
		Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Knox,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it passed in the negative.

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And the remainder of paragraph 2 having been omitted—

Further question—That paragraph 3, proposed by Mr. Reid to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,	Sir Langdon	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,	Eonython,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,	Sir Philip Fysh,	
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Gibb,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. Isaacs,			
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Frazer,		
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Glynn.		
Mr. Maloney,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as so amended, be agreed to as follows :—

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty as follows :—

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We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly in our name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to express our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

Enjoying and appreciating as we do the blessings of Home Rule here, we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives—never has request more clear, consistent, and continuous been made by any nation. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of all parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed. It is our desire for the solidarity and permanence of the Empire, as a Power making for peace and civilization, that must be our excuse for submitting to Your Majesty this respectful petition—

—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,	Sir Langdon	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,	Bonython,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Mauger,
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Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,	Sir Philip Fysh,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Gibb,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Willis.		
Mr. Hughes,			
Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Hutchison,		
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Ronald.		
Mr. Mahon,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 6 be postponed until Thursday, 16th November next.

7. STATES' DEBTS.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Knox :—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report what is the best mode of dealing with the States' debts in the interests of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, and what (if any) constitutional changes are necessary to give effect to its recommendations.

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- (2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.
- (3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and the Mover. Five Members to be a quorum—

Debate resumed.

It being two hours after the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion were called on.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 2nd November next; and that Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.
9. STATES' DEBTS.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Debate (interrupted at half-past four o'clock) resumed upon the following motion of Mr. Knox :—
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report what is the best mode of dealing with the States' debts in the interests of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth, and what (if any) constitutional changes are necessary to give effect to its recommendations.
- (2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.
- (3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and the Mover. Five Members to be a quorum.

Debate continued.

Mr. Dugald Thomson 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 next.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 8 be postponed until to-morrow.
11. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
- Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
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- Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
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- Mr. Speaker again 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
12. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Bamford called the attention of Mr. 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, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned the House until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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