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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1927.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Cottesloe, Western Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board Reports and Recommendations—
Aluminium Sulphate, Sulphate of Alumina and Alumina Ferric.
Carbide of Calcium.
Cash Registers.
Circular Saws.
Potatoes.
Rape-seed Oil and Castor Oil.
Severally ordered to be printed.
Public Service Act—Appointment of F. J. Lynch, Department of Works and Railways.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1927—No. 19—Police.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. LEY).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Barton (Mr. Ley), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 358), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,300

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, That the item be reduced by £1.

Disorder in Committee.—Mr. Seabrook addressing the Committee, Mr. Blakeley, having risen to a Point of Order, used a certain expression which the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Watkins) ruled was out of order and must be withdrawn. Mr. Blakeley having refused to withdraw the disorderly expression, and disorder having arisen—

The Temporary Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

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The House resumed.

The Temporary Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House, and Mr. Seabrook having made a statement in regard to the matter, and Mr. Blakeley having withdrawn the disorderly expression—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed, as above.

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.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1926 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Twenty-fifth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION III.—SUGAR.			
27. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 27. Glucose - - - - - per cwt.	12s.	15s.	15s.”
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.			
41. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 41. (A) Butter and Cheese - - - - - per lb. (B) Butter substitutes as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per lb.	6d.	6½d.	7d.”
43. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ (A) Chicory— (1) Raw and kiln dried - - - - - per lb. (2) Roasted, or ground - - - - - per lb. (B) Coffee— (1) Raw and kiln dried - - - - - per lb. (2) Roasted, or ground ; in liquid form ; or mixed with milk or other substance - - - per lb. (3) Substitutes - - - - - per lb.	3d. 6d. Free 3d. 3d.	3d. 6d. Free 3d. 3d.	3d. 6d. 3d. 6d. 6d.”
The articles specified in paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) being the produce of any part of the British Empire shall be admitted under the British Preferential Tariff.”			
58. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (c) Cornflour - - - - - per lb.	2d.	2½d.	3d.”
83. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 83. Potatoes, in their natural state - - - per cwt.	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.”
85. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 85. Rice— (A) Uncleaned - - - - - per cental (B) N.E.L., including Rice Meal and Rice Flour - - - per cental	3s. 4d. 6s.	3s. 4d. 6s.	3s. 4d. 6s.”
101. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 101. Vegetables (excepting Tomatoes), dried, drysalted, concentrated, compressed, or powdered - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By omitting the whole of sub-item (AA) (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (AA) Piece Goods, Cotton, Silk or containing Silk, artificial silk or containing artificial silk, but not containing wool, knitted, in tubular form or otherwise—			
(1) For the manufacture of goods other than apparel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	ad val.	Free	5 per cent.
(2) Other	ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
and on and after 1st July, 1928			
(AA) Piece Goods, Knitted, in tubular form or otherwise, of cotton, silk or containing silk, artificial silk or containing artificial silk, or being an admixture of wool with other fibres—			
(1) For the manufacture of goods other than apparel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	ad val.	Free	5 per cent.
(2) Other	ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.
or per lb.		2s. 6d.	3s.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.”			15 per cent.
			35 per cent.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (B) Cotton and Linen Piece Goods defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths, or Window Blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	ad val.	Free	10 per cent.
			20 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (E) (1) Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, Sealette and Cloths imitating furs, Astrachans ; Italians containing wool	ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(2) Lace for Attire ; Lace Flouncings ; Millinery and Dress Nets ; Veilings ; Embroideries in the piece : Tucked Linens or Cottons	ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
			25 per cent.”
By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (2) Piece Goods, Woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i.	ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.
And on and after 1st July, 1928			
(2) Piece Goods, Woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i., but not including <i>knitted</i> piece goods being an admixture of wool with other fibres	ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.
			50 per cent.”
By omitting paragraph (3) of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (3) Leather Cloth	ad val.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st July, 1928			
(3) Leather Cloth	ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.
			35 per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—continued.			
106. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Trimmings and Ornaments, n.e.i. (excepting Buckles, Clasps, and Slides, of metal, but not excepting those of metal set with imitation precious stones) for Bonnets, Hats, Shoes, and other attire, not being partly or wholly of gold or silver; Badges n.e.i.; Braids n.e.i.; Fringes n.e.i.; Frillings; Ruffings; Pleatings; Ruchings; Galoons n.e.i.; Ribbons n.e.i.; Tinselled Belting n.e.i.; Webbing n.e.i.; Belting for apparel not elsewhere specified and not being cut to lengths for belts - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”
107. By omitting the whole of Item 107 (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :— “107 (A) Woven materials in the piece or otherwise :— Badges, Hat and Cap Fronts (Badged), Medal Ribbons, Looping for Boots and Shoes; Labels and Hangers for all purposes including plain Hanger material; Tubular Tie material in the piece; Galoons bands or bandings tapes and the like having printed woven or embroidered lettering badge trade name mark or design thereon ad val. (B) Ribbons and Galoons having not more than 48 ribs to the lineal inch and being not more than three and a half inches in width - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	60 per cent.
108. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) (1) Feathers, undressed, and Down - - - - - ad val. (2) Feathers, undressed, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
112. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Apparel or Attire or other Article in part or wholly made up, including Furs or other Skins sewn together, parts of Furs or other Skins sewn together, Fur Trimmings and imitation Fur Tails - - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.”
113. Gloves (except of rubber)— By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) N.E.I. including Mittens - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”
115. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “115. Socks and Stockings for human attire, viz. :— (A) Cotton - - - - - ad val. And on and after 1st July, 1928 (A) Cotton - - - - - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty On and after 25th November, 1927 (B) Woollen or containing wool - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty On and after 25th November, 1927 (C) Silk or containing silk, but not containing wool, and n.e.i. - - - - - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	30 per cent. 6s. 30 per cent. 8s. 45 per cent. 7s. 35 per cent.	40 per cent. 8s. 40 per cent. 10s. 55 per cent. 9s. 45 per cent.	45 per cent. 10s. 45 per cent. 12s. 60 per cent. 11s. 50 per cent.

