
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty-two members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
2. Papers:—The Colonial Treasurer laid on the table the Estimates of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year commencing July 1st, 1856; also the proposed application of the civil list for the same period.
3. Adjournment (special):—Mr. Bell moved that this House at its rising do adjourn until Monday next at five o'clock.
Question put and passed.
4. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Williamson withdrew the motion standing in his name, first on the notice paper of this day.
5. Customs:—Mr. Sewell, pursuant to notice, asked the Attorney-General, whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce during the present session, any measure with reference to the Customs administration or tariff.
The Attorney-General answered the question in the negative.
6. Question withdrawn:—Mr. Sewell withdrew the second question standing in his name on this day's notice paper.
7. Magistrates:—Mr. Fitzherbert, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved that a nominal return of the Magistrates throughout the Colony, specifying the dates of their commissions or appointments, be laid upon the table of this House.
Question put and passed.
8. Old Land Claims:—Mr. Sewell withdrew that part of the motion standing in his name, fourth on the notice paper of this day, for the discharge of the Committee on Old Land Claims; and on motion of Mr. Sewell the time for the report of the Committee was extended till Tuesday, the 3rd of June.
9. Constitution Act:—Mr. Sewell withdrew that part of the motion standing in his name, fourth on the notice paper of this day, for the discharge of the Committee on changes in the Constitution Act; and on motion of Mr. Sewell the time for the report of the Committee was extended till Tuesday, the 3rd of June.
10. Inter-Provincial Communication Committee:—On motion of Mr. Elliott, Chairman of this Committee, the time for the report of the Committee was extended to this day fortnight.
11. Supreme Court Law Procedure Bill:—Mr. Ward, Chairman of the Committee to whom this Bill had been referred, brought up the report of the Committee, which was read and ordered to be printed.
On motion of Mr. Ward the second reading of the Supreme Court Law Procedure Bill was ordered to stand an order of the day for Monday next.
12. Petition of Commander McDonnell, R.N.:—Mr. Domett, Chairman of the Committee to whom this petition had been referred, brought up the report of the Committee, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Domett, referred back to the Committee for amendment.
13. Adjournment:—On motion of the Attorney-General the House adjourned at quarter-past seven o'clock until Monday next at five o'clock.

NOTICES