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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 138.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH MAY, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Acting-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Blakeley rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The depression of the Copper Market and its effect upon the Mining Industry".
Mr. Acting-Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Blakeley moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Sir Joseph Cook, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech for ten minutes.
Debate continued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
3. 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 115, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
115. Socks and Stockings for human attire, viz. :—			
(A) Cotton ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(B) Woollen or containing wool .. ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(C) Silk or containing silk, but not containing wool, and n.e.i. ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Foley, viz. :—That the Item be amended by inserting the following in sub-item (A) after "30 per cent." (British Preferential Tariff column) :—
"; and on and after 27th May, 1921, 10 per cent."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on Item continued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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“ And on and after 28th May, 1921 ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”

Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Debate on Item continued.
Item agreed to.
Items 116 and 117 agreed to.
Item 118, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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118. Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Cloths, Floor and Carriage Mats of any textile material except coir; and Floor Rugs and Coverings not being Furs or other Skins (including Felts and Pads but not including Carpet Felt Paper); Saddlebag in the piece or otherwise .. ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 28th May, 1921 118. Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Cloths, Floor and Carriage Mats of any textile material except coir; and Floor Rugs and Coverings not being of rubber and not being Furs or other Skins (including Felts and Pads but not including Carpet Felt Paper); Saddlebag in the piece or otherwise ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 119, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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119. Articles of Coir, viz. :—Mats, Matting, and Fenders ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.

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 28th May, 1921 ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”

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

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Item 120 debated and agreed to.

Item 121, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
121. (A) Curtains and Blinds, n.e.i., (not including blinds attached to rollers)— (1) When not containing wool or silk ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.
(2) When containing wool or silk ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(B) Curtain Clips, Bands, Loops and Holders, Blind Tassels and Acorns .. ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 28th May, 1921 (B) Curtain Clips, Bands, Loops and Holders, and Blind Tassels ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 122 to 126 agreed to.

Item 127, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
127. Hop-cloth ; Filter Cloth for mines and oil mills ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 28th May, 1921 127. Hop-cloth ; Filter Cloth for mines and Filter and Press Cloth for oil mills .. ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 128 agreed to.

Item 129, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
129. Hessians and Brattice Cloth ; Jute Piece Goods ; Bookbinders' Cloth ; Bunting	Free	Free	Free

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lamond moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following after “ Free,” in the General Tariff column :—“ ; and on and after 28th May, 1921, 15 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 28th May, 1921			
129. (A) Hessians and Brattice Cloth; Jute Piece Goods	Free	Free	Free
(B) Bookbinders' Cloth; Bunting .. ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 130 debated and agreed to.
Item 131 debated and agreed to.
Item 132 agreed to.
Item 133 debated and agreed to.
Items 134 and 135 agreed to.
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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bruce*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Ryan, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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