
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 142.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

• OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MR. JAMES PAGE.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker read to the House telegrams from the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, and Senator Payne, with reference to the death of the honorable Member for Maranoa (the Honorable James Page).
At five minutes past three o'clock p.m. Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair in order that honorable Members might pay their last respects to the memory of the late honorable Member.
At five o'clock p.m. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
China—Correspondence respecting the New Financial Consortium in. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 1 of 1921—
Australian Postal Linemen's Union.
Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1920-21—Dated 1st June, 1921.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Berri, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 64, 72, 83, 90, 91, 92.
Public Service Act—
Appointment of P. A. Edwards, Department of the Treasury.
Promotions of F. G. Duesbury, R. R. O'Brien, and H. W. Waters, Department of the Treasury.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—
Beech Forest, Victoria.
Granville, New South Wales (2).
4. ADDITIONAL DAY AND ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall sit on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at eleven o'clock a.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
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7th June, 1921.

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 136, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
136. Iron and Steel—			
(A) Pig Iron per ton	20s.	30s.	40s.
(B) Ingots, Blooms, Slabs, Billets, Puddled Bars and Loops, or like crude manufactures, less finished than Iron or Steel Bars, but more advanced than Pig Iron (except castings) per ton	32s.	52s.	65s.
(C) Bar, Rod, Angle, Tee; Bars of fancy pattern in the state in which they leave the rollers per ton	44s.	65s.	80s.
(D) Plate and Sheet (Plain)—			
(1) up to and including one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1922			
per ton	65s.	82s. 6d.	100s.
(2) exceeding one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1921			
per ton	48s.	68s.	85s.
(E) Wire per ton	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.
(F) Hoop ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1921			
per ton	70s.	90s.	95s.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Watkins, viz.:—That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 8th June, 1921			
per ton	30s.	45s.	60s.”

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.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven 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. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Francis, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riley, Mr. Tudor*, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.