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No. 159.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY, 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. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Fowler, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Progress Report from the Committee :—
War Service Homes Commission (New South Wales).
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Aeroplane Service between Geraldton and Derby (Western Australia)—Conditions of Tender.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1921—No. 7—Darwin Town Council (No. 2).
4. TARIFF BOARD BILL.—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Tariff Board.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Greene brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Greene moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Watt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSIONER VALIDATING BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 85.
The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to validate certain acts performed by persons purporting to act as War Service Homes Commissioners and Acting War Service Homes Commissioners respectively, and to validate the appointment of a person as Acting War Service Homes Commissioner,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
THOS. GIVENS,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th July, 1921.
Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION) RESOLUTION—ANTI-"DUMPING"].—
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Greene moved—

That—

(1) The undermentioned Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the following provisions :—

- (A) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that goods exported to Australia, which are of a class or kind produced or manufactured in Australia, have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at an export price which is less than the fair market value of the goods at the time of shipment, and that detriment may thereby result to an Australian industry—a dumping duty on those goods imported into Australia which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* as being goods as to which he is so satisfied, the amount of the dumping duty being in each case the sum which represents the difference between the fair market value of the goods at the time of the shipment and the export price, except where the importer satisfies the Minister that he purchased the goods within six months prior to the time of shipment and that

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- after the date of purchase and prior to the date of shipment the fair market value of the goods had increased, in which event the fair market value to be taken for the purposes of this resolution shall be the fair market value at the date of purchase.
- (B) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that goods produced or manufactured outside Australia have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at an export price which is less than a reasonable price, and that detriment may thereby result to an Australian industry—a dumping below cost duty on those goods imported into Australia which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* as being goods as to which he is so satisfied, the amount of the dumping below cost duty being in each case the sum which represents the difference between a reasonable price of the goods at the time of shipment and the export price of the goods. In this paragraph “a reasonable price” means such a price as represents the cost of production of the goods plus twenty per centum plus free on board charges. In the absence of satisfactory evidence in relation thereto, the cost of production to be such amount as the Minister thinks fit to fix, after report by the Tariff Board, as the cost of production.
- (C) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that goods have been or are being consigned to Australia for sale, and that they may be sold at less than a reasonable selling price, and that detriment may thereby result to an Australian industry—a dumping consignment duty on those goods imported into Australia which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* as being goods as to which he is so satisfied, the amount of the dumping consignment duty being in each case the difference between the wholesale selling price in Australia and a reasonable selling price. In this paragraph “a reasonable selling price” means the price ascertained upon the following basis, namely:—To the fair market value of the goods there shall be added the freight, insurance, landing and other charges, together with the amount of duty payable under the Customs Tariff together with twenty per centum on the aggregate of all the items mentioned. If the evidence of the fair market value is in the opinion of the Minister insufficient there shall be substituted for the purposes of this section the ascertained cost of production, plus twenty per centum of such cost, or, if the cost of production is not ascertainable, the cost of production estimated from such information as is available, plus twenty per centum of such estimated cost.
- (D) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that any goods exported to Australia of a class or kind produced or manufactured in Australia, have been or are being carried—
- (a) in subsidized ships at rates of freight lower than the rates of freight prevailing at the date of shipment; or
 - (b) at ballast rates of freight, being rates lower than the rates of freight prevailing at the date of shipment; or
 - (c) freight free,
- or that by reason of the granting of rebates, refunds, or other allowances, the net amount of freight payable on goods exported to Australia, of a class or kind produced or manufactured in Australia, is lower than the rates of freight prevailing at the date of shipment, and that in any such case detriment may thereby result to an Australian industry—a dumping freight duty on those goods imported into Australia which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* as being goods as to which he is so satisfied, the amount of the dumping freight duty being 5 per centum of the fair market value of the goods at the time of shipment.
- (E) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that the exchange value of the currency of the country of origin or export of any goods has depreciated and that by reason of such depreciation goods have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at prices which will be detrimental to an Australian industry—a dumping exchange duty on all goods imported into Australia which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*, and which are the produce or manufacture of the country specified in the notice, the rate of the dumping exchange duty to be ascertained in accordance with the Schedule to this resolution.
- (F) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that, by reason of the depreciation in exchange value of the currency of the country of origin or export of any goods, in comparison with the currency of the United Kingdom, goods exported to Australia, which have been produced or manufactured in any country other than the United Kingdom, and are of a class or kind produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom, have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at an export price which is less than the fair market value of goods of like character or quality made in the United Kingdom, when sold for home consumption therein in the usual and ordinary trade course, plus the ordinary free on board charges therein (in this paragraph referred to as “the fair market value in the United Kingdom”)—a dumping preference duty on those goods imported into Australia which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* as being goods as to which he is so satisfied, the amount of the dumping preference duty being in each case the sum which represents the difference between the fair market value in the United Kingdom and the export price.
- (G) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that goods have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia, which were manufactured wholly or in part from material supplied from any country whose currency has

