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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 191.

FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 17th September last, be printed :—
Bankruptcy Act—Third Annual Report, for period 1st August, 1930, to 31st July, 1931.
Question—put and passed.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 Boot Lasts and Trees of any material.
 Crown Seals, Granulated Cork, Corks and other Cork Manufactures.
 Cut Glass Bottles and Decanters.
 Gloves—Harvesting, Driving, Housemaids' and Gardening.
 Hot Water Bottle Stoppers.
 Soda Ash.
 Writing Ink, Ink Powders, and Liquid Drawing Ink.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1931—
 No. 25—Natives' Contracts Protection.
 No. 26—Uncontrolled Areas.
 No. 27—Marriage.
 No. 28—Stamp Duties (No. 3).
 No. 29—Mining.
 War Service Homes Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 119.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9, 10 AND 11) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9 AND 10)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

(See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendments of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569), and of the 29th July, 1931 (pages 780-2).]

Items numbered 197, 200, and 203 agreed to.

Item numbered 204 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 206 postponed.

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Item numbered 208, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) Mortice Locks, Mortice Lock Sets, Rim Locks ad val.	55 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(d) Kitchenware (other than electrical heating and cooking appliances) manufactured of wire, tinned plate, plated metal, or a combination of such materials, with handles of any material or without handles; Metal Stove Toasters; Dish, Pot, Pan or Plate Washers or Scrapers; Metal Soap Racks; Metal Can Openers; Metal Soup Ladles; Cooks' Forks; Metal Corers and Peelers; Egg Whisks or Beaters; Asbestos Mats; Ice Picks - - - per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	3s. 45 per cent.	3s. 6d. 55 per cent.	4s. 65 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Mr. White 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 3rd October, 1931 (c) Mortice Locks, Mortice Lock Sets, Rim Locks ad val.	45 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.”

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Parkhill 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 3rd October, 1931 (d) Kitchenware (other than electrical heating and cooking appliances) manufactured of wire, tinned plate, plated metal, or a combination of such materials, with handles of any material or without handles; Metal Stove Toasters; Dish, Pot, Pan or Plate Washers or Scrapers; Metal Soap Racks; Metal Can Openers; Metal Soup Ladles; Cooks' Forks; Metal Corers and Peelers; Egg Whisks or Beaters; Asbestos Mats; Ice Picks - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.”

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Item be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Price
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Long	Mr. Ward

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Killen	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Marks	Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Marr	Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Items numbered 209, 211, 213, 215, and 216 agreed to.
 Item numbered 219 debated and agreed to.
 Item numbered 220 debated and agreed to.
 Items numbered 226 and 227 agreed to.
 Item numbered 229, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(B) Residual Oil† Crude Petroleum and Solar Oil—			
(1) Crude Petroleum having a petrol* content of 35 per cent. or less and Residual Oil for use in the production of petroleum products by distillation, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(2) For use in the treatment of metallic ores by the flotation process, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(3) For use as fuel—			
(a) Residual Oil and Solar Oil, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(b) Crude Petroleum having a petrol* content of 35 per cent. or less, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(4) For use in the manufacture of gas, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws			
(5) Residual Oil and Solar Oil, n.e.i. per gallon	1d.	1½d.	1½d.
(6) Crude Petroleum n.e.i., Crude Petroleum enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum, n.e.i.—	4d.	4½d.	4½d.
(a) Having a petrol* content of 70 per cent. or less per gallon	4d.	4½d.	4½d.
(b) Having a petrol* content exceeding 70 per cent. per gallon	7d.	7d.	7d.
† Residual Oil for the purposes of this sub-item shall be as defined by Departmental By-law.			
* Petrol for the purposes of this sub-item means any petroleum fractions distilling below a temperature of 215 degrees Centigrade at 760 millimetres pressure, when tested in conformity with a method prescribed by Departmental By-law.”			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(C) (1) Crude Petroleum having a petrol* content exceeding 35 per cent., Once-run Distillate from crude petroleum, and Crude Petroleum enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum, for use in the production of petroleum products by distillation, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
On the petrol* content - - - - - per gallon	2d.	2d.	2d.
(2) Once-run Distillate from crude petroleum, n.e.i.—			
(a) Having a petrol* content of 70 per cent. or less - - - - - per gallon	4d.	4½d.	4½d.
(b) Having a petrol* content exceeding 70 per cent. - - - - - per gallon	7d.	7d.	7d.
(3) Petroleum and Shale products, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, and any other Petroleum or Shale Spirit—			
(a) In containers of less than 40 gallons capacity - - - - - per gallon	8½d.	8½d.	8½d.
(b) Otherwise - - - - - per gallon	7d.	7d.	7d.
Provided that the rate of duty payable on any Petroleum or Shale Products classifiable under clause (a) of paragraph (3) of this sub-item which were ordered before the 26th March, 1931, and which are entered for home consumption on or before the 30th April, 1931, shall be the rate provided in clause (b) of paragraph (3) of this sub-item.			
* Petrol for the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this sub-item means any petroleum fractions distilling below a temperature of 215 degrees Centigrade at 760 millimetres pressure, when tested in conformity with a method prescribed by Departmental By-law.”			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(D) Turpentine Substitutes - - - - - per gallon	½d.	1d.	1d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(E) Lubricating (Mineral)† - - - - - per gallon	4d.	4½d.	4½d.
† An admixture not exceeding 2 per cent. of any vegetable or animal oil or other foreign matter shall not be deemed to render the oil liable to any higher duty.”			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(H) (1) Vegetable Oils, Edible, n.e.i., including Cooking and Fish-frying Oils - - - - - per gallon	3s.	3s. 6d.	4s.
(2) Olive Oil n.e.i. - - - - - per gallon	2s.	2s. 6d.	3s.
(3) Olive Oil for use in the production of dried fruits or for other purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free.”