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—continued.

118. By omitting the whole item (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 118. (A) Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Cloths, n.e.i., Floor and Carriage Mats of any textile material except coir ; and Floor Rugs and Coverings not being of rubber and not being Furs or other Skins or Carpet Felt, Undercarpet Felt, or Carpet Felt Paper ; Saddle-bag in the piece or otherwise - ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(B) Carpet Felt and Undercarpet Felt - ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(C) (1) Plain Linoleums and Floor Coverings having a similar surface, not printed or inlaid - ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
And on and after 1st April, 1928			
(C) (1) Plain Linoleums and Floor Coverings having a similar surface, not printed or inlaid - ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.
On and after 25th November, 1927			
(C) (2) Linoleums and Floor Coverings having a similar surface, n.e.i. - ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1929			
(C) (2) Linoleums and Floor Coverings having a similar surface, n.e.i. - ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.*

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

136. By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (C) (1) Bar, Rod other than Wire Rod in Coils, Angle, Tee ; Bars of fancy pattern in the state in which they leave the rollers - per ton	70s.	100s.	120s.
(2) Wire Rod in Coils - per ton	44s.	65s.	80s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.
(2) Wire, fencing, of gauges Nos. 8 to 14 (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge), both gauges inclusive, for use only as fencing wire without further manufacture, or for such manufacturing purposes as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - per ton	Free	100s.	120s.
(3) Wire, other - per ton	52s.	100s.	120s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (F) (1) Hoop one-eighth of an inch in thickness in widths from 1 inch to 2 inches both widths inclusive - per ton	70s.	110s.	120s.
(2) Hoop n.e.i. - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st April, 1928			
(2) Hoop n.e.i. - per ton	70s.	110s.	120s.”
152. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (A) Iron and Steel Tubes or Pipes (except riveted, cast, close jointed or cycle tubes or pipes) not more than 3 inches internal diameter ; Iron and Steel Boiler Tubes - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1929			
(A) Iron and Steel Tubes or Pipes (except riveted, cast, close jointed or cycle tubes or pipes) not more than 3 inches internal diameter ; Iron and Steel Boiler Tubes - ad val.	40 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—<i>continued.</i>			
154. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(A) Rails weighing 50 lb. per yard and over per ton	50s.	85s.	100s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(B) Rails weighing less than 50 lb. per yard per ton	45s.	100s.	125s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(C) Fishplates, Tie Plates and Rods per ton	48s.	100s.	125s.”
155. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“155. Rolled Iron or Steel Beams, Channels, Joists, Girders, Columns, Trough and Bridge Iron and Steel—			
(A) Not drilled or further manufactured per ton	70s.	100s.	125s.
(B) Drilled or further manufactured per ton	70s.	100s.	125s.
<i>and ad val.</i>	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”
157. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“157. Barbed Wire - - - - - per ton	68s.	160s.	180s.”
158. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“158. Wire Netting - - - - - per ton	Free	170s.	200s.”
159. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“159 (A) Wire n.e.i., also woven wire measuring over 30 holes to the lineal inch - - - - - <i>ad val.</i>	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(B) Wire, Iron and Steel, for use in the manufacture of Barbed Wire and Wire Netting as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per ton	52s.	100s.	120s.”
164. By omitting the words “Refrigerators other than for household use.”			
175. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“175. Apparatus for the liquefaction of gases, but not including Compressors suitable for refrigeration or ice making - - - - - <i>ad val.</i>	Free	10 per cent.	15 per cent.”
