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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 156.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH 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. **ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Parker Moloney rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The advisability of appointing a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the control and management of the various wheat pools since their initiation".
Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Parker Moloney moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Parker Moloney not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within thirty minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hill, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—
STRADBROKE,
Deputy of the Governor-General. *Message No. 52.*
A Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 1) 1921-22*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.
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4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute —
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 115, 116, 117.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, in New South Wales, at—
Lismore, Young.
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 359, viz. :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
359. Vehicle parts, viz. :— (A) Axles and Axle Boxes, Roller bearing and Ball bearing, as prescribed by Depart- mental By-laws ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.

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Item 359—*continued*.

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
359. Vehicle parts— <i>continued</i> .			
(n) Steel or Iron Wheels and Steel-tyred Wheels for use on Railways and Tramways, and all Steel or Iron parts for such wheels, including axles ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.
(c) Parts of Railway and Tramway Vehicles propelled by petrol, steam, electricity, oil, or alcohol, n.e.i., whether incorporated in the complete vehicle or separate, viz. :—			
(1) Bodies ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.
(2) Chassis ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(d) Parts of Vehicles with self-contained power, propelled by petrol, steam, electricity, oil, or alcohol, n.e.i., whether incorporated in the complete vehicle or separate, viz. :—			
(1) Single-seated Bodies . . each	£30	£35	£40
(2) Double-seated Bodies . . each	£50	£55	£60
(3) Bodies with fixed or movable canopy tops, e.g., Landalette, Limousine, Taxi-cab, and similar Types, and n.e.i. . . each	£65	£70	£75
or ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres :—			
(a) Unassembled . . . ad val.	7½ per cent.	12½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
(b) Assembled . . . ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
The word "Bodies" in sub-items (1), (2), and (3) includes Dashboards, Footboards, and Mudguards when imported with bodies of which they form a part.			
(e) Parts of Bodies enumerated in sub-items (d) (1), (d) (2), and (d) (3) being complete sets of Metal Panels :—			
(1) For Single-seated Bodies . . per set	£15	£17 10s.	£20
(2) For Double-seated Bodies . . per set	£25	£27 10s.	£30
(3) For Bodies with fixed or movable canopy tops and Bodies n.e.i. . . per set	£32 10s.	£35	£37 10s.
(f) Vehicle Parts, n.e.i., including Undergear (inclusive of Axles, Springs, and Arms), Axles, n.e.i., Springs, Hoods, Wheels n.e.i., and Bodies n.e.i. . . ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.

Sub-item (c)—

Debate resumed.

Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (d)—

Mr. Gregory moved, That the sub-item be amended as follows :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Add after paragraph (1)—			
" And on and after 1st July, 1921 each	£15	£20	£25 "
And add after paragraph (2)—			
" And on and after 1st July, 1921 each	£25	£30	£35 "

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Story moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following after sub-paragraph (b):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 1st July, 1921 (4) Chassis :— (a) Unassembled ad val. (b) Assembled ad val. The Chassis shall include all parts, fittings and instruments which the manufacturer incorporates in his design and inclusive of various instruments which are necessary in that particular design to guarantee proper functioning of the complete car exclusive of tyres.”</p>	Free Free	5 per cent. 7½ per cent.	7½ per cent. 10 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Greene moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following after sub-paragraph (b) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 1st July, 1921 (4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres :— (a) Unassembled ad val. (b) Assembled ad val.</p>	5 per cent. 7½ per cent.	7½ per cent. 10 per cent.	10 per cent. 12½ per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Mahony moved, That the sub-item be further amended by adding the following after the foregoing amendment :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>“ And on and after 1st July, 1923 (4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres :— (a) Unassembled ad val. (b) Assembled ad val.</p>	30 per cent. 40 per cent.	40 per cent. 50 per cent.	50 per cent. 60 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 360 agreed to.

Item 361, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>361. Musical Instruments, parts of, and accessories :— Actions in separate parts except Keyboards ; Strings ; Felts and Felting ; Hammers and Ivories ; Handles and Hinges for Pianos ; Violin Mutes and Chin Rests ; Holders for attaching to Band or Orchestral instruments ; Piano Player and similar records for rendering music by mechanical process ad val.</p>	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 1st July, 1921</p> <p>361. Musical Instruments, parts of, and accessories :— Actions in separate parts; Keyboards; Strings; Felts and Felting; Hammers and Ivories; Handles and Hinges for Pianos; Violin Mutes and Chin Rests; Holders for attaching to Band or Orchestral instruments; Piano Player and similar records for rendering music by mechanical process .. ad val.</p>	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding after “process” the following :—“; as prescribed by Departmental By-laws”.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 362, 363, 364 agreed to.

Item 365 debated—

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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. EARLE PAGE).—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Cowper (Mr. Earle Page), on the ground of ill-health.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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. Anstey, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hay, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson*, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Poynton*, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Tudor*.

* On leave.

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