depreciated by comparison with the currency of the country to which the material was supplied, and that the manufactured goods have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at a price below the price at which the same goods could have been manufactured in the country of manufacture if made from material of such country of manufacture, and allowing for a reasonable profit—a dumped material duty on those goods imported into Australia which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* as being goods as to which he is so satisfied, the amount of the dumped material duty being the sum equal to the difference between the price at which the goods were or are being sold to Australia and the price representing what would have been the fair market value of the same goods if the goods had been manufactured wholly in the country of export from materials of that country.

- (H) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that the duty imposed by either of the last two preceding paragraphs is likely to be evaded by the consignment of goods to Australia for sale, and so directs—a duty in an amount which will in the opinion of the Minister assure that the goods will not be sold in Australia at less than a reasonable selling price as defined in paragraph (C) of this resolution.
- (2) The various duties specified in the foregoing paragraphs be separately charged, notwithstanding that more duties than one may apply to any particular goods, but that the duty payable on any particular goods under paragraphs (A) to (D) inclusive of this resolution shall not either severally or collectively exceed fifteen per centum of the value for duty of the goods as ascertained in accordance with Division 2 of Part VIII. of the *Customs Act* 1901-1920.
- (3) The duties specified in the foregoing paragraphs be in addition to such other duties (if any) as are payable under the Customs Tariff for the time being in force; and
- (4) In the foregoing paragraphs, except where otherwise clearly intended—
 “ballast rates” means special rates chargeable on any goods shipped as ballast or stiffening for any vessel, and being lower than the rates chargeable on those goods when carried as ordinary cargo;
 “subsidized ship” means any ship to the master, owners, agents, or charterers of which there is paid any Government or other subsidy, bonus, or bounty (not being payment for the actual carriage of mail matter at rates which the Minister considers to be fair and reasonable) which will permit of goods being carried at a rate of freight lower than would be the case if such subsidy, bonus, or bounty were not paid;
 “the export price” of goods exported to Australia means the price at which the goods are sold by the exporter to the importer in Australia (including the free on board charges in the country of export);
 “the fair market value” of goods means the fair market value of the goods, or of goods of the same class or kind, sold in the country of export in relation to which the expression is used, for home consumption in the usual and ordinary course of trade, plus free on board charges in that country, but not including any Excise duties payable in that country; and
 “the Tariff Board” or “the Board” means the Tariff Board appointed under the *Tariff Board Act* 1921.

THE SCHEDULE.

The special duty provided by paragraph (E) of this Resolution shall be calculated as follows:—

(A.) As to the franc (French and Belgian currencies) and the lire (Italian currency) the mint par rate of exchange of which is 25·22 to £1 sterling—

If the bank rate of exchange between London and the country of export or origin at the date of export is greater than 25·22 (par) but is less than 30·00 no special duty shall be chargeable; and

If the said Bank rate of Exchange is not less than—	But is less than—	The Special Duty shall be chargeable <i>ad valorem</i> at the rate of—
30	35	8½ per cent.
35	40	15 ”
40	45	21 ”
45	50	26 ”
50	55	30 ”
55	60	33 ”
60	65	36 ”
65	70	38½ ”
70	75	40½ ”
75	80	42½ ”
80	85	44½ ”
85	90	46 ”
90	95	47½ ”
95	100	49 ”
100	105	50 ”
105	110	51½ ”
110	115	53 ”
115	120	54½ ”
120	125	55½ ”
125	130	56½ ”
130	135	58 ”
135	140	59 ”
140	145	60 ”

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.

