THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1906.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. House Committee—Joint Report.—A Report from the Joint House Committee as to the working of the Refreshment Rooms was presented.

 Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 3. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-

Telephone Lines in Country Districts—Paper read by Mr. John Hesketh, Chief Electrical Engineer, Postmaster-General's Department, at the Sale Convention of the Chamber of Agriculture on 5th July, 1906.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

- 4. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald 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.
- 5. Message from the Senate.—Meteorology Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "An Act relating to Meteorological Observations."

R. C. BAKER,

The Senate,

Melbourne, 8th August, 1906.

President.

- 6. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
- Public Service Bill (1906).—Mr. Brown moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring
 in a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902.
 Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brown then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902,'" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—after debate—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th instant.

8. 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 minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. David Thomson.

* On leave.

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