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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 143.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 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. 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.
(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.
(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.
		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 9th June, 1921 per ton	30s.	45s.	60s.”

8th June, 1921.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lavelle
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. West	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Charlton		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Francis		Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gabb	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story
		Mr. Higgs	

And so it was negatived.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“And on and after 9th June, 1921 per ton	20s.	30s.	60s.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Foley		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Watkins	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item (A) agreed to.

Sub-item (B) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (C) agreed to.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by omitting in sub-item (D), paragraph (1), “1922”, and inserting “1923”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by omitting in sub-item (D), paragraph (2), “1921”, and inserting “1922”.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item (D), as amended, agreed to.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“And on and after 9th June, 1921			
(E) (1) Wire of No. 14 or finer gauge .. ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(2) Wire, other per ton	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.”

Debate ensued.

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Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item (e), as amended, agreed to.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by omitting in sub-item (f), "1921", and inserting "1922".

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item (f), as amended, 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.

3. **MARANOVA ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced to the House that it was proposed to issue a Writ, on Monday next, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Maranoa, in the State of Queensland, in the place of the Honorable James Page, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	...	...	Monday, 13th June, 1921.
Date of Nomination	...	...	Thursday, 30th June, 1921.
Date of Polling	...	...	Saturday, 30th July, 1921.
Date for Return of Writ	...	...	On or before Saturday, 3rd September, 1921.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to 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. Bruce, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riley, Mr. Tudor*, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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