If the said Bank rate of Exchange is not less than—	But is less than—	The Special Duty shall be chargeable <i>ad valorem</i> at the rate of—
145	150	60½ "
150	155	61½ "
155	160	62½ "
160	165	63 "
165	170	64 "
170	175	64½ "
175	180	65 "
180	185	66 "
185	190	66½ "
190	195	67 "
195	200	67½ "
200	205	68 "
205	210	68½ "
210	215	69 "
215	220	69½ "
220	225	70 "
225	230	70½ "
230	235	70½ "
235	240	71 "
240	245	71½ "
245	250	72 "
250	255	72 "
255	260	72½ "
260	265	73 "
265	270	73 "
270	275	73½ "
275	280	73½ "
280	285	74 "
285	290	74 "
290	295	74½ "
295	300	74½ "
300	75 "

(B.) As to the mark (German currency) the mint par rate of exchange of which is 20·43 to £1 sterling—

If the bank rate of exchange between London and the country of export or origin at the date of export is greater than 20·43 (par) but is less than 25 no special duty shall be chargeable ; and

If the figure denoting the rate of exchange is not less than—	But is less than—	The Special Duty shall be chargeable <i>ad valorem</i> at the rate of—
25	30	10 per cent.
30	35	18 "
35	40	21½ "
40	45	30 "
45	50	34 "
50	55	37½ "
55	60	40 "
60	65	42½ "
65	70	45 "
70	75	47 "
75	80	48½ "
80	85	50 "
85	90	52 "
90	95	53½ "
95	100	55 "
100	105	56½ "
105	110	58 "
110	115	59½ "
115	120	60½ "
120	125	61½ "
125	130	62½ "
130	135	63½ "
135	140	64½ "
140	145	65 "
145	150	66 "
150	155	66½ "
155	160	67½ "
160	165	68 "
165	170	68½ "
170	175	69 "
175	180	69½ "
180	185	70½ "
185	190	71 "
190	195	71 "
195	200	71½ "
200	205	72 "
205	210	72½ "
210	215	73 "
215	220	73½ "
220	225	73½ "
225	230	74 "
230	235	74½ "
235	240	74½ "
240	75 "

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THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*

(C.) As to currencies not provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule the special duty shall be chargeable at a rate to be proclaimed by the Governor-General. The rate to be so proclaimed shall be such a rate as in the opinion of the Governor-General approximates as nearly as practicable to the basis established in the foregoing tables.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, forthwith, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, again 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 376, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
376. Bags and Purses, n.e.i., Wallets, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, or Trunks, with or without fittings, viz. :—			
(A) Fancy, other than of metal or glass; hand; jewel, other than of metal or glass; trinket, other than of metal or glass; sporting; travelling, other than of metal; picnic; toilet; dressing; glove; handkerchief; collar; work; satchels; reticules; valises; companions ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
Or a duty on any article mentioned in this sub-item not subject to the rate under the British Preferential Tariff of .. each whichever rate returns the higher duty	..	1s.	1s. 6d.
(B) Jewel, Trinket, and other Fancy Boxes, of metal or glass .. ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(C) Fancy Boxes containing free goods or goods subject to a specific rate .. ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(D) Fancy Boxes containing goods subject to duty ad valorem to be dutiable at the same rate as the goods			

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
376. Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks, Purses, Wallets, with or without fittings, viz. :—			
(A) Bags, hand (including Ladies' Hand Bags and Purse Bags, except of metal), sporting, travelling; Baskets, sporting, travelling, picnic; Cases, toilet, dressing, travelling; Trunks, travelling; Companions, Reticules, Satchels, Valises .. ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
Or a duty on any article mentioned in this sub-item not subject to the rate under the British Preferential Tariff of each whichever rate returns the higher duty	..	1s.	1s. 6d.

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Item 376—*continued*.

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
376.— <i>continued</i> .			
(B) Bags, Ladies' hand and purse, of metal other than gold or silver; Baskets, work, and Baskets, n.e.i.; Boxes and Cases, collar, fancy, glove, handkerchief, jewel, musical instrument, pin, puff, soap, trinket, work, and the like; Purses, not elsewhere specified; Wallets ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(C) Fancy Boxes containing free goods or goods subject to a specific rate .. ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(D) Fancy Boxes containing goods subject to duty ad valorem to be dutiable at the same rate as the goods
(E) Jewellery Boxes, Fancy .. ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 377 to 380 agreed to.

