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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 68.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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.  
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Report to be adopted and a Bill to be passed through all its stages without delay.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—SOUTH AFRICAN PREFERENCE.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—  
*Resolved*—That, from the first day of October, 1906, at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, Duties of Customs on the dutiable goods specified in the Schedule shall, when those goods are imported from, and are the produce or manufacture of any of the British South African Colonies or Protectorates which are included within the South African Customs Union, be in accordance with the rates specified in the fourth column of the said Schedule :  
Provided that nothing in this Resolution shall have the effect of imposing any duty on any goods which are free of, or exempt from, duty under the Customs Tariff 1902.

## THE SCHEDULE.

“N.E.I.” means not elsewhere included in this Schedule or the Customs Tariff 1902.

“Proof” has reference to spirit of a strength equal to that of pure ethyl alcohol compounded with distilled water so that the resultant mixture at a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit, has a specific gravity of 0·9198 as compared with that of distilled water at the same temperature.

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## IMPORT DUTIES on goods produced or manufactured in the Colonies or Protectorates comprising the South African Customs Union.

1st Column. No. of item in the Customs Tariff 1902.	2nd Column. Dutiable Goods.	3rd Column. Rates of Duty under the Customs Tariff 1902.	4th Column. Rates of Duty under this Schedule.
—	Angora Hair ... ..	Free	Free
Div. XI. (e)	Diamonds unset ... ..	Free	Free
14	Butter and Cheese ... .. per lb.	3d.	
18	Confectionery, n.e.i., including bon-bons and mixed packets of confectionery containing trinkets (gross weight), sugar candy, cachous, and fruits crystallized or candied ... .. per lb.	2d.	
23(D)	Fodder ... .. per cental	2s. 6d.	
24	Hay and Chaff... .. per cwt.	1s.	
	Grain—		
22	Oats ... .. per cental	1s. 6d.	
22	Wheat ... .. per cental	1s. 6d.	
23(c)	Bran ... .. per cental	1s.	
23(D)	Flour ... .. per cental	2s. 6d.	
25	Jams, and Jellies . . . . . per lb.	1½d.	
121	Leather, n.e.i., including Green-hide for belting purposes <i>ad val.</i>	15 per cent.	
	Machinery—		
78(A)	(A) Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural Machinery and Implements, n.e.i., including Shares and Plough Plates cut to shape, Horse Gears; and Road-making Ploughs, Scoops, Horse Road Rollers, and Machines ... .. <i>ad val.</i>	12½ per cent.	Rates imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 less 25 per cent.
78(F)	(F) Mining Machinery n.e.i. ... .. <i>ad val.</i>	12½ per cent.	
36	Meats, Fish, Poultry, and Game:—		
36(A)	(A) Fresh, Smoked, or Preserved by cold process ... per lb.	1d.	
36(B)	(B) Potted or Concentrated, including Extracts of, and Caviare ... .. <i>ad val.</i>	20 per cent.	
36(c)	(c) Preserved in tins or other air-tight vessels, including the weight of contents ... .. per lb.	1½d.	
36(E)	(E) Preserved Fish in tins or other air-tight vessels, including the weight of liquids ... .. per lb.	1d.	
36(F)	(F) N.E.I. ... .. per cwt.	5s.	
37	Milk—Preserved ... .. per lb.	1d.	
	Timber, viz.:—		
110(A)	(A) Architraves, Mouldings, and Skirtings of any material per 100 lineal feet ... ..	5s.	
110(B)	(B) Timber, Dressed, n.e.i. ... .. per 100 super. feet	3s.	
110(c)	(c) Timber, Undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) and over ... .. per 100 super. feet	1s.	
110(D)	(D) Timber, undressed, being Oregon, in sizes of 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) and over ... .. per 100 super. feet	6d.	
110(E)	(E) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) ... .. per 100 super. feet	1s. 6d.	
110(F)	(F) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., of sizes less than 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) ... .. per 100 super. feet	1s. 6d.	
110(G)	(G) Laths ... .. per 1,000	5s.	
110(H)	(H) Palings ... .. per 1,000	15s.	
110(I)	(I) Pickets, dressed ... .. per 100	4s.	
110(J)	(J) Pickets, undressed ... .. per 100	1s.	
110(K)	(K) Shingles ... .. per 1,000	3s.	
	Doors of Wood—		
110(L)	(L) 1¾ in. and over ... .. each	7s. 6d.	
110(M)	(M) Over 1½ in. and under 1¾ in. ... .. each	5s.	
110(N)	(N) 1½ in. and under ... .. each	3s. 6d.	
36(F)	Fish, Dried ... .. per cwt.	5s.	2s. 8d.
21	Fruits and Vegetables, viz.:—		
	Fruits, Dried, viz.:—		
21(A)	(A) Currants ... .. per lb.	2d.	1d.
21(B)	(B) Dates .. .. per lb.	1d.	½d.
21(c)	(c) Raisins and other, including Peel and Ginger preserved (not in liquid) ... .. per lb.	3d.	1½d.
21(I)	(I) Fruits, n.e.i. ... .. per cental	2s.	Free
21(K)	(K) Bananas ... .. per cental	1s.	Free

