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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 136.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER AND MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER.**—The Clerk, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker and Mr. Deputy-Speaker were unavoidably absent.
3. **ELECTION OF ACTING SPEAKER.**—Sir Joseph Cook, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), moved, That the Honorable Frederick William Bamford do take the Chair of the House to act as Speaker for this day and for each day on which Mr. Deputy-Speaker is absent.  
Debate ensued.  
The Question was put by the Clerk, and passed.  
Mr. Bamford then took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Queensland Proposed Loan—Burnett Land Scheme—Report by Mr. H. S. Gullett, Commonwealth Superintendent of Immigration in Australia, on a proposal that the Commonwealth Government should lend to the State of Queensland the sum of £2,000,000, to be expended upon the construction of railways designed to open for closer settlement the country known as the Upper Burnett, Callide Valley, and Prairie lands, Queensland.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Taxation—Seventh Annual Report of the Commissioner, years 1916-17 to 1919-20.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 94, 96, 103.  
Public Service Act—Promotions of G. W. Bingham and F. G. Hayward, Postmaster-General's Department.  
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, in New South Wales, at—  
Balmain, Goulburn, Kiama, Windsor, Wollongong.
5. **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 105, as amended, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. Piece Goods,* viz. :—			
(A) (1) Cotton, Linen, and other piece goods, n.e.i. ; Oil Baize not containing wool ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Calico, for bag making, as prescribed by Departmental By-Laws .. .. .	Free	Free	Free
(AA) Cotton piece goods, Knitted, in tubular form— On and after 21st May, 1921			
(1) For the manufacture of goods other than Apparel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws .. ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Other .. .. . ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

\* DEFINITION OF PIECE GOODS.—When material is defined by selvedge or by pattern for cutting up into separate articles, and is not elsewhere specified, it is not to be considered Piece Goods but as dutiable under the heading applying to the article into which it is designed to be made. Tasselled, Whipped (with or without loops), or Taped Curtain material, when not defined for cutting up, is to be considered Piece Goods.

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Item 105, as amended—*continued*.

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. Piece Goods,* viz. :—			
(B) Cotton and Linen Piece Goods defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths, Towels, or Window Blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws . . . . . ad val.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.
(C) Piece Goods, n.e.i., other than of wool or silk, suitable for human apparel, or to be worn in connexion with the human body, having on one or both sides a teased, treated, combed, fluffed, or raised nap or surface in imitation of or resembling flannel in feel or appearance . . . . . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(D) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (F) . . . . . ad val.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
And on and after 21st May, 1921 . . . . . ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(E) Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, Scalette and Cloths imitating furs, Astrachans; Lace for Attire; Lace Flouncings; Millinery and Dress Nets; Veilings; Embroideries in the piece; Italians containing wool; Tucked Linens or Cottons . . . . . ad val.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
And on and after 21st May, 1921 . . . . . ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(F) Woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i. . . . . ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(G) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair and Cotton or Hair and Wool combined for lining apparel . . . . . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(H) Waterproofed Cloth, prepared with Rubber, Oil, or Celluloid—			
(1) Woollen or containing wool . . . . . ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(2) Silk or containing silk, but not containing wool . . . . . ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(3) Leather Cloth . . . . . ad val.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.
(4) N.E.I. . . . . ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.

Sub-item (F) further debated.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be further amended by inserting the following in sub-item (F), after "30 per cent." (British Preferential Tariff column) :—"And on and after 26th May, 1921, 25 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Bowden	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Robert Cook	
Mr. Foley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Hill
Mr. Prowse	Mr. James Page

Noes, 31.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Riley
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Cunningham	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Mathews moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (F) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th May, 1921 ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”

Amendment negatived.

Debate on Item continued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(1) Piece Goods dutiable at a higher rate than that payable under this sub-item, imported for the manufacture of waterproofed piece goods, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws— On and after 26th May, 1921 ad val.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 106—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past ten 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. Bruce\*, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell\*, Mr. McDonald\*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. West.

\* On leave.

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