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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2 and Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution in regard to Duties of Excise on Spirits.
On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House ordered that the Resolution be now recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means for reconsideration.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the Resolution referred to it, and had agreed to further amendments therein.
Ordered—That the Resolution be considered at once.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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5. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—EXCISE DUTIES ON SPIRITS.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

EXCISE DUTIES ON SPIRITS.

Resolved—That in lieu of the duties of Excise imposed by the Excise Tariff 1902 on Spirits, duties of Excise shall from the 17th day of August, 1906, be imposed upon spirits as follows :—

EXCISE DUTIES.

Dutiable Goods.	Duties.
SPIRITS, VIZ. :—	
(1) Brandy, distilled wholly from grape wine by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy per proof gallon	10s.
(2) Blended wine brandy, distilled from grape wine, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period not less than two years and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured per proof gallon	11s.
(3) Blended spirits, distilled partly from grape wine and partly from grain, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process, at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period not less than two years and certified by an officer to be spirits so blended and matured per proof gallon	12s.
(4) Whisky, distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky... .. . per proof gallon	10s.
(5) Blended whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured per proof gallon	11s.
(6) Rum, distilled from molasses by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure rum per proof gallon	12s.
(7) Gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, or grape wine, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure gin per proof gallon	12s.
(8) Spirits n.e.i. per proof gallon	13s.
(9) Spirit for industrial or scientific purposes, subject to regulations per proof gallon	13s.
(10) Methylated spirits, subject to regulations... .. .	Free.
(11) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, to be used subject to regulations per proof gallon	6d.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, by leave, read a second time and adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

6. EXCISE TARIFF (1906 BILL).—Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff 1902'* " and moved, That it now be read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. SPIRITS BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Spirits.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled " *A Bill for an Act relating to Spirits,* " and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned 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. Chanter Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.