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## THE SCHEDULE—continued.

1st Column. No. of Item in the Customs Tariff 1902.	2nd Column. ----- Dutiable Goods.	3rd Column. Rates of Duty under the Customs Tariff 1902.	4th Column. Rates of Duty under this Schedule.
58(B)	Feathers—Dressed ... .. <i>ad val.</i>	25 per cent.	20 per cent.
70	Feathers—Undressed ... .. <i>ad val.</i>	15 per cent.	10 per cent.
22	Grain—Maize ... .. per cental	1s. 6d.	1s.
2A	Spirits, viz. :—		Rates equal to rates of Excise duty for the time being in force increased by 2½ per cent.
	(A) Spirits,* and spirituous compounds, n.e.i., when not exceeding the strength of proof... .. per gallon	14s.	
2B	(B) When exceeding the strength of proof ... .. per proof gallon	14s.	
	Tobacco, viz. :—		
5A	(A) Manufactured, including the weight of tags, labels, and other attachments ... .. per lb.	3s. 3d.	2s. 6d.
5B	(B) Unmanufactured ... .. per lb.	3s. 3d.	2s. 6d.
7	Sugar, viz. :—		
	(A) The produce of sugar-cane ... .. per cwt.	6s.	
	Produced solely by white labour ... .. per cwt.	...	4s.
	Produced wholly or partly by black labour ... .. per cwt.	...	5s.
3	Wine, Fermented (other than sparkling) including Medicinal or Medicated and Vermouth, viz. :—		
3(B)	(B) In bottle ... .. per gallon†	8s.	3s.
3(C)	(C) Other ... .. per gallon	6s.	2s.
3(D)	(D) Containing more than 35 per cent. of proof spirit, for each 1 per cent. of proof spirit over 35 per cent. up to and including 40 per cent. additional ... .. per gallon	6d.	3d.
3(E)	(E) Containing more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	14s.	10s. 3d.

\* Case spirits, in cases of two gallons and under, to be charged as two gallons; over two gallons, and not exceeding three gallons, as three gallons; over three gallons, and not exceeding four gallons, as four gallons; and so on.

† Six reputed quarts, twelve reputed pints, or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Mr. Deakin, adopted by the House.

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

4. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SOUTH AFRICAN PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on certain Goods the produce or manufacture of the British Colonies or Protectorates in South Africa which are included within the South African Customs Union,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.] BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Excise,*” and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

R. C. BAKER,

President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow :—

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out paragraph (d), viz. :—

“(d) are in accordance with terms which in the opinion of the Minister are fair and reasonable ; or”

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out paragraph (f), viz. :—

“(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.”

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate, amended accordingly.

6. PUBLIC SERVICE [TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

7. ELECTORAL [ADVERTISEMENTS] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

8. ALTERNATIVE DATE OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, postpone the meeting to a later day, named in the telegram.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m., unless, under the resolution passed this day, Mr. Speaker fixes a later day of meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilkinson.

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