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WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE.

WEEK ENDED 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

No. 41.—*Tariff Resolutions (continued)—New Zealand and Commonwealth Reciprocity.*—Committee of Ways and Means.

RESOLUTION PROPOSED ON 30TH AUGUST, 1906.

That, in order to give effect to an agreement entered into between the Governments of the Colony of New Zealand and of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the object of promoting trade and intercourse between their respective countries as a means of closer union, in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902, there shall be imposed from the 30th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m. Victorian time, duties of Customs in accordance with the Schedule attached hereto.

That any exemptions, as also all reductions of duty, in the said Schedule, though provisionally taking effect on and after the aforesaid date, shall not be actually allowed unless and until the said agreement is ratified and brought into operation pursuant to statute, but in the meantime the duties heretofore chargeable shall continue to be levied and paid subject to refund or adjustment when such statute is passed.

THE SCHEDULE.

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—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted after the word "That" (*first occurring*):—

"while affirming the desirability of a commercial treaty with New Zealand, this House requests the Prime Minister to endeavour to negotiate a treaty covering a wider range of duties and confining the preference to a mutual reduction of existing duties."

—(Mr. Joseph Cook.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. R. Edwards,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Deakin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Bruce Smith.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. McWilliams,		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Salmon,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Spence,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Storrer,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Tudor,
		Mr. Harper,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkinson,
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilson.
		Mr. Knox,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Carpenter,
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook.
		Mr. Mauger,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 42.—*Tariff Resolutions (continued)*—*New Zealand and Commonwealth Reciprocity*.—Committee of Ways and Means.

RESOLUTION PROPOSED ON 30TH AUGUST, 1906.

That, in order to give effect to an agreement entered into between the Governments of the Colony of New Zealand and of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the object of promoting trade and intercourse between their respective countries as a means of closer union, in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902, there shall be imposed from the 30th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m. Victorian time, duties of Customs in accordance with the Schedule attached hereto.

That any exemptions, as also all reductions of duty, in the said Schedule, though provisionally taking effect on and after the aforesaid date, shall not be actually allowed unless and until the said agreement is ratified and brought into operation pursuant to statute, but in the meantime the duties heretofore chargeable shall continue to be levied and paid subject to refund or adjustment when such statute is passed.

THE SCHEDULE.

—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted after the word "That" (*first occurring*):—
"provided that on imports the product of the United Kingdom there shall be collected no additional duty to that required to be collected by the Customs Tariff Act of 1902."

—(Mr. Kelly.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Culpin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Bruce Smith,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Salmon,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Storrer,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Higgins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Knox,	Mr. Tudor.
		Sir William Lyne,	

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

No. 43.—*Tariff Resolutions (continued)*—*British Preference*.—Committee of Ways and Means.

RESOLUTION PROPOSED ON 30TH AUGUST, 1906—(as amended).

IMPORT DUTIES.

Resolved, with a view of giving preference to the United Kingdom—That \wedge in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 on the items shown in the attached schedule, duties of Customs shall from the 30th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m. Victorian time, be imposed as follows :—

THE SCHEDULE.

—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted after the word "That" :—
"the following words, viz.:—'and a further addition of 10 per cent. on such market value' in section 154 of the Customs Act, shall not apply to goods the product of and shipped to Australia from the United Kingdom."

—(Mr. Joseph Cook.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,		Mr. Culpin,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Kelly.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Bruce Smith,		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Dugald Thomson.		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Kennedy,	
		Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Carpenter,
		Mr. McCay,	Mr. Hume Cook.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 44.—*Tariff Resolutions (continued)*—*British Preference*.—Committee of Ways and Means.

RESOLUTION PROPOSED ON 30TH AUGUST, 1906—(as amended).

IMPORT DUTIES.

Resolved, with a view of giving preference to the United Kingdom—That \wedge in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 on the items shown in the attached schedule, duties of Customs shall from the 30th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m. Victorian time, be imposed as follows :—

THE SCHEDULE.

—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted after the word "That" :—
"this House affirms the desirability of establishing a system of Preferential Trade with Great Britain on the basis of conceding Tariff reductions on all dutiable imports of British manufacture coming into the Commonwealth of Australia."

—(Mr. Johnson.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Johnson,		Mr. Culpin,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Lee.	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Bruce Smith,		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Frazer,	
		Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it passed in the negative.