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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1935.

New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea for the year 1934-35.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1936—

No. 3—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 4—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1935.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REDUCED WORKING HOURS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that the Government would facilitate the hearing of applications to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration by interested organizations in regard to a reduction in working hours.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL PUBLICITY AND RESEARCH BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 89.

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 make provision for Improving the Quality and Increasing the Production and Use of Wool.

Canberra,

18th May, 1936.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for Improving the Quality and Increasing the Production and Use of Wool.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thorby, by leave, was adopted by the House.

6. WOOL PUBLICITY AND RESEARCH BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to inserting the following words:—"the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for a ballot of all Australian wool-growers as to whether they favour the proposed levy on wool, and the proposed method of administration of the fund."

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Clark 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 a later hour this day.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—TRADE DIVERSION.—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of certain important decisions which have been made by the Government with the objects of increasing the export of primary produce, expanding secondary industry, and bringing about an increase in rural and industrial employment.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1934-35*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill (1936)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 118.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

[*Appropriation (Unemployment Relief) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of the Grant of Financial Assistance to the States* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 6), CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (NO. 6), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 4)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 6).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariffs 1933* as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-third day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariffs 1933* as so amended.

That in this Resolution “ *Tariff Proposals* ” means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced in the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

28th November, 1935 ;
20th March, 1936 ; and
1st April, 1936.

IMPORT DUTIES.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

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| 18. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 18. Tobacco, unmanufactured, n.e.i. - - - per lb. ” | 10s. | 10s. | 10s.” |

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IMPORT DUTIES--continued.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| Division II.—Tobacco and Manufactures thereof—continued. | | | |
| 19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 19. (A) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into tobacco other than fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory— | | | |
| (1) For the manufacture of tobacco in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of tobacco containing less than 13 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed leaf) used— | | | |
| (a) Unstemmed - - per lb. | 5s. | 5s. | 5s. |
| (b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb. | 5s. 6d. | 5s. 6d. | 5s. 6d. |
| (2) Otherwise— | | | |
| (a) Unstemmed - - per lb. | 3s. 6d. | 3s. 6d. | 3s. 6d. |
| (b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb. | 4s. | 4s. | 4s. |
| (B) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into cigarettes or into fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory— | | | |
| (1) For the manufacture of cigarettes in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of cigarettes containing less than 2½ per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed leaf) used— | | | |
| (a) Unstemmed - - per lb. | 6s. 7d. | 6s. 7d. | 6s. 7d. |
| (b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb. | 7s. 1d. | 7s. 1d. | 7s. 1d. |
| (2) Otherwise— | | | |
| (a) Unstemmed - - per lb. | 5s. 2d. | 5s. 2d. | 5s. 2d. |
| (b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb. | 5s. 8d. | 5s. 8d. | 5s. 8d.” |
| 20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i. - - - per lb. | 10s. 6d. | 11s. 6d. | 11s. 6d.” |
| 21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 21. Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels, and other attachments - per lb. | 10s. 3d. | 11s. 3d. | 11s. 3d.” |
| 22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages; Fine cut tobacco, suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes per lb. | 17s. 4d. | 19s. 4d. | 19s. 4d.” |

DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

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| 105. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— | | | |
| “ (a) Cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), n.e.i. :— | | | |
| (1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard | ½d. | 2½d. | 2½d. |
| or ad val. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | | | |
| (2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard | ½d. | 2¾d. | 3d. |
| or ad val. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | | | |
| (3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard | ½d. | 3¼d. | 3½d. |
| or ad val. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty.” | | | |

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—continued.

105—continued.

(A)—continued.

(1)—continued.

By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:—

“(c) Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), viz.:—Drills Dungarees and Jeans, weighing 6 ounces or less per square yard or weighing 18 ounces or more per square yard—

(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
..

3d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.”

By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:—

“(d) Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates, of a type which would otherwise be classifiable under sub-item (A) (1) (b), as prescribed by Departmental By-laws, viz.:—for use in the manufacture of shirts; for use as pocketings in the manufacture of outer clothing; undyed, whether bleached or unbleached, for use in the manufacture of leathercloth rubbercloth and other waterproofed cloth; undyed sheetings, whether bleached or unbleached, for use in the undyed state; for use in the manufacture of other goods not specified in sub-item (A) (1) (b)—

(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
..

