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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 134.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1921.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That Mr. Jackson be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, in the place of Mr. Atkinson, resigned.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 86, 95, 99, 100.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See reprinted Tariff which incorporates the proposed Resolutions of 24th March, 1920 (*vide* pages 36-88 *ante*), as amended by the proposed Resolutions of 16th September, 1920 (*vide* pages 321-6 *ante*).]

Item 55, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
55. Infants' and Invalids' Foods as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free

Mr. Bowden moved, That the Item be amended by the addition of the words "including Malted Milk".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on Item continued.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by the omission of the words "as prescribed by Departmental By-laws".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand as printed—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blundell	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mathews
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. James Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Groom	Mr. West
Mr. Hay	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story

Noes, 6.

Mr. Bowden
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Wienholt

Tellers:

Mr. Fleming
Mr. Hill

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowden moved the amendment previously temporarily withdrawn, viz. That the Item be amended by the addition of the words "including Malted Milk".

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Bowden
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Wienholt

Tellers:

Mr. Stewart
Mr. Watkins

Noes, 35.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blundell	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mathews
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. James Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gibson	Mr. West
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story
Mr. Lister	

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 56 agreed to.

Item 57, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
57. Grain and Pulse, not prepared or manufactured, viz. :—			
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(c) Maize per cental	1s. 6d.	2s.	2s.
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Mr. Corser moved, That the Item be amended by the addition of the following to sub-item (c) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 20th May, 1921 per cental	3s.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d."

Debate ensued.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Item agreed to.
Item 58, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
58. Grain and Pulse, prepared or manufactured, viz. :—			
(A) Bran, Pollard, and Sharps .. per cental	1s.	1s.	1s. 3d.
(B) Wheaten Flour per cental	Free	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.
(C) Corn Flour per lb.	2d.	2d.	2d.
(D) Semolina per lb.	Free	½d.	½d.
(E) N.E.I., including Phosphorized Wheat per lb.	½d.	½d.	¾d.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by the insertion after the word "Semolina" in sub-item (D) of the following :—"up to and including 19th May, 1921".

Amendment agreed to.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 20th May, 1921 (E) N.E.I., including Phosphorized Wheat, when not packed for retail sale .. per lb.	½d.	½d.	¾d."

Further amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 59 debated and agreed to.
Items 60 to 63 agreed to.
Item 64, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
64. Lard and Lard Oil ; and Refined Fats, n.e.i. .. per lb.	1d.	1½d.	2d.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by the omission of the word "Refined" and the insertion of the word "Edible" in place thereof.

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Items 65 and 66 agreed to.
Item 67 debated and agreed to.
Item 68 debated and agreed to.
Item 69 agreed to.
Item 70, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
70. Macaroni and Vermicelli per lb.	1d.	1½d.	2d.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 20th May, 1921 per lb.	1d.	2d.	3d."

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.

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Items 71 and 72 agreed to.
 Item 73 postponed until a later hour.
 Item 74 agreed to.
 Item 75 debated and agreed to.
 Items 76 and 77 agreed to.
 Item 78, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
78. Nuts—Edible, viz. :—			
(A) Coconuts, whole, for the manufacture of Coconut Oil and Oil Cake and other substances, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(B) Coconuts, whole per cwt.	1s.	1s.	1s.
(C) Coconuts, prepared per lb.	2d.	2d.	3d.
(D) Unshelled per lb.	2d.	2d.	3d.
(E) Kernels, Pastes and Meals per lb.	4d.	4d.	6d.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following sub-item :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 20th May, 1921 (F) Peanuts per lb.	2d.	3d.	4d.”

Amendment agreed to.
 Item, as amended, agreed to.
 Item 79 debated and agreed to.
 Item 80, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
80. Onions, in their natural state per cwt.	1s.	1s.	1s. 6d.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 20th May, 1921 per cwt.	6s.	6s.	6s.”

Amendment agreed to.
 Item, as amended, agreed to.
 Postponed Item 73, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
73. Matches and Vestas of all kinds :—			
(A) In boxes containing 100 or less of Matches or Vestas—			
(1) Wax per gross of boxes	8d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 6d.
(2) Wood per gross of boxes	1s. 1d.	1s. 6d.	2s.
(B) In boxes containing over 100, but not exceeding 200 Matches or Vestas—			
(1) Wax per gross of boxes	1s. 4d.	2s. 6d.	3s.
(2) Wood per gross of boxes	2s. 2d.	3s.	4s.

