

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 147.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 108.  
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1921—No. 6—Expropriation.
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 171, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
171. Machinery, Machines, and Appliances :—			
(A) Hay Rakes, Horse .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1921			
each	£1 15s.	£2 15s.	£3
or ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(B) Reapers and Binders .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1921			
each	£6 10s.	£9 10s.	£10
or ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(C) Mowers .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1921			
each	£2 8s.	£3 15s.	£4
or ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(D) Metal Parts n.e.i. of Hay Rakes (Horse), Reapers and Binders, and Mowers			
.. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1921			
per lb.	1½d.	2½d.	2½d.
or ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(E) Metal Parts of Hay Rakes (Horse), Reapers and Binders, and Mowers, viz.—Knife Sections, and Ledger Plates .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.

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Mr. Gregory 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 16th June, 1921 ad val.”	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding in sub-item (D) after “2½d.” (Intermediate Tariff Column) :—“; and on and after 16th June, 1921, 2d.”; and by adding after “2½d.” (General Tariff Column) :—“; and on and after 16th June, 1921, 2d.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 172 debated and agreed to.

Item 173, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff
173. (A) Weighing Machines, including Computing Weighing Machines; Weighbridges; Scales and Balances, n.e.i., including Computing Scales and Balances; Tanners' Measuring Machines; Chemists' Counter Scales; Spring Balances and Steelyards; Weights n.e.i.; Cash Registers; Combined Bagging, Weighing, and Sewing Machines.. ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(B) Balances, viz. :—Analytical and Assay, sensitive to less than a ½ milligram, including weights therefor .. .. ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by omitting, in sub-item (A), the words “Cash Registers;”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 174, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
174. Machines, Machine Tools and Appliances, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“And on and after 16th June, 1921 174. Machine Tools and Appliances, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws .. .. ad val.”	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

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Item 175 agreed to.  
Item 176, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
176. (A) Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings not being ball bearing Plummer or Hanger Blocks ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(B) Log Band Sawing Machines with Band Wheels 5 feet and over in diameter .. ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(C) Machines and Machinery n.e.i. .. ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.

Mr. Greene 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 16th June, 1921 (A) Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings not being roller-bearing or ball-bearing Plummer or Hanger Blocks .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.  
Item, as amended, agreed to.  
Item 177, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
177. Locomotives, Traction and Portable Engines; Road Rollers, n.e.i., including Scarifier Attachments 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 16th June, 1921 177. (A) Locomotives, Traction Engines n.e.i. and Portable Engines; Road Rollers, n.e.i., including Scarifier Attachments .. ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(B) Traction Engines of a class or kind not made in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Debate ensued.  
Amendment agreed to.  
Item, as amended, agreed to.  
Item 178 debated and agreed to.  
Item 179 debated and agreed to.  
Item 180, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
180. Electrical and Gas Appliances, viz. :— (A) Telephones, Telephone Switchboards, Telephone Distributing Boards, and Appliances .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(B) (1) Gas meters .. .. . ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(2) Parts of Gas Meters as prescribed by Departmental By-laws .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(C) Electroliers; Gasaliers; Chandeliers; Pendants; Brackets; Gas Cooking and Heating Appliances, including Gas Ranges ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(D) Metal Filament Lamps .. .. . per lb.	1s.	3s.	3s.
(E) N.E.I. not included under Item 192 ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 16th June, 1921 (D) Filament Lamps for lighting and heating per lb.	1s.	3s.	3s.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 181, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
181. Electrical Articles and Materials, viz. :— (A) Arc Lamps ; Covered Cable and Wire, except cotton covered ; Electric Vacuum Tubes ; Measuring and Recording Instruments ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(B) Cable and Wire, cotton covered .. ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.
(C) Carbon Manufactures of all kinds, including Carbon Blocks .. .. ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.

Mr. Greene 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 16th June, 1921 (A) Arc Lamps n.e.i. ; Covered Cable and Wire, n.e.i. ; Electric Vacuum Tubes ; Measuring and Recording Instruments .. .. ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by inserting in sub-item (B) “ (1) ” before the word “ Cable ” and by adding the following to the sub-item :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ (2) Cables, Telegraph and Telephone, paper-insulated lead-covered—on and after 1st October, 1922 ... .. ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.”

Amendment debated and agreed to.