176. By adding a new sub-item (G) as follows :—			
“(G) Mechanical Hand Food Mincers and Choppers suitable only for household use - - - - - <i>ad val.</i>	Free	10 per cent.	20 per cent.”
179. By omitting paragraph 3 of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“3 (a) Electric Fans of the type ordinarily used in offices and the household - - - - - <i>ad val.</i>	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(b) Electric Household Floor Polishers, Household Ironing Machines, Human Hair Dryers - <i>ad val.</i>	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(c) Electric Household Dish Washing Machines <i>ad val.</i>	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
And on and after 1st July, 1928			
(c) Electric Household Dish Washing Machines <i>ad val.</i>	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—*continued.*

180. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Telephones, Telephone Switchboards, Telephone Distributing Boards, and Appliances - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	20 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) Wireless Receiving Sets ; Headphones - ad val.	35 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :— “(c) Storage Batteries suitable for use in motor cars otherwise than for propulsion purposes - - ad val.	35 per cent.	47½ per cent.	60 per cent.”
197. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Cutlery, Spoons, and Forks, n.e.i., and Knife Sharpeners ad val. And on and after 1st April, 1928 (B) Cutlery, Spoons, and Forks, n.e.i., and Knife Sharpeners ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.”
204. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :— “204. (A) Kettles and Cooking Utensils (but not including Stoves) of cast iron (tinned or plain) - ad val. (B) Aluminiumware and Enamelledware, n.e.i., but not including Stoves and Baths - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	60 per cent.”
208. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :— “(c) Single Lever Mortice Lock Sets - - ad val.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (d) as follows :— “(d) Kitchenware, viz. :— Asbestos Mats, Metal Soap Savers, Metal Soap Racks, Metal Stove Toasters, Metal Tea Coffee and Gravy Strainers and Metal Potato Mashers ad val.	35 per cent.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.”

DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.

242. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) (1) Bent, Bevelled, Heraldic, Sandblasted, Enamelled, Embossed, Etched, Silvered, Brilliant Cut; Corners Cut, Bevelled, or Engraved; Prisms; and all Glass framed with metal, n.e.i. - ad val. (2) Hoodlights for Motor Cars - - ad val. or each whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.
	2s.	2s. 6d.	3s.
243. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “243 (A) Glass n.e.i. - - - - - ad val. (B) Seltzogenes and accessories and Syphon Bottles ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.
	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

278. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :— “(D) Chemicals for use in fire extinguishers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	20 per cent.”
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DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

291. By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(F) Timber, undressed, in sizes of 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) and over— (1) Oregon (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet	8s.	8s.	8s.
(2) Oregon (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) for use under- ground for mining purposes as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(3) N.E.I. - - - - - per 100 super. feet	3s.	3s.	4s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(G) Timber, undressed, in sizes of 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)— (1) Oregon (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet	9s. 6d.	9s. 6d.	9s. 6d.
(2) N.E.I. - - - - - per 100 super. feet	3s.	4s. 6d.	5s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(H) Timber, undressed, in sizes less than 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent)— (1) Oregon (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet	11s. 5s.	11s. 6s.	11s. 7s.”
293. By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(C) Doors of wood including Fly Doors - - - - - each	8s. 6d.	8s. 6d.	8s. 6d.”

DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

308. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “308. Combs (toilet), and Shaving Sets not included under item 376 (A) - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	20 per cent.”
319. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “(A) Records for Gramophones, Phonographs, and other Talking Machines— (1) Disc, 6 inches and under in diameter - ad val. (2) Disc, over 6 inches in diameter - each (3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	Free 9d. Free	15 per cent. 1s. 5 per cent.	25 per cent. 1s. 3d. 10 per cent.
(B) (1) Gramophones, Phonographs, and other Talking Machines, n.e.i., including cases (but not horns) imported with machines - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division XI.—Jewellery and Fancy Goods—<i>continued.</i>			
319. (b)— <i>continued.</i> (2) Dictating machines and blank record cylinders, Transcribing Machines and Shaving Machines for use therewith, except Cabinets and Rubber Covers, but including Pedestals when an integral part of the machines - - - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent."
321. Spectacles and Spectacle Frames, Magnifying and Reading Glasses— By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (A) Wholly or partly of gold or silver (not being included in sub-item (B)) - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent."

DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.

334. By adding a new paragraph (4) to sub-item (o) as follows :— " (4) Strawpaper per cwt.	4s.	4s. 6d.	5s."
348. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 348. (A) School Slates - - - - - ad val. (B) Drawing Slates ; Slate Pencils - - - - - ad val.	Free Free	10 per cent. 10 per cent.	20 per cent. 20 per cent."

DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.

352. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (A) (1) Cycle and Side Car parts plated brazed enamelled or permanently joined, n.e.i. (including rims but not including parts of leather or rubber) ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
(2) Motor Cycle parts plated brazed enamelled or permanently joined, n.e.i. (including rims but not including parts of leather or rubber) ; Cycle Motor Cycle and Side Car accessories n.e.i. and parts thereof (except of leather or rubber), including Steel Trouser Clips, Steel Toe Clips and Bands, Parcel Carriers, and Bells ; Cycle Saddles and Saddle Covers ; Inflators of all kinds for pneumatic tyres, Inflator Clips and connexions - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (c) Horns, Warning Devices n.e.i., Reflectors, and Reflex Rear Lights, for use on bicycles and motor or other vehicles - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent."
354. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 354. (A) Side Cars, Motor Tricycles and similar Vehicles, n.e.i., and Frames thereof, whether partly or wholly finished - - - - - each or ad val.	£10 30 per cent.	£11 35 per cent.	£12 40 per cent.
which ever rate returns the higher duty. (B) Motor Cycles, and Frames thereof, whether wholly or partly finished - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	20 per cent."

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division XIV.—Vehicles—*continued.*

359. By omitting from sub-item (D) the whole of paragraph (4) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres or Storage Batteries—			
(a) Unassembled - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
(b) Assembled - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.”

DIVISION XV.—MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

365. By omitting the whole item (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 365. Pianos and parts thereof—			
(A) Grand, with or without Player mechanism each or ad val.	£12 30 per cent.	£35 40 per cent.	£40 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(B) Upright, Player or with provision for incorporating the Player mechanism - - - each or ad val.	£12 30 per cent.	£35 40 per cent.	£40 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(C) Upright, n.e.i. - - - - each or ad val.	£7 30 per cent.	£21 10s. 40 per cent.	£25 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(D) Keyboards, complete or incomplete - ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(E) Parts, n.e.i., as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.”