Item 381, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
381. Brushware and Materials therefor :—			
(A) Bristles, viz. :—Undressed; Dressed, if three inches and under in length; Indian, dressed or undressed; White French, dressed or undressed; China (when not boiled, baked or straightened); and Shoemakers' Bristles	Free	Free	Free
(B) Bristles partly or wholly dressed, not provided for in sub-item (A), including China (when baked, boiled or straightened) and all brush-making mixtures containing any bristle, hair, or other animal matter ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.
(C) Brushmakers' Horsehair Drafts .. ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.
(D) Tooth Brushes ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(E) Artists' Brushes (including Writers and Liners), except of Hog-hair; Aerographs ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(F) Hair Brushes, Nail Brushes, Scrubbing Brushes, Brush Sets for Halls, and Brushes n.e.i. ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.

Mr. Wise moved, That the Item be amended by inserting after "Tooth Brushes" in sub-item (D) the following :—"—up to and including 6th July, 1921".

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 382 agreed to.

Item 383 debated and agreed to.

Items 384 to 387 agreed to.

Item 388, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
388. Cordage, Metal, including Cordage of Metal with core of other material .. ad val.			
And on and after 1st January, 1921 ad val.	Free 30 per cent.	5 per cent. 40 per cent.	10 per cent. 45 per cent.

Mr. Wise moved, That the Item be amended by omitting "1921" and inserting "1922".

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

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Item 389 agreed to.
Item 390 debated and agreed to.
Item 391, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
391. Reaper and Binder Twine and Yarn.. per cwt.	6s.	7s.	7s.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 7th July, 1921 per cwt.	5s.	5s.	5s.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayès, 12.

Mr. Bell
Mr. Robert Cook
Mr. Foley
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Fowler
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Hill
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Wienholt
Tellers:
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Jowett

Noes, 36.

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Bamford
Mr. Bayley
Sir Robert Best
Mr. Blundell
Mr. Bowden
Mr. Brennan
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Austin Chapman
Mr. Charlton
Sir Joseph Cook
Mr. Corser
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Francis
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Greene
Mr. Lamond
Mr. Lister
Mr. Mackay
Mr. Mahony
Mr. Makin
Mr. Marks
Mr. Marr
Mr. Mathews
Mr. McDonald
Mr. McGrath
Mr. Riley
Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Ryan
Sir Granville Rvrie
Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Watkins
Mr. West
Tellers:
Mr. Burchell
Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.
Item 392, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
392. Yarns :—			
(A) Cotton, including Mercerised Cotton Yarn ad val.	Free	Free	5 per cent.
(B) Coir	Free	Free	Free
(C) Woollen or containing wool, for manufacturing purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	1 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1923 ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(D) Woollen or containing wool, n.e.i. ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(E) Jute, Hemp, and Flax ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(F) N.E.I. ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 7th July, 1921 ad val.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.	40 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate on Item continued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 7th July, 1921 ad val.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.”

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 393, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
393. (A) Sewing and Embroidery Silks and Twists ; Household Threads and Cottons n.e.i. ; Sewing Threads and Sewing Cottons n.e.i. for manufacturing purposes . . . ad val.	Free	Free	5 per cent.
(B) Crochet, Knitting, Mercerised, and Embroidery Cottons, put up for household purposes ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.

Mr. Francis 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 7th July, 1921 ad val	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Greene 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 7th July, 1921 ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 394, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
394. (A) Granulated Cork for fruit packing as pre- scribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(B) Granulated Cork, n.e.i. ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.
(C) Cork manufactures, n.e.i. ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Maloney 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 7th July, 1921 ad val.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.	45 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marr
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Francis	Mr. West	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Mahony	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. McGrath 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 7th July, 1921 ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

And the amendment having, by leave, been amended to read :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 7th July, 1921 ad val.	5 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 395 and 396 agreed to.

Item 397 postponed until to-morrow.

Item 398 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Groom, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Poynton*, and Mr. Tudor.

* On leave.

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