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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 96.

THURSDAY, 4TH MAY, 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. PETROL COMMISSION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a third time. Mr. Anstey proposing to move, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House—*Speaker's Ruling*.—Mr. Speaker ruled that such a motion would not be in order after the motion had been made "That the Bill be now read a third time".
Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
3. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (1932) AND AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1 AND 2)].—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), Amendment (No. 1) of the 8th March, 1933 (pages 535-558), and Amendment (No. 2) of the 28th April, 1933 (page 625).

Group 6 continued—

Item 180, sub-items (b), (c); sub-item (e), paragraphs (3), (5), (6), (17), (22), (23), (25), (26), (as amended); sub-item (κ), (see pages 623-625), further considered.

Debate continued.

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 (κ) of Item 180 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (κ) of Item 180 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Sub-items and paragraphs, as amended, agreed to.

Item 184, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
184. Washers and Rivets, copper - - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	60 per cent.

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to Item 184 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of Item 184 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Mr. Prowse moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the rates of duty be reduced to 15 per cent. (British Preferential Tariff) and 35 per cent. (General Tariff).

Debate ensued.

Amendment upon proposed amendment negatived.

Original amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 190, sub-items (b), (c), agreed to.

Item 194 agreed to.

Item 206, sub-item (b), agreed to.

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Item 208, sub-item (c), viz. :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) Mortice Locks, Mortice Lock Sets, Rim Locks - - ad val.	55 per cent.	75 per cent.

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (c) of Item 208 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (c) of Item 208 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 209 debated and agreed to.

Item 211 agreed to.

Item 219 debated and agreed to.

Item 220, sub-item (B), viz. :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
220. Traps, viz. :— (B) Rabbit - - - - - per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	10s. 45 per cent.	15s. 65 per cent.

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (B) of Item 220 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (B) of Item 220 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 226 agreed to.

Item 237, sub-items (A), (B), debated and agreed to.

Item 239 agreed to.

Items 241, sub-items (B), (C), debated and agreed to.

Item 242, sub-items (B), (C), viz. :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
242. Glass, viz. :— (B) Sheet, viz. :—Plain Clear - - - per 100 square feet and in respect to sub-item (B) a deferred duty as follows :— on and after 1st June, 1933	2s.	4s.
(B) Sheet, viz. :—Plain Clear - - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	60 per cent.
(C) Sheet, viz. :—Figured Rolled, Cathedral, Milled Rolled, Rough Cast and Wired Cast - - - per square foot or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	2d. 40 per cent.	3d. 60 per cent.

Mr. Gregory moved, That sub-item (B) be amended by omitting " 1933 " and inserting " 1934 ".

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the further consideration of the sub-items be postponed until after the remainder of Group 6.

Question—put and passed.

Item 250, sub-items (B), (C), (E), (F), debated and agreed to.

Item 251, sub-item (A), agreed to.

Item 262, sub-item (B), paragraph (1), sub-items (C), (D), agreed to.

Item 281, sub-item (A), paragraph (3), agreed to.

Item 298, sub-item (B), agreed to.

Item 299, sub-item (B), agreed to.

Item 306, viz. :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
306. Photograph Frames, Stands for Pictures, and Picture Frames, on pictures or otherwise, of any material— (A) The value for duty of which does not exceed 1s. 3d. each ad val.	65 per cent.	75 per cent.
(B) The value for duty of which exceeds 1s. 3d. each - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	3s. 65 per cent.	4s. 75 per cent.

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Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to Item 306 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of Item 306 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Item 319, sub-item (A), paragraphs (5), (6), agreed to.