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

373. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 373.(A) Articles imported for official use by Trade Commissioners representing a British country or by Consuls, provided such Trade Commissioners or Consuls are citizens of the countries they represent, and are not engaged in any other trade or profession - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(B) Articles and personal effects owned and imported by members of the Consular or Diplomatic Services or Trade Commissioners and their staffs, who are Nationals of the countries they represent and who are not, nor will be, engaged in any other business occupation or profession during their residence in Australia, provided such goods are imported within six months of the arrival of the Official concerned or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - - -	Free	Free	Free”
376. By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows :—			
“ (F) Kit Bag Frames - - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.	65 per cent.”
380. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (A) (1) Brooms, Whisks, and Mops - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(2) Carpet Sweepers - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—*continued.*

384. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 384. (A) (1) (a) Photographic and X-Ray Dry Plates and Flat Films, Sensitized, except Panchromatic Plates for Process Engravers - - - ad val. or per square foot whichever rate returns the higher duty.	25 per cent. 5d.	30 per cent. 6½d.	35 per cent. 8d.
(b) Panchromatic Plates for process engravers ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(2) Photographic Sensitized Films n.e.i. - ad val. or per square foot whichever rate returns the higher duty.	25 per cent. 8d.	30 per cent. 10d.	35 per cent. 12d.
(3) Photographic Sensitized Papers and Cards also Linen and other Sensitized Materials, n.e.i.; Postcards (sensitized with or without letterpress) - - - ad val. or per square foot whichever rate returns the higher duty.	25 per cent. 1d.	30 per cent. 1¼d.	35 per cent. 1½d.
(4) Lantern Slides; Photographic Backgrounds (mounted or unmounted); Photographs of Australian Subjects; Stereoscopic Views ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(5) Sensitized Blue Print and Heliographic Papers and Fabrics - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(B) Photographic Materials, viz. :— Platinotype Paper, Autotype Paper - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent."
417. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (B) Any article which has been bequeathed or donated to the Public or to any Public Institution, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free."
418. By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— " (2) Clinometers and Prismatic Compasses - ad val.	Free	Free	20 per cent."
427. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :— " (D) Antiques produced at least 100 years prior to the date of importation as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free."
430. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 430. Straw Envelopes - - - - - per 1,000	5s.	22s.	22s."
By adding a new item 431 as follows :— " 431. Fluorspar - - - - - per ton	20s.	25s.	30s."

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And—

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1926 be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Twenty-fifth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the Excise Tariff as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (L) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(L) Spirits for the manufacture of Scents, Toilet Preparations and Essences, subject to Regulations—	
(1) From Australian products exclusively per gallon	17s.
(2) From products which include Australian products to the value of not less than two-thirds of the total value of the ingredients added to the spirit per gallon	20s.
(3) From products which include Australian products to the value of not less than one-third of the total value of the ingredients added to the spirit per gallon	23s.”

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.

8. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE AND ESTIMATES 1927–28].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (*see page 358*), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,300

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, That the item be reduced by £1.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Coleman	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Mann	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill			
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

And the main question being accordingly put, That the first item be agreed to—
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Coleman	Mr. West
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson		
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill			
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Point of Order.—Mr. Scullin raised a Point of Order that the passing of the Closure did not prevent the moving of a further amendment nor necessarily involve the question that the First Item should be put for the decision of the Committee.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the Closure having been carried he was compelled, under the Standing Orders, to put the First Item without further debate or amendment.

Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Scullin having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Bruce moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee proceeded to divide, but there not being any Members on the side of the Noes willing to act as Tellers, the Chairman declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put, That the Ruling be disagreed to—
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. Mann		Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

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Declaration of Estimates as Urgent—Limitation of Debate.—Mr. Bruce having declared that the Estimates of Expenditure were of an urgent nature—

Question—That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Coleman	Mr. West
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson		
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill			
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bruce then moved, That the time allotted for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure shall be—

For I.—The Parliament, II.—The Prime Minister's Department, and III.—The Department of the Treasury, until seven o'clock a.m. this day.

For IV.—The Attorney-General's Department, V.—The Home and Territories Department, and VI.—The Department of Defence, until twelve o'clock noon this day.

For VII.—The Department of Trade and Customs, VIII.—The Department of Works and Railways, IX.—The Department of Health, X.—The Department of Markets and Migration, XI.—Miscellaneous Services, and XII.—War Services Payable out of Revenue, until five o'clock p.m. this day.