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Postponed Item 73—*continued.*

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) For each additional 100, or portion of 100 Matches or Vestas per box, an additional duty as follows :—			
(1) Wax .. per gross of boxes	8d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 6d.
(2) Wood .. per gross of boxes	1s. 1d.	1s. 6d.	2s.
(D) When in boxes upon which the number of Matches contained therein is not printed or stamped, in addition to the duties set out in (A), (B), (C) above			
per gross of boxes	2s.	2s.	2s.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 20th May, 1921			
73. Matches and Vestas of all kinds :—			
(A) (1) Wax, in boxes containing 50 Vestas or less			
per gross of boxes	8d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 6d.
(2) Wood, in boxes containing 70 Matches or less			
per gross of boxes	1s. 1d.	1s. 6d.	2s.
(B) (1) Wax, in boxes containing over 50, but not exceeding 100 Vestas			
per gross of boxes	1s. 4d.	2s. 6d.	3s.
(2) Wood, in boxes containing over 70, but not exceeding 140 Matches			
per gross of boxes	2s. 2d.	3s.	4s.
(C) (1) Wax, for each additional 50 Vestas or portion of 50 Vestas per box, an additional duty			
per gross of boxes	8d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 6d.
(2) Wood, for each additional 70 Matches or portion of 70 Matches per box, an additional duty			
per gross of boxes	1s. 1d.	1s. 6d.	2s.
(D) N.E.I., per 1,000 Matches or Vestas	1½d.	2½d.	3d.
(E) When put up in boxes or in other form for retail sale, unless the number of Matches or Vestas contained in each box or other retail unit is printed or stamped thereon, in addition to the duties set out in (A); (B), (C), (D) above			
per gross of boxes	2s.	2s.	2s.
or per 1,000 Matches or Vestas	3d.	3d.	3d.
whichever rate is applicable”			

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 81, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
81. Peel, preserved in liquid, including the weight of the liquid. per lb.	1d.	1d.	1½d.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 20th May, 1921			
per lb.	1d.	1½d.	2d.”

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.

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Item 82, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
82. Pickles, Sauces, Chutney, Olives, and Capers—			
(A) Quarter-pints and smaller sizes per dozen	9d.	1s.	1s. 3d.
(B) Half-pints and over quarter-pints per dozen	1s. 3d.	1s. 9d.	2s.
(C) Pints and over half-pints .. per dozen	2s. 6d.	3s. 6d.	4s.
(D) Quarts and over pints .. per dozen	5s.	7s. 6d.	8s. 6d.
(E) Exceeding a quart .. per gallon	1s. 9d.	2s. 6d.	3s.
(F) Curry manufactured, whether paste or powder per lb.	3d.	3d.	3d.
(G) Soy, for Sauces, in packages containing over 10 gallons, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 23rd March, 1921			
(A) Quarter-pints and smaller sizes .. per dozen	9d.	1s.	1s. 3d.
(B) Half-pints and over quarter-pints per dozen	1s. 3d.	1s. 9d.	2s.
(C) Pints and over half-pints .. per dozen	2s. 6d.	3s. 6d.	4s.
(D) Quarts and over pints .. per dozen	5s.	7s. 6d.	8s. 6d.
(E) Exceeding a quart and not exceeding a gallon per gallon	1s. 8d.	2s. 6d.	3s.
(F) Exceeding a gallon (except Capers and Olives) per gallon	1s. 6d.	2s. 4d.	2s. 10d.
(G) Capers and Olives in vessels exceeding a gallon .. per gallon	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.
(H) Curry, manufactured, whether paste or powder .. per lb.	3d.	3d.	3d.
(I) Soy, for Sauces, in packages containing over 10 gallons, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free ”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 83 agreed to.

Item 84, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
84. Rennet—			
(A) In liquid form per gallon	6s.	7s.	8s.
(B) N.E.I. ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 20th May, 1921			
	Free	Free	Free ”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Prowse	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Charlton	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wienholt	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster		Mr. Corser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hay	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	Mr. James Page	Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Livingston	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Makin	Mr. Story
		Mr. W. Maloney	

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.
Items 85, 86, and 87 agreed to.
Item 88 debated and agreed to.
Item 89 debated and agreed to.
Item 90 debated and agreed to.
Item 91, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
91. (A) Seeds and Nuts, n.e.i., for the manufacture of Oils, Oil Cake and other by-products, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(B) Seed—Canary, Hemp and Rape; also mixtures in which such seeds predominate, n.e.i. per cental	4s.	4s.	5s.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by the omission of " n.e.i.," in sub-item (A).
Amendment agreed to.
Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (B) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 20th May, 1921 per cental	6s.	6s.	7s. 6d."

Further amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 92 agreed to.
Item 93, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
93. Seed—Lucerne per lb.	6d.	6d.	6d.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Hay moved, That the Item be amended by the addition of the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 20th May, 1921 per lb.	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by the addition of the following after " 6d." (General
Tariff, third column) :—" ; and on and after 20th May, 1921, 9d."
Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.

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Item 94, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
94. Soap—			
(A) Toilet, Fancy, or Medicated per lb. or ad val.	6d. 35 per cent.	8d. 40 per cent.	9d. 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(B) N.E.I.; Soap Substitutes and Compounded Deter- gents for washing and cleansing purposes, not including saponaceous disinfectants ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following after "35 per cent." in sub-item (A) (British Preferential Tariff) :—" ; and on and after 20th May, 1921, per lb. 5d., or ad val. 30 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 95 to 99 agreed to.

Item 100 debated—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT — Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Foley, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Tudor.

* On leave

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.