THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1905.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- PATENTS BILL (1905).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Patents Act 1903.

Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the Patents Act 1903," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered, by leave-That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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. Ordered—That the House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

- 3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Seat of Government Bill (1905).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

Mr. Conroy 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 Monday next.
- 5. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Monday next.
- 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 agreed to certain resolutions.
- 7. Suspension of Standing Orders.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass the necessary Bills through all their stages without delay.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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8. Supply Resolutions.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follow:--

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903-4.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903-4 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :-

		£
I. The Parliament	 	208
IV. The Department of Home Affairs	 • •	77
v. The Department of the Treasury	 • •	3,599
vi. The Department of Trade and Customs		528
VII. The Department of Defence	 	565
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department	 	1.791

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1904-5.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1904-5 for the several services hereunder specified, viz.:-

			£
I. The Parliament			991
II. The Department of External	Affairs .		1,438
III. The Attorney-General's Department	artment .		135
IV. The Department of Home A			17,545
v. The Department of the Trea	sury .		10,082
Refunds of Revenue			2,475
vi. The Department of Trade as			6,345
VII. The Department of Defence		·	12,971
VIII. The Postmaster-General's D	epartment		32,432

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS, 1903-4.

Resolved-That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1903-4, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and Buildings, a further sum not exceeding £490.

Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1904-5.

Resolved-That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1904-5, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £52,527. And the said Resolutions were adopted by the House.

- 9. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.
- 10. Ways and Means Resolutions.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read and are as follow:-

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903-4.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Six thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1904-5.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Eighty-four thousand four hundred and fourteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS, 1903-4.

Resolved-That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, and Buildings for the year ended 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and ninety pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Supplementary Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc., 1904-5.

Resolved—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Fifty-two thousand five hundred and twenty-seven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue

And the said Resolutions were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

11. Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1903-4 and 1904-5.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

12. Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1903-4 and 1904-5.—Sir John Forrest also brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five, for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Sir George Turner, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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