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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 161.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH JULY, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Fenton, for the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the Minutes of Evidence of the Committee in connexion with the Report on :—

The Purchase of Saw-mills and Timber Areas by the War Service Homes Commissioner.

3. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFFS].—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means with respect to Duties of Customs and Excise—

Mr. Greene moved, That the Resolution with respect to Duties of Customs be now recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means for the reconsideration of the following Items, viz. :—

- 53. Dried Fruits.
- 105. Piece Goods, sub-item (E).
- 136. Iron and Steel, sub-item (E), paragraph (1).
- 179. Electrical Machines and Appliances, sub-item (D).
- 365. Pianos and Player Pianos.

Debate ensued.

And Members having given notice of various amendments, several of which were withdrawn—
The motion was, by leave, amended by the omission of Item 365—Pianos and Player Pianos.

Debate continued.

Mr. Francis moved, as an amendment, That Items 116 and 300 be added to the Items proposed to be recommitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Bell moved, as an amendment, That Item 161 be added to the Items proposed to be recommitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Mathews moved, as an amendment, That Item 160, sub-item (A), be added to the Items proposed to be recommitted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Mr. Riley moved, as an amendment, that Item 291 be added to the Items proposed to be recommitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. McGrath moved, as an amendment, That Item 320 be added to the Items proposed to be recommitted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Ryan moved as an amendment, That Item 291, sub-items (i) and (j), be added to the Items proposed to be recommitted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, as amended, viz. :—That the Resolution with respect to Duties of Customs be now recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means for the reconsideration of the following Items :—

- 53. Dried Fruits.
- 105. Piece Goods, sub-item (E).
- 136. Iron and Steel, sub-item (E), paragraph (1).
- 179. Electrical Machines and Appliances, sub-item (D)—

put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

Item 53, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
53. Fruits, Dried, viz. :—			
(A) Currants, Raisins and other; Ginger preserved (not in liquid); Desiccated Banana, Banana Flour, and Peel candied drained or dried per lb.	3d.	3d.	3d.
(B) Dates per lb.	1d.	1d.	1d.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"(c) Prunes—on and after 9th July, 1921 per lb.	4½d.	4½d.	4½d."

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by omitting the rate "4½d." in each column, and by inserting the rate "6d." in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the rate proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Corser	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Foley	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story

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Mr. Blundell	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Makin
Mr. Mahony	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Mathews	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 105, sub-item (E), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. Piece Goods,* viz. :—			
* DEFINITION OF PIECE GOODS.—When material is defined by selvedge or by pattern for cutting up into separate articles, and is not elsewhere specified, it is not to be considered Piece Goods but as dutiable under the heading applying to the article into which it is designed to be made. Tasselled, Whipped (with or without loops), or Taped Curtain material, when not defined for cutting up, is to be considered Piece Goods.			
(E) Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, Sealette and Cloths imitating furs, Astrachans; Lace for Attire; Lace Flouncings; Millinery and Dress Nets; Veilings; Embroideries in the piece; Italians containing wool; Tucked Linens or Cottons .. ad val.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
And on and after 21st May, 1921 ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
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Mr. Greene moved, That the sub-item be further amended by adding the following after "25 per cent." (General Tariff column):—"and on and after 9th July, 1921, 20 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item, as further amended, agreed to

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Item 136, sub-item (E), paragraph (1), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
136. Iron and Steel— * * * * *	*	*	*
(E) Wire per ton And on and after 9th June, 1921	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.
(E) (1) Wire of No. 14 or finer gauge. . . ad val. * * * * *	25 per cent. *	30 per cent. *	35 per cent. *

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 9th July, 1921 (E) (1) Wire of No. 16 or finer gauge ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.
Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.
Item 179, sub-item (D), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
179. Electrical Machines and Appliances :— * * * * *	*	*	*
(D) Dynamo Electric Machines ; Static Transformers and Induction Coils for all purposes ; Electric Fans .. ad val. * * * * *	30 per cent. *	35 per cent. *	40 per cent. *

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 9th July, 1921 (D) Dynamo Electric Machines ; Static Transformers and Induction Coils for all purposes, unless otherwise expressly provided for ; Electric Fans ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

Amendment agreed to.
Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.
Resolution 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.

Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolutions, reported from the Committee, were read, and on the motion of Mr. Greene, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Greene and Sir Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

4. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1921).—Mr. Greene then brought up a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs,* ” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Greene moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 4 to 10 agreed to.
 Clause 11 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 12 to 14 agreed to.
 Schedule agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION [EXCISE TARIFF].**—The Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means with respect to the Duties of Excise was then considered—
 Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
 Question—put and passed.
 The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read and adopted by the House.
 Ordered—That Mr. Greene and Sir Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the said Resolution.
6. **EXCISE TARIFF BILL.**—Mr. Greene then brought up a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 7 agreed to.
 Clause 8—
 On the motion of Mr. Greene, the clause was amended by adding the following :—
 "*Excise Tariff Validation Act 1917 (No. 7 of 1917).*
Excise Tariff Validation Act 1919 (No. 18 of 1919)."
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clause 9—
 On the motion of Mr. Greene, the following amendment was made in the clause :—
 Line 1, omit "cease"; insert ", be deemed to have ceased".
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Schedule agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill, after debate, was read a third time.

7. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, in New South Wales, at—
 Auburn, Bathurst, North Bondi, Orange.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at eighteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hay, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Poynton*, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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