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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 144.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—COCKATOO ISLAND DOCKYARD.—Sir Joseph Cook, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Cockatoo Island Dockyard, &c.
Mr. Mahony, by leave, also made reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Cockatoo Island Dockyard, &c.—Interim Report of the Royal Commission.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Promotion of W. H. Brewer, Department of Trade and Customs.
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 136, as amended, 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	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, 1922	48s.	68s.	85s.
(E) Wire per ton	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.
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.
(F) Hoop ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1922	70s.	90s.	95s.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(g) High Grade Carbon Steels and Alloy Steels containing manganese, silicon, nickel, chromium, tungsten, titanium, vanadium, molybdenum, cobalt or other alloying elements, introduced to impart special qualities to the steel, viz.:— ingots, billets, bars, die and tool blocks and blanks, also tapered or bevelled bars and other special shapes—On and after 10th June, 1921, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 137, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
137. Aluminium and Nickel, viz. :—Blocks, Cubes, Ingots, Pigs, Scrap and Granulated; Bars, Pipes, Plates, Rods, Sheets, Strips, and Tubes, not polished, plated, decorated or further manufactured	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 10th June, 1921 137. Aluminium and Nickel, viz. :— (A) Blocks, Cubes, Ingots, Pigs, Scrap and Granulated; Angles, Bars, Pipes, Plates, Rods, Sheets, Strips, Tees, and Tubes, not polished, plated, decorated or further manufactured (B) Aluminium Wire ad val.	Free 10 per cent.	Free 15 per cent.	Free 20 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 138 agreed to.

Item 139, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
139. Brass, Britannia Metal, Bronze, German Silver, Gilding Metal, Nickel Silver, Phosphor Tin, Yellow Metal, and other non-ferrous alloys n.e.i., viz. :— (A) Blocks, Ingots, Pigs, Scrap ad val. (B) Angles, Bars, Channels, Plates, Rods, Sheets, Strips, and Tees, not plated, polished, decorated or further manufactured, but including plain tinned ad val. (C) Pipes and Tubes, not plated, polished, decorated or further manufactured, but including plain tinned; Wire ad val.	15 per cent. 25 per cent. 30 per cent.	20 per cent. 35 per cent. 40 per cent.	25 per cent. 40 per cent. 45 per cent.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" (d) Brazing and Soldering Alloys in any form on and after 10th June, 1921 ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 140, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
140. Copper, viz. :—			
(A) Blocks, Ingots, Pigs, Scrap ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(B) Angles, Bars, Plates, Rods, Sheets, Strips, and Tees, not plated, polished, decorated or further manufactured, but including plain tinned. ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(c) Pipes and Tubes, not plated, polished, decorated or further manufactured, but including plain tinned; Wire, including stranded or twisted wire . . . ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.

Mr. Gregory 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 10th June, 1921 per ton	£8	£12	£15 "

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 7.

- Mr. Bowden
- Mr. Robert Cook
- Mr. Fowler
- Mr. Gibson
- Mr. Wienholt

Tellers :

- Mr. Gregory
- Mr. Stewart

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Higgs |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Livingston |
| Sir Robert Best | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Mahony |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Mathews |
| Sir Joseph Cook | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Corser | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Foley | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Francis | |
| Mr. Gabb | |
| Mr. Greene | |
| Mr. Groom | |

Tellers :

- Mr. Burchell
- Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 141 debated and agreed to.

Items 142 and 143 agreed to.

Item 144 debated and agreed to.

Item 145 debated and agreed to.

Items 146 to 151 agreed to.

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Item 152, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
152. (A) Iron and Steel Tubes or Pipes (except riveted, cast, close-jointed or cycle tubes or pipes) not more than 3 inches internal diameter ; Iron and Steel Boiler Tubes . . . ad val. And on and after 1st July, 1921 ad val.	Free 27½ per cent.	5 per cent. 35 per cent.	10 per cent. 40 per cent.
(B) Close-jointed Iron or Steel Pipes and Tubes ; Cycle Tubing including Liners, Bent-tubing and Fork Sides, whether plated or brazed or not, but not including Cycle Frames partly or wholly finished ; Wrought Iron and Steel Pipes, n.e.i. ; Wrought Iron and Malleable Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by omitting in sub-item (A) "1st July, 1921", and inserting "1st January, 1922".

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item (A), as amended, 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 10th June, 1921 (B) Close-jointed Iron or Steel Pipes and Tubes ; Cycle Tubing including Liners, Bent-tubing and Fork Sides, whether plated or brazed or not, but not including Cycle Frames partly or wholly finished ; Wrought Iron and Steel Pipes, n.e.i. ; Wrought Iron and Malleable Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes, and Cast-iron Fittings for Pipes of not more than 2 inches internal diameter ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.

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

Item 153, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
153. Iron Pipes, Cast, and Cast-iron Fittings for Pipes per ton	48s.	65s.	80s.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 10th June, 1921 153. Iron Pipes, Cast, and Cast-iron Fittings for Pipes of more than 2 inches internal diameter per ton	48s.	65s.	80s."

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

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Item 154, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
154. Railway and Tramway Material, viz. :—			
(A) Rails weighing 50 lb. per yard and over .. per ton	35s.	60s.	75s.
(B) Rails weighing less than 50 lb. per yard .. per ton	45s.	70s.	85s.
(C) Fishplates, Tie Plates and Rods per ton	48s.	75s.	95s.
(D) Fishbolts, Switches, Points, Crossings and Intersections ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watkins 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 10th June, 1921 per ton	55s.	80s.	95s.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 155 debated and agreed to.

Item 156, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
156. Shafting ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 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 10th June, 1921			
156. Shafting, viz. :—			
(A) Flexible ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(B) Other ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 157, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
157. Barbed Wire per ton	68s.	85s.	105s.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 10th June, 1921 per ton	40s.	50s.	60s.”

Debate ensued.
Amendment negatived.
Item agreed to.
Item 158, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
158. Wire Netting per ton	68s.	85s.	105s.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 10th June, 1921 ad val:	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming 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 twenty-six minutes 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. 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, and Mr. Tudor*.

* On leave.

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