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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business.
3. CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Sir William Lyne, pursuant to an Order of the House made yesterday, 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 resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.
4. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—IMPORT DUTIES ON STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of certain Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, the said Resolutions were read, and are as follow:—

IMPORT DUTIES.

Resolved—That 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 28th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, be imposed as follows:—

		SCHEDULE.				
Items.						Duties.
		<i>Fixed Rates.</i>				
Stripper Harvesters	each, £16; and on and after 7th September, 1906, each, £12.
Strippers	each, £8; and on and after 7th September, 1906, each, £6.
Metal parts of Stripper Harvesters and Strippers	per lb., 2½d.; and on and after 7th September, 1906, per lb., 1¾d.
		<i>Ad Valorem Rates</i>				
Stump Jump Ploughs	} ad valorem, 25 per cent.
Disc Cultivators	
Winnowers, horse and other power	
Combined Corn Sheller Husker and Bugger	
Combined Corn Sheller and Husker	} ad valorem, 25 per cent., on and after 7th September, 1906.
Fertilizers and Seed Drills	
Ploughs, other	} ad valorem, 20 per cent.
Plough Shares	
Harrows	
Chaff Cutters and Horse Gear	
Cultivators other than Disc	
Scarifiers	
Plough Mould Boards	
Corn Shellers	
Corn Huskers	

The following goods shall be free of Customs duty:—

Manufactures of Metal, viz.—

- Hand-worked Rakes and Ploughs combined,
- Hay Tedders,
- Maize Harvesters,
- Maize Binders,
- Maize Planters,
- Mould Board Plates in the rough and not cut into snape,
- Potato Sorters,
- Potato Raisers or Diggers.

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Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Resolutions be recommitted for the reconsideration of the item, Fertilizers and Seed Drills.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, adopted by the House.

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

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF [STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.] BILL (1906).—Sir William Lyne 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 resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

Ordered—That the Resolutions be considered forthwith.

Mr. Batchelor also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—EXCISE DUTIES ON STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow:—

Resolved—That Duties of Excise shall, from the first day of January, 1907, be imposed on the dutiable goods hereunder specified as follows:—

EXCISE DUTIES.

Dutiable Goods.						Duties.
<i>Fixed Rates.</i>						
Stripper Harvesters	...	...	...	each		£6
Strippers	...	...	...	each		£3
Metal parts of Stripper Harvesters and Strippers	...	...	...	per lb.		8d.
<i>Ad Valorem Rates.</i>						
Stump Jump Ploughs	...	...	...	} <i>ad valorem</i>		12½ per cent.
Disc Cultivators	...	...	...
Winnowers, Horse and other power	...	...	...
Combined Corn Sheller Husker and Bagger	...	...	...
Combined Corn Sheller and Husker	...	...	...	} <i>ad valorem</i>		12½ per cent.
Drills—						
Fertilizer	...	...	...	} <i>ad valorem</i>		12½ per cent.
Seed	...	...	...
Grain	...	...	...
and attachments thereto	...	...	...	} <i>ad valorem</i>		10 per cent.
Ploughs, other	...	...	...
Plough Shares	...	...	...
Harrows	...	...	...
Chaffcutters and Horse Gear	...	...	...
Cultivators other than Disc	...	...	...
Scarifiers	...	...	...
Plough Mould Boards	...	...	...
Corn Shellers	...	...	...
Corn Huskers	...	...	...
<i>Exemptions.</i>						
Hand-worked Rakes and Ploughs combined.						
Hay Tedders.						
Maize Harvesters.						
Maize Birders.						
Maize Planters.						
Mould Board Plates in the rough and not cut into shape.						
Potato Sorters.						
Potato Raisers or Diggers.						

Provided that this Resolution shall not apply to goods manufactured by any person in any part of the Commonwealth under conditions as to the remuneration of labour which—

- (a) are declared by resolution of both Houses of the Parliament to be fair and reasonable; or
 (b) are in accordance with an industrial award under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*; or

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- (c) are in accordance with the terms of an industrial agreement filed under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*; or
- (d) are in accordance with terms which in the opinion of the Minister are fair and reasonable; or
- (e) are, on an application made for the purpose to the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, declared to be fair and reasonable by him or by a Judge of the Supreme Court of a State or any person or persons who compose a State Industrial Authority to whom he may refer the matter; or
- (f) in the case of goods manufactured before the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and seven, are either as advantageous to the workers as the standard conditions at the place of manufacture, or are declared by the President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or by a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State in which the goods are manufactured, or by the Minister, to be fair and reasonable.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, adopted by the House.

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

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF [STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.] BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House adopted the Report.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

9. EXCISE TARIFF [STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.] BILL (1906).—Sir William Lyne, pursuant to an Order of the House made this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

10. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence—

1. Instructions of the Minister for Defence to Captain W. R. Creswell, C.M.G., Director of the Naval Forces, relative to his visit to England to inquire into the latest Naval developments;

2. Report of the Director of the Naval Forces on visit to England, 1906.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next 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. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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