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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 34.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1926.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Thomas Paterson, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee:—  
Expenditure on Oil Exploration, Development, Refining, &c., in the Commonwealth and Papua—Part III. (conclusion), comprising the Commonwealth Oil Refineries Limited.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission, together with Statements and Balance Sheets, 1st July, 1924, to 30th June, 1925 (*in substitution for the Report tabled on the 26th August, 1925*).  
Ordered to be printed.
4. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 22nd instant, be printed:—  
Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry—Recommendations by Sir Frank Heath for the Reconstitution of the Institute.  
Question—put and passed.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT.]—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

[See Customs Tariff Amendment, which incorporates the proposed Resolution of 3rd March, 1926 (pages 72 to 87).]

Item numbered 176, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
176. By omitting the whole of sub-items (b) and (c) and inserting in their stead the following sub-items:—			
“(b) Log Band Sawing Machines and Band Resawing Machines, but not including Carriages for either - - - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(c) Cylindrical Cement Driers and Coolers and similar cylindrical containers - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(d) Cement making Machines, n.e.i.; Road making Machines; Stone crushing Machines with jaws up to and including 30 inches by 12 inches in size; Aerial Ropeways exclusive of cable; Hand operated, Travelling and Portable Cranes; Coal Conveyors and Ash Handling Plants exclusive of motive power equipment - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(e) Mining Machinery n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.
(f) Machines and Machinery n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”

25th March, 1926.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), viz. :—  
That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (D) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 25th March, 1926 (D) (1) Cement making Machines, n.e.i.; Aerial Ropeways exclusive of cable; Travelling and Portable Cranes, hand operated; Coal Conveyors and Ash Handling Plant exclusive of motive power equipment - ad val. (2) Road making Machines, n.e.i.; Stone crushing Machines ad val.	35 per cent. 30 per cent.	45 per cent. 45 per cent.	50 per cent. 50 per cent.”

Ordered—That sub-item (D) of the Item be postponed.

Debate ensued on sub-items (B), (C), (E), and (F).

Mr. Albert Green moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (E) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th March, 1926 ad val.	27½ per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—OIL AGREEMENT BILL (1926).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited and for other purposes.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 11th March, 1926.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Mr. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Bruce then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See Customs Tariff Amendment, which incorporates the proposed Resolution of 3rd March, 1926 (pages 72 to 87).]

Item numbered 176—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Albert Green (see page 122).

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 41.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Manning
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Marr
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Coleman	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Forde	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Mann	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Nott
Mr. Thomas Paterson	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Parsons
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. Edward Riley
		Mr. Hill	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
		Mr. Lazzarini	
		Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Fenton
		Mr. Mahony	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Makin	

And so it was negatived.  
Debate continued.  
Sub-items (B), (C), (E), and (F) agreed to.  
Item numbered 177, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
177. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 177. (A) (1) Portable Steam Engines - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(2) Locomotives; Road Rollers, n.e.i., including Scarifier Attachments - - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.
(B) Traction Engines - - - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th March, 1926			
(A) (1) Portable Engines - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

25th March, 1926.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 41.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Makin
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Marks
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marr
Mr. Mann	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	Mr. Parker Moloney
		Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Nott
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Edward Riley
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Hill	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Yates
		Mr. Lacey	
		Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Fenton
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Mahony	

And so it was negatived.  
Debate continued.

Mr. Duncan-Hughes moved, That the Item be amended by inserting the following after (A) (2) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th March, 1926 ad val.	27½ per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Mathews
Mr. R. W. Foster		Mr. Forde	Mr. McGrath
Sir John Gellibrand	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Nott
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. Edward Riley
		Mr. Hill	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Lacey	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Latham	Mr. Yates
		Mr. Lister	
		Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
		Mr. Makin	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. W. Maloney	

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item numbered 178 agreed to.

Item numbered 179 debated—

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That the Item be postponed.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Item agreed to.

Items numbered 180, 181, 182, 185, 186, 189, 200, 202, and 206 agreed to.

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Item numbered 208, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
208. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
" 208. (A) Manufactures of Metal n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(b) Anchors exceeding 168 lb. in weight - - - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(c) Hammered Shovels - - - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(d) Pressed Shovels - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That the Item be amended by the omission of the figures " 168 " with a view to the insertion of the figures " 167 " in place thereof.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron  
Mr. Robert Cook  
Mr. Josiah Francis  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. Roland Green  
Mr. Gregory  
Mr. Killen  
Mr. Mann

Mr. Thomas Paterson  
Mr. Seabrook  
Mr. Stewart

Tellers :

Mr. Aubrey Abbott  
Mr. Prowse

Mr. Atkinson  
Mr. Brennan  
Mr. Charlton  
Mr. Coleman  
Mr. Duncan-Hughes  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. R. W. Foster  
Mr. Grosvenor Francis  
Sir John Gellibrand  
Mr. Gullett  
Sir Neville Howse  
Mr. Hughes  
Mr. Hurry  
Mr. Jackson  
Mr. Lacey  
Mr. Latham  
Mr. Lister  
Mr. Mahony  
Mr. Makin  
Mr. W. Maloney

Mr. Manning  
Mr. Marks  
Mr. Marr  
Mr. McGrath  
Mr. Nott  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Pratten  
Mr. Edward Riley  
Mr. E. C. Riley  
Mr. Rodgers  
Sir Granville Ryrie  
Mr. Scullin  
Mr. Watkins  
Mr. William Watson  
Mr. Yates

Tellers :

Mr. Fenton  
Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by the omission of sub-items (c) and (d).