For Part 2.—Business Undertakings and Part 3.—Territories of the Commonwealth, and up to and including the reporting of the Resolution to the House, until ten o'clock p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bruce addressing the Committee—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. McGrath moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Yates	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Gullett	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Debate on the motion for allotment of time continued.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) addressing the Committee—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Yates	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Debate on the motion for allotment of time continued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 262A for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson		
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill			
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Vote—" I.—The Parliament, £85,160 ",

Vote—" II.—The Prime Minister's Department, £380,514 ", and

Vote—" III.—The Department of the Treasury, £662,820 "—

Mr. Charlton moved, That the amount of Division No. 2 (House of Representatives) £17,920, be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Coleman	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Makin	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Prowse
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Jackson

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the amount of Division No. 11 (Office of Public Service Board) £42,631, be reduced by £1.

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Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At seven o'clock a.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the

Committee to the fact that the time allotted for Votes I., II., and III. had expired—

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

The further question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—" IV.—The Attorney-General's Department, £154,170 ",

Vote—" V.—The Home and Territories Department, £298,269 ", and

Vote—" VI.—The Department of Defence, £4,713,500 "

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At twelve o'clock noon, the Chairman having called the attention of the

Committee to the fact that the time allotted for Votes IV., V., and VI. had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—" VII.—The Department of Trade and Customs, £884,500 ",

Vote—" VIII.—The Department of Works and Railways, £351,324 ",

Vote—" IX.—The Department of Health, £174,904 ",

Vote—" X.—The Department of Markets and Migration, £88,113 ",

Vote—" XI.—Miscellaneous Services, £2,613,623 ", and

Vote—" XII.—War Services Payable out of Revenue, £1,168,358 "

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the amount of salaries, Division 80 (Tariff Board), £5,433, be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee

to the fact that the time allotted for Votes VII., VIII., IX., X., XI., and XII., had expired—

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put and negatived.

The further question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—" Part 2.—Business Undertakings, £10,626,418 ", and

Vote—" Part 3.—Territories of the Commonwealth, £301,025 "

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for Votes—Parts 2 and 3, and up to and including the reporting of the Resolution to the House, had expired—

Question—That the Votes be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the following resolution be reported to the House:—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1927–28, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £22,502,698.

Part 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

	£
The Parliament	85,160
The Prime Minister's Department	380,514
The Department of the Treasury	662,820
The Attorney-General's Department	154,170
The Home and Territories Department	298,269
The Department of Defence	3,713,500
Special Defence Provision to Cover Developmental Programme	1,000,000
The Department of Trade and Customs	884,500
The Department of Works and Railways	351,324
The Department of Health	174,904
The Department of Markets and Migration	88,113
Miscellaneous Services	313,623
Refunds of Revenue	800,000
Advance to the Treasurer	1,500,000
War Services Payable out of Revenue	1,168,358
Total Part 1	11,575,255

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Part 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.						£
Commonwealth Railways	586,165
Postmaster-General's Department	10,040,253
Total Part 2						10,626,418
Part 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.						
North Australia and Central Australia	..	..	..	..	..	120,630
Federal Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..	113,307
Papua	..	..	..	..	..	52,088
New Guinea	..	..	..	..	..	11,000
Norfolk Island	..	..	..	..	..	4,000
Total Part 3						301,025
Total						22,502,698

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be 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.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.
10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), was adopted by the House.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—ESTIMATES 1927–28.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1927–28.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1927–28, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £12,581,278.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

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.

12. APPROPRIATION BILL 1927–28.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,* ” 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. 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.

(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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HOUSING BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 102.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Housing,* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd November, 1927.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

24th and 25th November, 1927.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CRIMES BILL (1927).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 103.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Crimes Act 1914–1926’*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 25th November, 1927.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

16. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Development and Migration Commission—

Interim Report, with Appendices, on Investigation into Present Position of Tasmania.

Interim Report, with Appendices, relating to the Gold-Mining Industry of Western Australia—

(1) Kalgoorlie ;

(2) Gwalia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Reports on Accounts by the Auditor-General, to 7th April, 1927, and 17th October, 1927.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bowden, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Parker Moloney*, Mr. Rodgers,
Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Thompson.

*On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.