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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 90.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Wheat, Flour and Bread Industries—Royal Commission—Third, Fourth and Fifth Reports. Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. J. V. Fairbairn rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The alarming growth of imports from the United States of America, which, in view of Australia's general trade balance position, is a grave menace to trade with the United Kingdom and good customer nations and consequently to our export industries".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Fairbairn moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 38.
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, Nos. 36, 37.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5), CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (NO. 5), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 3)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariffs* 1933 as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the second day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, 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 Tariffs* 1933 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:—

28th November, 1935; and
20th March, 1936.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Item.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			

157. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— " 157. Barbed Wire per ton And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of per ton	Free 2s.	160s. 	160s. .. "
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1st April, 1936.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 5).

That, on and after the second day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934* as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and on the twentieth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, be further amended as follows:—

by omitting "157".

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934* as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the second day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, 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 accordance with the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934* as so amended.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.	
By adding a new item as follows:—	
"157. Barbed wire - - - - - per ton	50s.
And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—	
An additional duty of - - - - - per ton	2s."

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (Nos. 3, 4 AND 5)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff Amendments of the 28th November, 1935 (pages 375-456), of the 20th March, 1936 (pages 536-538) and of the 1st April, 1936 (page 561)].

Item 242 debated and agreed to.

Item 250, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
* * * * *	*	*	*
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
"(B) Articles of cut glass, including bottles decanters flasks and jars of cut glass empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty and lamps and lampware of cut glass, but not including articles of etched or engraved glass - ad val.	15 per cent.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (B)—			
For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—			
An additional duty of - - - - - ad val.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
"(C) Glassware n.e.i. - - - - - per dozen pieces ad val.	5 per cent.	1s. 40 per cent.	1s. 50 per cent.
or { And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—			
An additional duty of - - - - - ad val.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty."			
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1st April, 1936.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (B) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 2nd April, 1936</p> <p>(B) Articles of cut glass, including bottles decanters flasks and jars of cut glass empty or containing goods not subject to an ad valorem duty and lamps and lampware of cut glass, but not including articles of etched or engraved glass - ad val.</p> <p>And in respect of sub-item (B)—</p> <p>For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—</p> <p>An additional duty of - - - - - ad val.</p> <p>For the purposes of sub-item (B) the term ‘cut glass’ is defined as covering glassware in which the cut patterns or designs have been subjected to any process designed to produce a polished finish.”</p>	15 per cent.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.
<p>An additional duty of - - - - - ad val.</p>	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. White moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (c) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 2nd April, 1936</p> <p>(c) Glassware n.e.i. - - - - - per dozen pieces ad val.</p> <p>or { And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—</p> <p>An additional duty of - - - - - ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”</p>	5 per cent.	40 per cent.	1s. 50 per cent.
<p>An additional duty of - - - - - ad val.</p>	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.

Question—put and passed.

Item (with amendment of 20th March, 1936, incorporated), as amended, agreed to.

Items 252, 253, 254 and 255 agreed to.

Item 259—

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 20th March, 1936, relating to Item 259 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 21st March, 1936, in lieu of Item 259 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 28th November, 1935.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 266, 269, 270, 271 and 274 agreed to.

Item 278 debated and agreed to.

Items 279, 280 and 281 agreed to.

Item 283, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>283. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—</p> <p>“ 283. Sulphate of Copper - - - - - per ton</p> <p>And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—</p> <p>An additional duty of - - - - - per ton</p>	£1 10s.	£8 10s.	£8 10s.
<p>An additional duty of - - - - - per ton</p>	1s. 7d.	1s. 7d.	1s. 7d.”

Mr. White moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 2nd April, 1936</p> <p>283. Sulphate of Copper - - - - - per ton</p> <p>And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—</p> <p>An additional duty of - - - - - per ton</p>	£1 10s.	£5	£8 10s.
<p>An additional duty of - - - - - per ton</p>	1s. 7d.	1s. 7d.	1s. 7d.”

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 285 debated and agreed to.

Items 290, 291, 305 and 310 agreed to.

Item 318 debated and agreed to.

1st April, 1936.

Item 319, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
319. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) (1) Records for Gramophones, Phonographs and other talking machines, viz. :— (a) For use in conjunction with films admissible under Item 320 (c) (2) (b) (1) - * * * * *	Free *	Free *	Free *

Mr. White moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(a) For use in conjunction with films admissible under Item 320 (c) (2) (b) - “ And on and after 2nd April, 1936	Free	Free	Free.”

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 320 agreed to.

Item 324 debated and agreed to.

Item 325 agreed to.

Item 328 debated and agreed to.