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Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by omitting sub-items (B) and (c), and inserting the following sub-items in place thereof:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“(B) Petroleum and Shale Products, viz.:—			
(1) Crude Petroleum, Residual Oil†, Solar Oil—			
(a) For use in the treatment of metallic ores by the flotation process, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(b) For use as Fuel provided that the recoverable petrol content* of Crude Petroleum does not exceed 15 per cent., as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(c) For use in the manufacture of Gas, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	1d.	1½d.	1½d.
(2) Crude Petroleum, Crude Petroleum enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum, and Residual Oil†, for use in the production of petroleum products by distillation, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
(a) Having a recoverable petrol content* not exceeding 70 per cent.	Free	Free	Free
(b) Having a recoverable petrol content* exceeding 70 per cent.—On the total recoverable petrol content* per gallon	2d.	2d.	2d.
(3) Once-run distillate from crude petroleum for use in the production of petroleum products by distillation, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—On the total recoverable petrol content* per gallon			
(4) Crude Petroleum n.e.i., Crude Petroleum enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum n.e.i.—	2d.	2d.	2d.
(a) Having a recoverable petrol content* not exceeding 70 per cent.	4d.	4½d.	4½d.
(b) Having a recoverable petrol content* exceeding 70 per cent.	7d.	7d.	7d.
(5) Once-run Distillate from crude petroleum n.e.i.	7d.	7d.	7d.
(6) Residual Oil† n.e.i. and Solar Oil n.e.i.	4d.	4½d.	4½d.
† Residual Oil for the purposes of this sub-item shall be as defined by Departmental By-law.			
* For the purposes of this sub-item the term “recoverable petrol content” shall mean the quantity of petrol recoverable by distillation when the crude petroleum, crude petroleum enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum, residual oil or once-run distillate from crude petroleum is tested in conformity with a method or methods prescribed by Departmental By-law.”			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“(c) Petroleum and Shale Products, viz.:—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit—			
(1) In containers of less than 40 gallons capacity	8½d.	8½d.	8½d.
(2) Otherwise	7d.	7d.	7d.
Provided that the rate of duty payable on any petroleum or shale products classifiable under paragraph (1) of this sub-item which were ordered before the 26th March, 1931, and which are entered for home consumption on or before the 30th April, 1931, shall be the rate provided in paragraph (2) of this sub-item.”			

Debate ensued.

Mr. Eldridge moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the following be added to sub-item (c):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(c) Petroleum and Shale Products, viz.:—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit	7d.	7d.	7d.”
per gallon			

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Debate continued.

Mr. Cusack addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Ward moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment upon the proposed amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Frost	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Jones	Mr. Ward	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen		Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Tully
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Price		
Mr. Marks	Mr. White		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the Item was further amended by adding the following to sub-item (D):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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“ And on and after 30th July, 1931 (D) Turpentine Substitutes— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon			
(2) N.E.I. - - - - - per gallon	½d. 7d.	1d. 7d.	1d. 7d.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 230, 231, 232, 237, and 239 agreed to.

By leave, Item numbered 231, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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231. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (E) (1) Colours, dry, viz. :—Red Lead, Litharge, and Sub-oxide of Lead - - - - - per cwt. 15s. or ad val. 40 per cent. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (2) Colours, dry, n.e.i. - - - - - per cwt. 3s. or ad val. 20 per cent. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	15s. 40 per cent. 3s. 20 per cent. *	17s. 50 per cent. 3s. 20 per cent. *	19s. 55 per cent. 4s. 30 per cent. *

was, on the motion of Mr. Forde, reconsidered, and amended by adding the following to sub-item (E) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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“ And on and after 3rd October, 1931 (E) Colours, dry, n.e.i., including Litharge per cwt. or ad val. 3s. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	3s. 20 per cent.	3s. 20 per cent.	4s. 30 per cent.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item numbered 241—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 24 of 1931—
 Common Rule—Compensation for Overtime, Sunday duty, &c.
 Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Canned Fruits Control Board,
 for year ended 30th June, 1931, together with a statement by the Minister regarding the
 operation of the Act.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Mortgagors'
 Interest Reduction Ordinance—Regulations.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. James, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.