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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 82.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ROYAL COMMISSION ON PETROL.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the question of Petroleum Oil.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 - Cigarette Tubes, Paper and Papers.
 - Electric Fans of the household type.
 - Flooring and Wall Tiles.
 - Safety Razor Blades.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 - No. 30 of 1932—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - No. 31 of 1932—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
 - No. 32 of 1932—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 33 of 1932—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 38.
 - Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 39.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (1932) AND AMENDMENT (No. 1)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff of the 13th October, 1932 (pages 355-430) and Amendment (No. 1) of the 8th March, 1933 (pages 535-558).]

Group 1 continued—

Item 240, sub-item (A), debated and agreed to.

Item 241, sub-item (A), agreed to.

Remainder of Division VIII., viz. :—Item 242, sub-items (A), (D), (E), (G) ; Item 243, sub-item (B) ; Item 244, sub-items (A), (C) ; Items 245, 246, 247, 248, 249 ; Item 251, sub-item (B) ; Item 252, sub-item (A) ; Item 253, sub-items (A), (B), (C), (D) ; Item 254, sub-item (A) ; Items 257, 258, 260 ; Item 262, sub-item (A), sub-item (B), paragraph (2), sub-items (F), (G)—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 264, sub-items (A), (B), (C) ; Item 266, sub-items (A), (B) ; Item 268, sub-item (A) ; Item 269, sub-item (D) ; Item 272 ; Item 274, sub-item (A) ; taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 275, sub-items (A), (B), (C), debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Division IX., viz. :—Items 276, 277 ; Item 278, sub-item (A), paragraph (1), sub-items (B), (C), (D) ; Item 279, sub-item (C) ; Item 280, sub-items (A), (C), (D) ; Item 281, sub-items (E), (H), (I), (J), (K), (L) ; Items 282, 283, 284 ; Item 285, sub-item (B) ; Item 286 ; Item 289, sub-item (A), sub-item (B), paragraph (1), sub-item (C) ; Item 290, sub-items (A), (B)—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 291, sub-items (A), (B), sub-item (C), paragraph (1), sub-items (E), (G), debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Division X., viz. :—Item 296, sub-item (B) ; Item 297 ; Item 298, sub-item (A) ; Item 299, sub-item (A) ; Item 300 ; Item 301, sub-items (A), (B), (C) ; Item 303, sub-items (B), (D) ; Item 304—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

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Division XI., viz. :—Items 307, 308 ; Item 310, sub-item (B) ; Items 311, 316, 317 ; Item 318, sub-item (c) ; Item 319, sub-item (B), paragraph (2) ; Item 320, sub-item (A), sub-item (c), paragraph (1), paragraph (2), sub-paragraphs (a), (b) ; Item 321, sub-item (A) ; Item 322—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 323 ; Item 324, sub-item (B), sub-item (c), paragraph (1), sub-item (D) ; Item 327 ; taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 331, sub-item (c), paragraph (1)—

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) of Tariff Item 331 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) of Item 331 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.

Item 332, sub-item (D), agreed to.

Item 334, sub-items (A), (B), (E), sub-item (G), paragraphs (2), (3), sub-items (H), (I), (J), sub-item (O), paragraph (4), sub-item (R), sub-item (S), paragraph (2) ; sub-items (T), (V) ; debated and agreed to.

Item 337, sub-item (A) ; Item 338, sub-item (B) ; Item 339 ; Item 340, sub-item (D) ; Items 344, 345 ; taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 346, sub-items (A), (E), debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Division XIII., viz. :—Items 347, 348, 349—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 352, sub-item (A), paragraph (2), sub-item (c) ; Item 354, sub-item (B) ; Item 358, sub-item (A), taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 359, sub-item (c), paragraph (1), sub-item (D), paragraphs (1), (2), sub-item (E), debated, and sub-item (c), paragraph (1), sub-item (D), paragraphs (1), (2), agreed to.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That sub-item (E) be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put and negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Item 360 ; Item 366, sub-item (B) ; agreed to.

Item 366, sub-item (B), agreed to.

Items 368, 370, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 371 debated and agreed to.

New item—

On the motion of Mr. White, the following new Item 371A was inserted :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">On and after 23rd March, 1933</p> <p>371A. Articles imported, or purchased in bond, for the official use of the Representative in the Commonwealth of Australia of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and declared as being for such official use ; Articles and personal effects owned and imported by Officers of the British Civil Service on the staff of the Representative in the Commonwealth of Australia of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, provided such goods are imported within six months of the arrival of such official or within such further time as the Minister may allow</p>	Free	Free

Item 372 agreed to.