3d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—

“(B) Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hemstitched handkerchiefs, serviettes, tablecloths, or window blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—

(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
..

3d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.

(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
5 per cent.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
..

whichever rate returns the lower duty.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—

“(c) Piece goods, n.e.i., including cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates but not including piece goods wholly of silk or in which silk predominates or piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F), suitable for human apparel, or to be worn in connexion with the human body, having on one or both sides a teased, treated, combed, fluffed, or raised nap or

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—continued. | | | |
| 105—continued. | | | |
| (c)—continued. | | | |
| surface in imitation of or resembling flannel in feel or appearance— | | | |
| (1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - - - per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 2½d. | 2½d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - - - per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 2½d. | 3d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 3½d. | 3½d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty." | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| " (N) (1) Artificial silk, or containing artificial silk or having artificial silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (A) (1) (b), (A) (3), (AA) and (F)— | | | |
| (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws in respect only of goods entered for home consumption on or before 30th November, 1936 | ½d. | 3d. | 3d. |
| (b) Other - - - per square yard | 1½d. | 8d. | 9d. |
| (2) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (A) (1), (A) (3), (AA), (B), (C), (D) (1), (F), and item 130 (N) (1) - ad val. | 10 per cent. | 30 per cent. | 30 per cent." |
| By adding a new sub-item (M) as follows :— | | | |
| " (M) Linen piece goods. viz. :— | | | |
| (1) Defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hemstitched handkerchiefs, serviettes, tablecloths, or window blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val. | 5 per cent. | 25 per cent. | 25 per cent. |
| (2) N.E.I. - - - - ad val. | 5 per cent. | 25 per cent. | 25 per cent." |
| By adding a new sub-item (N) as follows :— | | | |
| " (N) Piece Goods n.e.i. - - - - ad val. | 5 per cent. | 25 per cent. | 25 per cent." |
| 120. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| " (D) Tablecloths handkerchiefs and serviettes imported in an unhemmed, unpressed and unboxed condition, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws— | | | |
| (1) Cotton; made from piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in Items 105 (AA), (D) (1) and (F))— | | | |
| (a) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - - - per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 2½d. | 2½d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (b) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 2½d. | 3d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (c) Printed, dyed or coloured - - - per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 3½d. | 3½d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (2) Linen - - - - ad val. | 5 per cent. | 25 per cent. | 25 per cent." |
| 130. By omitting the whole of sub-item (N) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| " (N) Not waterproofed by treatment with any substance— | | | |
| (1) Cotton; containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods covered by Items 105 (A) (1) (b), (AA), (D) (1) and (F))— | | | |
| (a) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - - - per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 2½d. | 2½d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (b) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 2½d. | 3d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (c) Printed, dyed or coloured - - - per square yard or ad val. | ½d. | 3½d. | 3½d. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| (2) Other - - - - ad val. | 5 per cent. | 25 per cent. | 25 per cent." |

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

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| 229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) Lubricating (Mineral)† - - - per gallon † 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.” | 3½d. | 4½d. | 6d. |
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DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

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| 291. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) Other— (a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement) (b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val. | 4s. 6d. 10 per cent. | 4s. 6d. 30 per cent. | 5s. 3d. 30 per cent.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(d) Spars in the rough— (1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement) (2) Other - - - - - ad val. | 4s. 6d. 10 per cent. | 4s. 6d. 30 per cent. | 5s. 3d. 30 per cent.” |

DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.

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| 359. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) (twice occurring) of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(4) Chassis, including lamps but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers (excepting Steering Dampers), Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs and Springs— (a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and Car type capable of use for commercial vehicles per lb. (b) Unassembled, viz. :—Truck Omnibus or other commercial vehicle - per lb. (c) Assembled - - - - - per lb. and in respect of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)— An additional duty of - per lb. Provided that for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.” | Free Free 1½d. .7d. | 5d. 4½d. 6½d. .7d. | 5½d. 4½d. 7d. .7d. |
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CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 6).

