

1929-30.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 78.

FRIDAY, 25TH JULY, 1930.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Dried Fruits Industry—Report by the Honorable J. A. Gunn (Director of Development) on Stabilization Scheme for Currants and Sultanas submitted by the Australian Dried Fruits Association.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. 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 294*), That the first item in the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., under Division I.—The Department of Defence—namely—Naval establishments—Machinery and plant, £1,500, be agreed to, *and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham*, That the first item be reduced by £1.

Want of Quorum—Member directed to return to Chamber.—Mr. Lewis having called the attention of the Chairman to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present, and the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Roland Green) having left the Chamber while the Bells were ringing—The Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 34, instructed the Serjeant-at-Arms to direct the honorable Member to return to the Chamber, and the honorable Member returned to the Chamber, as directed.

A quorum having been formed—

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

25th July, 1930.

(In the Committee.)

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

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1930 as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-sixth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, 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 in this Resolution "Tariff Proposals" means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

19th June, 1930; and
9th July, 1930.

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 X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

291. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:—			
" 291. Timber, viz. :—			
(A) Engravers' Boxwood and Engravers' Maple-wood - - - - - ad. val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.
(B) Hickory, undressed - - - - - ad. val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.
(C) Logs, not sawn, viz. :—			
(1) Cedar the produce of British Borneo ad. val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(2) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad. val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(3) Other - - - - - ad. val.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
(D) Spars, in the rough - - - - - ad. val.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
(E) New Zealand White Pine, undressed, n.e.i., for use in the manufacture of butter boxes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet.	1s.	1s.	1s.
(F) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—Redwood (<i>Sequoia Sempervirens</i>) and Western Red Cedar (<i>Thuja Plicata</i>)—			
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over per 100 super. feet.	3s.	3s.	4s.
(2) In sizes of 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) per 100 super. feet	3s.	4s. 6d.	5s. 6d.
(3) In sizes less than 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent) per 100 super. feet	8s.	9s.	10s.
(G) Timber, undressed, viz. :—			
Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) in sizes 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over, for use underground for mining purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(H) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—			
Other—			
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 10 inches (or its equivalent) and over per 100 super. feet	11s. 6d.	11s. 6d.	12s. 6d.
(2) In sizes of 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 10 inches (or its equivalent) per 100 super. feet	13s.	13s.	14s.
(3) In sizes less than 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent) per 100 super. feet	14s. 6d.	14s. 6d.	15s. 6d.
(I) (1) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes not less than 4 inches in width and not less than 3 inches in thickness for the manufacture of boxes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	1s.	1s.	1s.
(2) Timber, undressed, cut to size for making boxes - - - - - per 100 super. feet	12s.	12s.	12s.
(J) Timber, for making boxes, being cut to size, and dressed or partly dressed per 100 super. feet	14s.	14s.	14s.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division X.—Wood, Wicker, and Cane—*continued.*

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(κ) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i. - ad val.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.
(L) Timber, dressed or moulded, n.e.i., timber tongued or grooved or tongued and grooved; Weatherboards per 100 super. feet	12s.	14s.	20s.
And on and after 1st January, 1931			
(L) Timber, dressed or moulded, n.e.i., timber tongued or grooved or tongued and grooved; Weatherboards per 100 super. feet	23s.	23s.	24s.
(M) Plywood including Plywood veneered with any material:—			
(1) Not exceeding three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness per 100 square feet or ad val.	6s.	6s.	7s.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Exceeding three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness but not exceeding seven-eighths of an inch in thickness per 100 square feet with an additional duty for each one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness in excess of three-sixteenths of an inch per 100 square feet or, as an alternative to the cumulative fixed rates provided above	6s.	6s.	7s.
ad val.	1s. 9d.	1s. 9d.	2s.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.
(3) N.E.I. - ad val.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.
(N) Veneers - ad val.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.

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

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 80.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four 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. Brennan, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Jones, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Tully, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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