

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Natal Court-Martial Cases—Cablegrams between the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth and New Zealand and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of reported intervention by the British Government in the administration of a self-governing colony.
 Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Tasmania—Mail Communication with—Correspondence in regard to alteration of time-table.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
 Debate resumed—
4. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—At the suggestion of Mr. Deakin, the Right Honorable Richard J. Seddon, P.C., Prime Minister of New Zealand, was, with the unanimous approval of the House, provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The debate (interrupted as above) on the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech was resumed. Mr. Johnson, 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 Tuesday next.

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6. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—

Progress Reports—

No. 2. Spirits and the Distillation of Spirits.

No. 3. Wine-growing Industry in Australia.

No. 4. Industrial Alcohol.

Minutes of Evidence—

Part I. Distillation (Spirits and Spirits for Fortifying Australian Wines): Essences:
Perfumery. Opium: Tobacco.

Part II. Glucose, Sugar, and Confectionery: Agricultural Products and Groceries.

Part III. Apparel and Textiles.

Part IV. Metals and Machinery.

Digest of Evidence given before the Commission in reference to—

(A) Spirits and the Distillation of Spirits.

(B) The Wine Industry of Australia.

(C) Industrial Alcohol.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned 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. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilson.

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