That, on and after the twenty-third day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934* as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

28th November, 1935 ;
20th March, 1936 ;
1st April, 1936 ; and
2nd April, 1936 ;

be further amended as follows :—

by omitting “ 291 (c) (2) ” and inserting in its stead “ 291 (c) (2) (b) ”.
by omitting “ 291 (d) ” and inserting in its stead “ 291 (d) (2) ”.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934* as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and on the first day of April, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-third day of

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May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934* as so amended.

| Tariff Item. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada. |
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| DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE. | |
| Ex 291. By omitting :— | |
| “(c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :— | |
| (1) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - ad val. | 5 per cent. |
| (2) Other - - - - - ad val. | 20 per cent.” |
| and inserting in its stead the following : - | |
| “(c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :— | |
| (1) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - ad val. | 5 per cent. |
| (2) Other— | |
| (a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement) - | 4s. 6d. |
| (b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val. | 20 per cent.” |
| By omitting : - - | |
| “(d) Spars in the rough - - - - - ad val. | 20 per cent.” |
| and inserting in its stead the following :— | |
| “(d) Spars in the rough— | |
| (1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement) | 4s. 6d. |
| (2) Other - - - - - ad val. | 20 per cent.” |
| DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES. | |
| Ex 359. By omitting :— | |
| “(4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers excepting Steering Dampers, Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs, Springs, Spring Hangers, Shackle Bolts Pins and Assemblies, U Bolts, King Pins, Tie Rod Pins, Tie Rod Ball Pins, Tie Rod Ball Studs and High Tension Ignition Coils— | |
| (a) Unassembled - - - - - ad val. | 15 per cent. |
| (b) Assembled - - - - - ad val. | 35 per cent.” |
| and inserting in its stead the following :— | |
| “(4) Chassis, including lamps but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers (excepting Steering Dampers), Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs and Springs— | |
| (a) Unassembled, viz. :— Car, and Car typo capable of use for commercial vehicles - - - per lb. | 2½d. |
| (b) Unassembled, viz. :— Truck Omnibus or other commercial vehicle - - - - - per lb. | 2½d. |
| (c) Assembled - - - - - per lb. | 4d. |
| and in respect of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)— | |
| An additional duty of - - - - - per lb. | .7d. |
| Provided that for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.” | |

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. WOOL PUBLICITY AND RESEARCH BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Forde, viz. :—*That all the words after “ That ” be omitted, with a view to inserting the following words: —“ the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for a ballot of all Australian wool-growers as to whether they favour the proposed levy on wool, and the proposed method of administration of the fund.”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 18 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

1A.—(1.) An application in writing may be made to the Minister between the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty, and the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty, for the taking of a poll to determine whether this Act shall or shall not continue in operation, and, if the Minister is satisfied that the application is signed by producers who constitute at least ten per centum of all the producers, and who own in the aggregate, at least fifteen per centum of all the sheep in Australia, a poll of producers shall be taken accordingly, in the prescribed manner, throughout the Commonwealth.

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(2.) If, at a poll taken, in pursuance of this section, not later than the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty, votes in favour of the discontinuance of this Act are given by a majority of the producers voting at the poll and by producers owning in the aggregate more than one-half of all the sheep owned by the producers so voting, this Act shall cease to have effect upon the thirty-first day of May, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

(3.) For the purposes of this section "producer" means a person carrying on business of wool-growing exclusively or as part of his business, and owning not less than one hundred sheep.

Preamble agreed to.

Title—

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the following amendment was made :—Omit "the Quality".

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment, and with an amended Title.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Income Tax Assessment Bill (1936)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Imposition Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Incomes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its Amendment No. 18, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

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Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Supply Bill (No. 1) 1936-37*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 thirty-seven*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1934-35*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 122.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

13. WOOL TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Sir Donald Cameron, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 26, omit "June", insert "July".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 24, omit "June", insert "July".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 21 agreed to.

Clause 22—

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the following amendment was made :—

Page 6, line 32, omit "may", insert "shall".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 41 agreed to.

Title—

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the following amendment was made :—

Omit "June", insert "July".

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments, and with an amended Title.

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The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. WAYS AND MEANS—WOOL TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) moved—

That a tax, at rates to be prescribed by regulations made under the Act passed to give effect to this Resolution, but not exceeding the rates specified in the following Schedule, be imposed on all wool—

- (a) grown in Australia, and
(b) shorn on or after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

THE SCHEDULE.

| | <i>s. d.</i> |
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| For each bale of wool | 0 6 |
| For each fadge or butt of wool | 0 3 |
| For each bag of wool | 0 1 |

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Thorby 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 was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thorby, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thorby and Mr. Casey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

15. WOOL TAX BILL.—Mr. Thorby (Acting Minister for Commerce) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a tax on Wool grown in Australia and shorn on or after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Thorby moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thorby, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Parkhill (Minister representing the Postmaster-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Parkhill, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. REMOVAL OF PRISONERS (TERRITORIES) BILL (1935).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Parkhill, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

Suspension of Sitting.—At fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 123.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has considered Message No. 127 of that House, dated 22nd May, 1936, in reference to such Bill.