Item, as amended, debated.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 16th June, 1921 ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Blundell	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Francis		Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Makin	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Foley	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gabb	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story
		Mr. Groom	

And so it was negatived.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 182, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
182. Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, and Metal Washers, n.e.i.; Screws with nuts or for use with nuts; Engineers' Set Screws . . . ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 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 16th June, 1921”			
182. Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, and Metal Washers, n.e.i.; Screws with nuts or for use with nuts; Engineers' Set Screws—			
(A) Bright finished or milled from the bar . . . ad val.	32½ per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(B) Other . . . . . ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Makin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Blundell	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley	Mr. Foley	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. R. W. Foster	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Bell
Mr. Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	Mr. West		
Mr. Hay	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Lamond			
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 183 to 186 agreed to.

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Item 187, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
187. Nails, viz. :—			
(A) Saddlers' Tacks (not cut) and Nails ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(B) Rail-dogs or Brobs .. .. . per cwt.	4s. 6d.	5s. 6d.	6s.
(C) Brads (including moulders' and glaziers'); Picture Nails; Spikes; Staples; Tacks n.e.i.; Wire and other Nails n.e.i.; Gimp Pins; Spouting Screws .. per cwt. or ad val.	5s. 6d. 32½ per cent.	6s. 6d. 40 per cent.	8s. 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(D) Horse-shoe Nails .. .. . per cwt.	8s. 6d.	10s. 6d.	12s.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“And on and after 16th June, 1921 per cwt. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty”	5s. 6d. 25 per cent.	6s. 6d. 30 per cent.	8s. 35 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Item postponed.

Item 188 agreed to.

Item 189 debated and agreed to.

Items 190, 191, and 192 agreed to.

Item 193, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
193. Capsules, Lead .. .. . ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	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 16th June, 1921 193. Capsules, metallic, for bottles .. ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 194 debated and agreed to.

Items 195 and 196 agreed to.

Item 197, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
197. (A) Platedware n.e.i.; Spoons, Forks and Butter Fish and Fruit Knives of mixed metal- ware platedware or when partly or wholly of gold or silver except when having plated or silver ferrules only .. ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(B) Cutlery, Spoons and Forks, n.e.i., and Knife Sharpeners, including the articles named when having plated or silver ferrules only ad val.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 16th June, 1921                      (A) Platedware, n.e.i. ; Spoons, Forks, Butter Fish and Fruit Knives, plated or of mixed-metal ; Cutlery, Spoons and Forks, partly or wholly of gold or silver, except when gold ferruled or silver ferruled only ad val.</p>	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.”

Amendment 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.
<p>“ And on and after 16th June, 1921                      (B) Cutlery, Spoons, and Forks, n.e.i. ; and Knife Sharpeners . . . . . ad val.</p>	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.
<p>And on and after 1st January, 1922                      ad val.</p>	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 198 to 203 agreed to.

Item 204, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>204. Kettles and Cooking Utensils (but not including Stoves) of Cast Iron (tinned or plain) Aluminium or Nickel . . . . . ad val.</p>	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 16th June, 1921                      204. Kettles and Cooking Utensils (but not including Stoves), viz. :—                      (A) Cast Iron (tinned or plain) . . . . . ad val.                      (B) Aluminium or Nickel . . . . . ad val.</p>	15 per cent. 25 per cent.	20 per cent. 30 per cent.	25 per cent. 35 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 205 debated and agreed to.

Item 206, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>206. (A) Lamps and Lanterns n.e.i. and parts n.e.i. thereof except wicks ; Coach and Carriage Lamp Irons ; Metal Reflectors and Shades ; Lampware n.e.i. but not the columns or sheet-metal framework of Street Lamps ad val.</p>	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

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Item 206—*continued.*

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
206.— <i>continued.</i>			
(B) Glass Parts of Lamps and Lanterns when imported separately, and Glass Parts in excess of one to each Lamp or Lantern when imported with the Lamps or Lanterns with which they are designed to be used ; Mica Chimneys and other parts of Lamps composed of Mica . . . ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(c) Primus and other oil or spirit heating Lamps . . . . . ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(d) Incandescent Mantles . . . . . ad val.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding to sub-item (B) after the words "35 per cent." (General Tariff column) :—" ; and on and after 16th June, 1921, 40 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by omitting from sub-item (c) the words "Primus and other".

Amendment agreed to.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 16th June, 1921 ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent."

Amendment negatived.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 16th June, 1921 ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 207 debated and agreed to.

Item 208 debated.

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.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments of R. S. Browne and G. M. Evans, Attorney-General's Department.



5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes\*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson\*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton\*, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Tudor\*.

\* On leave.

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