Item 332, sub-items (A), (B) (as to part), (C), (F), (G), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
332. (A) Rubber Syringes, Enemas, Injection Bottles, Urinals, Air and Water Beds, Air Cushions and Pillows, and cut-sheet Surgical Tubing - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.
(B) Rubber Manufactures n.e.i. and articles wholly or partly of rubber, viz. :—Bandages, Elastic Stockings, Leggings, Knee Caps, Thigh-pieces and Wristlets, Hat-makers' Press Bags and Rings, Gas Bags, Soles, Pads, and Heels, Cash Mats, Rubbered Tyre Fabric, Tyre Rubber, Photographic Accessories of Rubber not being integral parts of cameras; Cycle Tube and Motor Car Tube Repair Outfits - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.
(c) Floor Coverings and Floor and Carriage Mats of Rubber - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.
(F) Rubber Gloves including Surgeons' - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.
(G) Hot Water Bags - - - - - per lb.	1s.	1s. 6d.
	or ad val.	55 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		

Mr. Guy 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 332 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (A) of Item 332 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Guy moved, That sub-item (B) be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(3) Infants' Soothers and Teats; Valves and Nipples for bottles - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent."

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (c) of Item 332 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (c) of Item 332 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (G) of Item 332 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (G) of Item 332 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Sub-items, as amended, agreed to.

Item 333, sub-item (A), paragraph (1), debated and agreed to.

Item 341 agreed to.

Item 342, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
342. Black Printing Ink, the current domestic value of which in the country of export does not exceed 6d. per lb., in packages containing not less than 1 cwt. - - - - - per lb. or ad val.	2d. 50 per cent.	3d. 70 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to Item 342 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of Item 342 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

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Item 343 debated and agreed to.
 Item 359, sub-item (B), paragraph (2), agreed to.
 Item 374, sub-item (D), paragraphs (2), (3), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
374. (D) Packings, viz. :—		
(2) Felt - - - - - ad val.	60 per cent.	75 per cent.
(3) Other - - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	60 per cent.

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to paragraphs (2) and (3) of sub-item (D) of Item 374 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of paragraphs (2) and (3) of sub-item (D) of Item 374 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.
 Paragraphs, as amended, agreed to.
 Item 376, sub-items (B), (E), (F), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
376. Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks, Purses, Wallets, with or without fittings, viz. :—		
(B) Bags, hand n.e.i., sporting, travelling : Baskets, sporting, travelling, picnic ; Cases, toilet, dressing, travelling ; Trunks, travelling ; Companions, Reticules, Satchels, Valises - - - - - ad val.	50 per cent.	70 per cent.
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Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (B) of Item 376 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (B) of Item 376 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 Sub-items, as amended, agreed to.
 Item 392, sub-item (C), debated and agreed to.
 Item 394, sub-item (D), debated and agreed to.
 Item 424, sub-item (B), paragraph (2), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
424. Vessels, including all fittings imported therewith, viz. :—		
(B) Vessels, n.e.i., trading intrastate or interstate or any continuous period of three months or otherwise employed in Australian waters for any continuous period of three months—		
(2) Exceeding 1,000 tons gross register excepting such vessels in respect of which firm orders were placed with oversea suppliers before the 14th October, 1932, and which are entered at an Australian port before the 14th January, 1934 - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.

Mr. Guy moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) of Item 424 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) of Item 424 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.
 Item 433 agreed to.

Group 2—

Item 331, sub-item (C), postponed paragraph (2)—
 Ordered to be further postponed.

Group 6—

Item 242, postponed sub-items (B), (C)—
 Ordered to be further postponed.

Mr. White moved, That the consideration of the remaining items other than those specified in Group 7 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 7.

Question—put and passed.

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Group 7.—Items amended by the Scullin Government which are not supported by Tariff Board reports.

Item 27 agreed to.

Item 38—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Casey	Mr. Makin
Mr. Roland Green		Mr. Dennis	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Hill	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Gander	Mr. Perkins
Mr. McClelland	Mr. McNicoll	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
		Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. White
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. E. O. Riley
		Mr. Latham	

And so it was negatived.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Dein, Mr. Forde, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Marr, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Thorby.

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