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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1929.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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. Malcolm Cameron, 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 extension of the Installation of Mail-handling Appliances at the General Post Office, Sydney.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—  
Temporary Employment in the Commonwealth Public Service.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. MARITIME INDUSTRIES BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Industrial Matters in relation to Trade and Commerce with other Countries and among the States, and for other purposes.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Air Inquiry Committee in connexion with the flights of Aeroplanes "Southern Cross" and "Kookaburra", March-April, 1929—Report.  
Commonwealth and State Ministers—Conference held at Canberra, May, 1929—Proceedings and Decisions.  
Power Development in Australia—Report by Alex. J. Gibson, M.E., M.Inst. C.E., M.I.E. Aust.  
Shipping—Report of the Overseas Shipping Conference convened by the Right Honorable the Prime Minister of Australia.  
Soldier Settlement—Report by Mr. Justice Pike on losses due to Soldier Settlement.  
South Australia—Report, with Appendices, of the Royal Commission on the Finances of South Australia as affected by Federation.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1929-30.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—  
STONEHAVEN,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 10.*  
In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.  
Canberra, 21st August, 1929.  
STONEHAVEN,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 11.*  
In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.  
Canberra, 21st August, 1929.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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7. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT.]—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech, and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President .. .. £1,300

be agreed to.

Question—proposed.

Ordered, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page—That the consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929–30.

Vote—"Parliament, £3,274"—

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. PAPER.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1929–30—Papers presented by the Right Honorable Earle Page, P.C., M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1929–30.

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

9. 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.)

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

(1) That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1928 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-third day of August, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, 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.
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## DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.

1. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
"1. Ale and other Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry, spirituous :—			
(A) In bulk .. .. . per gallon	2s. 9d.	3s.	4s. 3d.
(B) In bottle* .. .. . per gallon	3s. 3d.	3s. 6d.	6s. 3d.
* Six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon."			
3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
"(A) Brandy—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof .. .. . per gallon	37s.	37s.	38s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof .. .. . per proof gallon	37s.	37s.	38s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
"(B) Whisky, including Liqueur Whisky—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof .. .. . per gallon	37s.	39s.	40s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof .. .. . per proof gallon	37s.	39s.	40s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
"(C) Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit, and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit; Liqueurs and Bitters—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof .. .. . per gallon	37s.	38s.	39s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof .. .. . per proof gallon	37s.	38s.	39s."

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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**DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.—*continued.***

3.—*continued.*

By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(D) Rum, pure, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be pure Rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

32s.	33s.	33s.
32s.	33s.	33s.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(E) Blended Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be Rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified and so blended—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

33s.	34s.	34s.
33s.	34s.	34s.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(G) Other—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

45s.	45s.	45s.
45s.	45s.	45s.”

12. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—

“12. Wine, sparkling\* . . . . . per gallon  
\* Three magnums, six reputed quarts, twelve reputed pints, or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon.”

27s.	27s.	30s.
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13. By omitting the whole of sub-items (A) and (B) and inserting in their stead the following sub-items :—

- “(A) In bulk . . . . . per gallon
- “(B) In bottle† . . . . . per gallon

14s. 6d.	14s. 6d.	16s.
17s.	17s.	20s.”

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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## DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

18. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 18. Tobacco, unmanufactured - - - - - per lb.	6s.	6s.	6s.”
19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 19. Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into Tobacco or Cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory :— (A) Unstemmed - - - - - per lb. (B) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.	2s. 8d. 3s. 2d.	2s. 8d. 3s. 2d.	2s. 8d. 3s. 2d.”
20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i. - - - - - per lb.	6s. 3d.	6s. 3d.	6s. 3d.”
21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 21. Tobacco, manufactured n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels, and other attachments - per lb.	6s.	6s.	6s.”
22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages; Fine Cut Tobacco, suitable for the manufacture of Cigarettes per lb.	12s. 2d.	12s. 8d.	12s. 8d.”
23. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 23. Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into Cigars—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory :— (A) Unstemmed - - - - - per lb. (B) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.	3s. 2d. 3s. 8d.	3s. 2d. 3s. 8d.	3s. 2d. 3s. 8d.”
24. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 24. Cigars, including the weight of bands and ribbons per lb.	12s.	13s.	14s.”

## DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) (1) Artificial Silk, or containing artificial silk or having artificial silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA) and (F) - ad val. (2) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F) - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent. 10 per cent.	30 per cent. 22½ per cent.	35 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 VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.**

229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (c) (1) Petroleum and Shale, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, and other Petroleum or Shale Spirit, n.e.i. per gallon	2½d.	3d.	3d.
(2) Once-run distillate from Crude Petroleum and Crude Petroleum enriched with a distillate from Crude Petroleum, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—on the petrol* content per gallon * Petrol in this item shall include any petroleum distillate having a flashpoint of under 73 degrees Fahrenheit when tested in an Abel Pensky closed test apparatus.	2d.	2d.	2d.
(3) Turpentine Substitutes per gallon	½d.	1d.	1d.”

**DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.**

311. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 311. (A) Bullion and Coin ; Gold and Silver Bar Ingot and Sheet ; Cameos and Intaglios, unset ; Gold and Silver Wire for Embroidery Bullion, Purl ; Coral unmanufactured in any manner whatever (B) Precious stones unset, including Pearls - ad val.	Free 10 per cent.	Free 10 per cent.	Free 10 per cent.”
320. By omitting clause (b) (twice occurring) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following clause :— “ (b) Other . . . . . per lineal foot	Free	2½d.	3d.”

**DIVISION XIV.— VEHICLES.**

359. By omitting from sub-item (D) the whole of paragraph (4) (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers, Bumper Bars, or Sparking Plugs— (a) Unassembled - - - - - ad val. (b) Assembled - - - - - ad val.	Free 5 per cent.	22½ per cent. 30 per cent.	27½ per cent. 35 per cent.”
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and—

(2) That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1928 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-third day of August, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, 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.
1. By omitting the whole of Item 1 and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
"1. Beer—	
(A) Ale, Porter, and other Beer, containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit . . . . .	2s.
(B) Any other fermented liquors n.e.i. containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit which may by Proclamation be declared dutiable under this item . . . . .	2s."
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (A) Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy . . . . .	28s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (B) Blended Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured . . . . .	29s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (C) Apple Brandy, distilled wholly from apple cider and Brandies distilled from other approved fruit juices by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure apple or pure fruit brandy . . . . .	29s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (D) Whisky, distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky . . . . .	28s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (E) Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured . . . . .	30s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (F) Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure rum . . . . .	30s."

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EXCISE DUTIES—*continued.*

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2.— <i>continued.</i>	
By omitting the whole of sub-item (g) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (g) Blended Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be rum so blended and matured	- per proof gallon 31s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (h) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (h) Gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, grape wine, apples, or other approved fruit, and certified by an officer to be pure gin	- per proof gallon 30s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (i) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (i) Liqueurs, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	- per proof gallon 30s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (o) Spirits, n.e.i.	- per proof gallon 40s.”
By adding a new item 11 as follows :—	
“ 11. Petrol, Benzine, Benzol, Benzoline, Gasoline, Naphtha, Pentane, and any Petroleum Shale or Coal Tar distillate having a flash point of under 73 degrees Fahrenheit when tested in an Abel Pensky closed test apparatus	per gallon 1d.”

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.

10. COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Lacey 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.

11. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929–30.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929–30.

Vote—“ Parliament, £3,274 ”—debated and agreed to.

Vote—“ The Department of Home Affairs, £33,000 ”—debated—

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.

12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to External Affairs, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers—

Anglo-Egyptian Treaty—Proposed Details ;

Soviet Union—Proposals for resumption of Diplomatic Relations with the British Empire ;

Reparations—Conclusions of Experts' Committee, 1929 ;

and moved, That the Papers be printed.

Mr. Brennan 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.

13. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929–30.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929–30.

Vote—“ The Department of Home Affairs, £33,000 ”—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—“ The Department of Defence, £71,884 ”—

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.

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

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Scullin.

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