Item 329, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
329. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 329. Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Clogs, Pattens, and other footwear (of any material), n.e.i.; boot and shoe uppers and tops (except of felt); cork, leather, or other socks or soles n.e.i. ad val. And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - - ad val.	25 per cent. .4 per cent.	55 per cent. .4 per cent.	60 per cent. .4 per cent.”

Mr. White moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
329. Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Clogs, Pattens, and other footwear (of any material), n.e.i.; boot and shoe uppers and tops (except of felt); cork, leather, or other socks or soles n.e.i. - - - ad val. And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - - ad val.	25 per cent. .4 per cent.	45 per cent. .4 per cent.	60 per cent. .4 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. John Lawson
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McCall
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. James
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

1st and 2nd April, 1936.

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

Ayes, 22.		.	Noes, 32.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin		Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy		Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan		Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear		Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Ward		Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Curtin	Mr. D. O. Watkins		Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Drakeford			Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Frost			Sir Littleton Groom	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson		Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby
Mr. James			Mr. Holt	Mr. White
			Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers:</i>
			Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
			Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thompson
			Mr. Lane	

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 381 agreed to.

Item 389—

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 20th March, 1936, relating to Item 389 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 21st March, 1936, in lieu of Item 389 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 28th November, 1935.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 390 agreed to.

Item 392 debated and agreed to.

Items 393, 394 and 418 agreed to.

Item 419, viz. :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
* * * * *	*	*	*
By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows :—			
“(E) (1) X-ray Apparatus and Accessories (imported separately or otherwise), viz. :—Electrically Operated Timers; Tube Shields; Meters; Bucky Fluoroscopic Grids; Fluorescent Screens; Intensifying Screens; Sheet Lead Glass; Eye Localizers; X-ray Spectacles; Fluoroscopic Spectacles; Condensers; Dosimeters and fittings and accessories therefor; X-ray tube holders of the shock-proof type for use in deep therapy units - ad val.	Free	20 per cent.	20 per cent.
(2) X-ray Transformers (imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of any goods), to be dutiable at the rates specified in item 179 (D) (2).			
(3) X-ray Apparatus and Accessories (including control stands) n.e.i. - ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	42½ per cent.
And in respect of paragraph (3)—			
For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—			
An additional duty of - ad val.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.”
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Debate ensued.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 20th March, 1936, relating to sub-item (D) of Item 419 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 21st March, 1936, in lieu of sub-item (D) of Item 419 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 28th November, 1936.

Question—put and passed.

1st and 2nd April, 1936.

Mr. White moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (E) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 2nd April, 1936</p> <p>(E) (1) X-ray Apparatus and Accessories (imported separately or otherwise), viz. :—Electrically Operated Timers ; Tube Shields ; Meters ; Bucky Fluoroscopic Grids ; Fluorescent Screens ; Intensifying Screens ; Sheet Lead Glass ; Eye Localizers ; X-ray Spectacles ; Fluoroscopic Spectacles ; Condensers ; Dosimeters and fittings and accessories therefor ; X-ray tube holders of the shock-proof type for use in deep therapy units - ad val.</p> <p>(2) X-ray Transformers (imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of any goods), to be dutiable at the rates specified in item 179 (D) (2).</p> <p>(3) X-ray Apparatus and Accessories (including X-ray control stands and X-ray examining tables) n.e.i. - ad val.</p> <p>And in respect of paragraph (3)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - - ad val.</p>	Free	20 per cent.	20 per cent.
	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	42½ per cent.
	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.”

Question—put and passed.

Item (with amendment of 20th March, 1936, incorporated), as amended, further debated and agreed to.

Item 439 agreed to.

Item 157 debated and agreed to.

Postponed Item 234, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>234. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—</p> <p>“ (A) Portland Cement - - - - - per cwt.</p> <p>And in respect of sub-item (A)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - - per cwt.</p>	Free	1s.	1s. 4½d.
	.36d.	.36d.	.36d.”

Mr. White moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 2nd April, 1936</p> <p>(A) Portland Cement - - - - - per cwt.</p>	6d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 6d.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs (1.) to (7.) agreed to.

Mr. White moved, That the following be added to the preliminary paragraphs :—

“ (8.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution, Duties of Customs collected in accordance with these proposals as introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, in respect of goods the rate of duty on which, as specified in the proposals as so introduced, is disagreed with by the House of Representatives, shall, where the duty is collected prior to the first day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, be deemed to have been the duties lawfully imposed in respect of those goods as at the time of collection and such duties shall be deemed to have been lawfully imposed and collected.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Prefatory Note (12) agreed to.

Postponed matter with reference to the explanatory note to the heading of Division VI. agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

Mr. White moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

1st and 2nd April, 1936.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. White, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. White and Mr. Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1936).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. White 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. White, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to two o'clock in the morning, 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. Albert Green*, Mr. E. F. Harrison*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Thomas Paterson, and Mr. Scullin.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.