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 223 and 228 agreed to.

Item numbered 229, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
" (b) Residual Oil and Crude Petroleum—			
(1) For use in the production of petroleum products by distillation, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(2) For use as fuel as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(3) For use in the manufacture of gas, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per gallon	1d.	1½d.	1½d.
(4) N.E.I. - - - - - per gallon	3d.	3½d.	3½d."

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Item be amended by the addition of the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 26th March, 1926			
(b) Residual Oil and Crude Petroleum—			
(1) For use in the production of petroleum products by distillation, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(2) For use in the treatment of Metallic Ores by the flotation process, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(3) For use as fuel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(4) For use in the manufacture of gas, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per gallon	1d.	1½d.	1½d.
(5) N.E.I. - - - - - per gallon	3d.	3½d.	3½d."

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Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Items numbered 231 and 237 agreed to.

Item numbered 240 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 242 postponed.

Items numbered 252 and 255 agreed to.

Item numbered 262 postponed.

Items numbered 264 and 269 agreed to.

Item numbered 274, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
274. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 274. (A) Bromide Salts ; Cyanide of Potassium and Cyanide of Sodium (B) Hydrosulphites - - - - - ad val.	Free Free	Free Free	Free 10 per cent.

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th March, 1926 274. (A) Bromide Salts ; Cyanide of Potassium, Cyanide of Sodium and Calcium Cyanide - - - - - ad val. (B) Hydrosulphites - - - - - ad val.	Free Free	Free Free	Free 10 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 279, 281, 284, 285, 298, 308, 309, and 310 agreed to.

Item numbered 318, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
318. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 318. (A) (1) Clocks, n.e.i. ; Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses ; Pedometers ; Pocket Counters and the like ad val. (2) Watches and Chronometers, n.e.i. ; Time Registers and Detectors - - - - - ad val. (3) Watch Movements, n.e.i., as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val. (B) Movements and parts of Movements, n.e.i., for use in the manufacture of Clocks, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val. (C) Parts for use in the manufacture of Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	Free Free Free Free Free Free	15 per cent. 15 per cent. 10 per cent. 10 per cent. 15 per cent. 15 per cent.	20 per cent. 20 per cent. 15 per cent. 15 per cent. 20 per cent.”

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th March, 1926 318. (A) (1) Clocks, partly or wholly of wood - - - - - ad val. (2) Clocks, n.e.i. ; Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses ; Pedometers ; Pocket Counters and the like - - - - - ad val. (3) Watches and Chronometers, n.e.i. ; Time Registers and Detectors - - - - - ad val. (4) Watch Movements, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val. (B) Movements and parts of Movements, n.e.i., for use in the manufacture of Clocks, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. (C) Parts for use in the Manufacture of Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent. Free Free Free Free Free	30 per cent. 15 per cent. 15 per cent. Free 10 per cent. 15 per cent.	45 per cent. 20 per cent. 20 per cent. Free 15 per cent. 20 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 320 and 321 agreed to.

Items numbered 334 and 336 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 359 postponed.

Items numbered 366, 380, 381, and 388 agreed to.

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Item numbered 392, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
392. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (c) Woollen or containing wool - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (d) Silk or silk in admixture with artificial silk, but not including yarns composed wholly of artificial silk - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent."

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 26th March, 1926			
392. Yarns :—			
(A) Cotton, including mercerized cotton yarn - - - ad val.	Free	Free	5 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1927 - ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(B) Coir - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(C) Woollen or containing wool - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(D) Silk or silk in admixture with artificial silk, but not including yarns composed wholly of artificial silk - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(E) Jute, hemp, and flax - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(F) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent."

Debate ensued.  
Amendment agreed to.  
Item, as amended, agreed to.  
Item numbered 393 debated and agreed to.  
Item numbered 410 agreed to.  
Item numbered 419, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
419. * * *			
By adding new sub-items (E), (F), (G), and (H) as follows :— " (E) X-Ray Transformer Apparatus other than Transformer Apparatus designed exclusively for deep Therapy ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent."
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Mr. Pratten moved, That the Item be amended by inserting after the word "Therapy" the following :—

"—On and after 1st July, 1926".

Debate ensued.  
Amendment agreed to.  
Item, as amended, agreed to.  
Item numbered 424 agreed to.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Corser, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. West.

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