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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 152.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD 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. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1921-22.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 51.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

Sydney, 20th June, 1921.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, in New South Wales, at—  
Alexandria, Tamworth, Waratah.
4. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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 291, viz. :—

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 291. Timber, viz. :—   |                              |                      |                 |
| (A) Engravers' Boxwood and Engravers' Maple-wood .. .. . ad val.   | 5 per cent.                  | 5 per cent.          | 5 per cent.     |
| (B) Hickory, undressed .. .. . ad val.   | 5 per cent.                  | 5 per cent.          | 5 per cent.     |
| (C) Logs, not sawn .. .. . ad val.   | 5 per cent.                  | 5 per cent.          | 10 per cent.    |
| (D) Spars, in the rough .. .. . ad val.  | 5 per cent.                  | 5 per cent.          | 10 per cent.    |
| (E) New Zealand White Pine, undressed, n.e.i., for use in the manufacture of butter boxes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws .. .. . per 100 super. feet | 1s.                          | 1s.                  | 1s.             |

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Item 291—*continued.*

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| 291. Timber— <i>continued.</i>   |                              |                      |                 |
| (F) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) and over<br>per 100 super. feet  | 1s.                          | 1s.                  | 1s.             |
| (G) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent)<br>per 100 super. feet | 3s.                          | 3s.                  | 3s.             |
| (H) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes less than 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent)<br>per 100 super. feet  | 3s. 6d.                      | 3s. 6d.              | 3s. 6d.         |
| (I) Timber, undressed, cut to size for making boxes<br>per 100 super. feet   | 5s.                          | 5s.                  | 5s.             |
| (J) Timber, for making boxes, being cut to size, and dressed or partly dressed<br>per 100 super. feet  | 6s.                          | 6s.                  | 6s.             |
| (K) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i.<br>ad val.   | 30 per cent.                 | 30 per cent.         | 30 per cent.    |
| (L) Timber, dressed, n.e.i.<br>per 100 super. feet   | 4s.                          | 4s.                  | 4s.             |
| (M) Plywood, veneered or otherwise<br>per 100 square feet  | 4s.                          | 4s.                  | 5s.             |
| (N) Veneers<br>ad val.   | 30 per cent.                 | 30 per cent.         | 35 per cent.    |

Debate continued.

Sub-items (A) and (B) agreed to.

Sub-item (C) debated and agreed to.

Sub-items (D) and (E) agreed to.

Sub-item (F)—

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

|   | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| “ And on and after 24th June, 1921<br>per 100 super. feet | 5s.                          | 5s.                  | 5s.”            |

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Sub-item further debated.

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

|   | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| “ And on and after 24th June, 1921<br>per 100 super. feet | 3s.                          | 3s.                  | 4s.”            |

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

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| Mr. Atkinson       | Mr. Mackay          |
| Mr. Bamford        | Mr. Mahony          |
| Mr. Bayley         | Mr. Makin           |
| Mr. Bell           | Mr. Mathews         |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Parker Moloney  |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. Charlton       | Mr. Rodgers         |
| Sir Joseph Cook    | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Corser         | Mr. Laird Smith     |
| Mr. Cunningham     | Mr. Watkins         |
| Mr. Francis        | Mr. West            |
| Mr. Gibson         | Mr. Wise            |
| Mr. Greene         |                     |
| Mr. Groom          |                     |
| Mr. Jowett         | <i>Tellers:</i>     |
| Mr. Lavelle        | Mr. Anstey          |
| Mr. Lister         | Mr. Blundell        |

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| Mr. Bowden       | Mr. McWilliams  |
| Mr. Robert Cook  | Mr. Riley       |
| Mr. Foley        |                 |
| Mr. R. W. Foster |                 |
| Mr. Gabb         | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Gregory      | Mr. Marr        |
| Mr. Lamond       | Mr. Story       |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (c) —

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

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| “ And on and after 24th June, 1921 per 100 super. feet | 4s. 6d.                      | 4s. 6d.              | 5s. 6d.”        |

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven 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. Higgs, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes\*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson\*, Mr. Lazzarini\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton\*, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tudor\*, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

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