Item 373 ; Item 374, sub-item (A) ; Item 375, sub-item (A) ; Item 376, sub-item (G) ; Items 377, 378, 379 ; Item 380, sub-item (A), paragraph (2) ; Item 381, sub-items (A), (B), (C) ; Items 382, 383 ; Item 384, sub-item (B) ; Items 385, 387 ; Item 388, sub-item (A) ; Item 389 ; Item 390, sub-item (B) ; Item 391 ; Item 392, sub-item (B) ; Item 394, sub-items (A), (B) ; Items 395, 396 ; Item 397, sub-items (C), (D), (E) ; Item 399 ; Item 400, sub-item (A) ; Items 401, 402 ; taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 403, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>403. Manures :—</p> <p>(A) Superphosphates manufactured within the British Empire from rock phosphates produced within the British Empire including any territory administered under mandate by any part of the British Empire</p> <p>(B) Superphosphates n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.</p> <p>(C) N.E.I. - - - - -</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>10 per cent.</p> <p>Free</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>25 per cent.</p> <p>Free</p>

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following sub-item :—“ And on and after 23rd March, 1933

(D) Nitrogenous and other fertilizers—Free (British Preferential Tariff)—Free (General Tariff).”

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Gregory
Sir Littleton Groom
Mr. Hill
Mr. Martens
Mr. McClelland
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. William Watson

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter
Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 38.

Mr. Baker	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Marr
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Gander	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. James	
Mr. Jennings	Tellers:
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Latham	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 405, 406, 407 ; Item 408, sub-item (B) ; Item 409 ; Item 410, sub-items (B), (C), (D) ; Items 411, 412, 414, 415 ; Item 415A, paragraph (1) ; Items 416, 417, 418 ; Item 419, sub-item (B) ; Items 421, 422, 423 ; taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 424—

Sub-items (C), (E), agreed to.

Sub-item (F), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(F) (1) Vessels not exceeding 500 tons gross register owned and registered in Australia on the 30th November, 1911	Free	Free
(2) Vessels exceeding 500 tons gross register owned and registered in Australia on the 30th June, 1923	Free	Free
(3) Vessels, n.e.i., exceeding 500 tons gross register but not exceeding 1,000 tons gross register in respect of which firm orders were placed with oversea suppliers by an Australian purchaser before the 22nd November, 1929, and which were entered at an Australian port prior to the 22nd February, 1931	Free	Free

On the motion of Mr. White, the sub-item was amended, by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 9th March, 1933 (F) (1) Vessels not exceeding 500 tons gross register owned and registered in Australia on 30th November, 1911	Free	Free
(2) Vessels exceeding 500 tons gross register owned and registered in Australia on or before the 13th October, 1932	Free	Free ”.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (G) agreed to.

Remainder of Division XVI., viz. :—Item 426, sub-item (A) ; Item 427, sub-items (A), (B), (D) ; Items 428, 429, 430, 431 ; Item 432, sub-item (C)—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Mr. White moved, That the consideration of the remaining items other than those specified in Group 2 in the Customs Tariff memorandum (showing rates of duty under various Tariff proposals) circulated by the Minister for Trade and Customs, be postponed until after the consideration of the items specified in Group 2.

Question—put and passed.

Group 2.—Items which have been amended in accordance with the Ottawa Agreement but not otherwise amended.

Item 11, sub-item (A), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
11. (A) Amyl Acetate and Ethyl Acetate, non-spirituous - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.

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Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (A) of Item 11 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (A) of Item 11 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 23 agreed to.

Item 44, sub-item (A), sub-item (c), paragraph (1) ; Item 51, sub-item (c), paragraph (3), sub-item (D) ; taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 52, sub-item (A), debated—

Mr. Forde moved, That the sub-item be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Ward	Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton		Mr. Dennis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Martens	Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Scholfield
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Stacey
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Lane	
		Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Marr	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Maxwell	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the sub-item be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Baker	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Martens	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Stacey		
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Frederick Stewart		
Mr. Lane			
Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Marr	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Maxwell			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item 56, sub-item (E)—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. Lane called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time,

Mr. Speaker thereupon, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holman, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. Earle Page*, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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