

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth Government Woollen Cloth Factory—Annual Report of the Manager for the year ended 30th June, 1922.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua Act—Ordinances of 1923—

No. 1.—Native Taxes.

No. 2.—Native Plantations.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—NO-CONFIDENCE AMENDMENT.—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:—

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—

Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—

“but we consider that your Advisers no longer retain the confidence of this House owing to their attempt to limit the rights of the Commonwealth with regard to constitutional powers, with special reference to financial and industrial matters; also for the unsatisfactory arrangements made in connexion with immigration.”

Debate continued.

Mr. Yates moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

4. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.