The Senate has agreed to the modification made by the House of Representatives in Request for Amendment No. 3.

The Senate does not again request the House of Representatives to make the amendments indicated in Requests Nos. 4 and 5.

The Senate has resolved to press its Request for Amendment No. 8, and again requests the House of Representatives to make such amendment, as shown in the annexed Schedule.

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Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

Statement by the Speaker—Privileges of the House.—Mr. Speaker said :—

I desire to direct the attention of honorable Members to that part of the Message in which the Senate presses its Request for an amendment.

The right of the Senate to press a Request for amendment in connexion with the Tariff has never been admitted by the House of Representatives, nor has the House yet determined its constitutional rights and obligations in relation thereto.

On previous occasions, the House considered the Message, after passing a resolution that the public welfare demanded the early enactment of the Tariff and that pending the adoption of Joint Standing Orders the House refrained from determining its constitutional rights or obligations.

It rests with the House to determine whether it will receive and consider the Message. In the circumstances of the present case, it may deem it expedient to act as before and to pass a similar resolution and to inform the Senate of the terms thereof.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That, having regard to the fact that the public interest demands the early enactment of the Tariff, and pending the adoption of Joint Standing Orders, this House refrains from the determination of its constitutional rights or obligations in respect of Message No. 123, received from the Senate in reference to the Customs Tariff Bill (1936), and resolves to consider it forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. White moved, That the foregoing Resolution be incorporated in the Message when the Bill is returned to the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. White moved, That the Senate's Message No. 123 be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Schedule accompanying Senate Message No. 123, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE SHOWING THE ORIGINAL REQUESTED AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE WHICH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS NOT MADE, AND WHICH THE SENATE AGAIN REQUESTS THE HOUSE TO MAKE.

Note.—Black type denotes requested insertion or alteration.

| Senate Request No. and Tariff Items. | Duty Passed by House of Representatives. | | | Alteration of Duty Requested by Senate. | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | British Preferential Tariff. | Inter-mediate Tariff. | General Tariff. | British Preferential Tariff. | Inter-mediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (E) Parts of Bodies enumerated in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of sub-item (D), viz. :— * * * * * (2) Pressed metal panels, other— * * * * * (c) For bodies with fixed or movable canopy tops and bodies n.e.i. per lb. * * * * * per complete set * * * * * | | | | | | |
| 9d. | 9d. | £37 10s. | £37 10s. | | | |
| ADD NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH— (d) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws | .. | .. | .. | Free | | |

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Requested Amendment not made.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. White, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 124.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934'*", and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment requested by the Senate, which is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT.

Page 3, The Schedule, that portion commencing with the words and figures "by omitting '234'" and ending with the figures "'234 (c)'"—

leave out all the words and figures after the word "stead", insert—

"'234 (A) except as to goods entered for home consumption on or after 29th November, 1935, and before the 2nd April, 1936', '234 (B)' and '234 (c)' up to and including 30th November, 1936.

'234 (B)' and '234 (c)'—on and after 1st December, 1936."

Requested Amendment made.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

20. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:

[*Wool Publicity and Research Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 125.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for Improving and Increasing the Production and Use of Wool*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Wool Tax Assessment Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 126.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Tax upon Wool grown in Australia and shorn on or after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Wool Tax Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 127.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a tax on Wool grown in Australia and shorn on or after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Petroleum Oil Search Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Encouragement of Drilling Operations in connexion with the search for Petroleum Oil in Australia and in the Territories of Papua and New Guinea*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

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[*Dairy Produce Export Control Bill* (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend sections eight, fourteen and fifteen of the ‘Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924–1935’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

Suspension of Sitting.—At twenty minutes past eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At half-past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

21. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Customs Tariff Bill* (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 130.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not further press Request No. 8 with which the House of Representatives has not complied.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith as amended by the House of Representatives at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Bill* (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 131.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933–1934*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd May, 1936.

BURFORD SAMPSON,
Deputy-President.

22. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

23. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

24. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Albert Green*, Mr. E. F. Harrison*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Stacey.

* On leave.

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