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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 132.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 88.
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 87.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MAXWELL).—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Fawkner (Mr. Maxwell), on the ground of ill-health.
 Question—put and passed.
5. WESTRALIAN FARMERS AGREEMENT BILL (1921).—Sir Joseph Cook, pursuant to leave given on the 12th instant, as amended, by leave, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth to enter into an agreement with Basil Lathrop Murray, Esquire, and the West Australian Grain Growers' Co-operative Elevators Limited, varying and supplementing the Agreement contained in the Schedule to the 'Westralian Farmers Agreement Act 1920'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put.
 The House divided—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Riley
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Cunningham	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Francis	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Galb	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	

Tellers:

Mr. Burchell
Mr. Story

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Mr. Anstey
Mr. Considine
Mr. West

Tellers:

Mr. Brennan
Mr. James Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
 Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
 Schedule agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See reprinted Tariff which incorporates the proposed Resolutions of 24th March, 1920 (*vide* pages 36–88 *ante*), as amended by the proposed Resolutions of 16th September, 1920 (*vide* pages 321–6 *ante*).]

Item 2 agreed to.

Item 3, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
3. Spirits, † and spirituous liquors, n.e.i. :—			
† Spirits in cases of two gallons and under, to be charged as two gallons ; over two gallons and not exceeding three gallons, as three gallons ; over three gallons, and not exceeding four gallons, as four gallons ; and so on, provided that small bottles or vials of liquor intended for samples or other special purposes only may be entered at actual measurement.			
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(c) Gin, Liqueurs, and Bitters—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	27s.	28s.	29s.
And on and after 17th September, 1920 per gallon	30s.	31s.	32s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	27s.	28s.	29s.
And on and after 17th September, 1920 per proof gallon	30s.	31s.	32s.
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Mr. Greene moved, That paragraph (c) be further amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 14th May, 1921.			
(c) Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit, and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit ; Liqueurs and Bitters—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	30s.	31s.	32s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	30s.	31s.	32s.
(cc) Gin, n.e.i.—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	31s.	32s.	33s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	31s.	32s.	33s.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to, after debate.

Item 4 agreed to.

Item 5, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
5. Collodion per gallon	5s.	6s. 6d.	7s. 6d.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by the insertion after "5s." of the following :—" and on and after 14th May, 1921, 3s."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 6 debated and postponed.

Item 7 agreed to.

Item 8, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
8. Perfumed Spirits per gallon or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty And on and after 17th September, 1920 per gallon or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty	35s. 35 per cent. 58s. 35 per cent.	37s. 6d. 40 per cent. 40s. 6d. 40 per cent.	40s. 45 per cent. 43s. 45 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 14th May, 1921 per gallon or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty"	40s. 20 per cent.	45s. 25 per cent.	50s. 30 per cent.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 9 debated and agreed to.

Items 10 to 18 agreed to.

Item 19 debated and agreed to.

Items 20 to 23 agreed to.

Item 24 debated and agreed to.

Item 25 agreed to.

Item 26 debated and agreed to.

Item 27, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
27. Glucose per cwt.	8s.	8s.	8s.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 14th May, 1921 per cwt.	12s.	12s.	12s."

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Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 28 debated and agreed to.

Item 29 debated and agreed to.

Items 30 to 33 agreed to.

Item 34 debated and agreed to.

Items 35 to 38 agreed to.

Item 39 debated and agreed to.

Item 40 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WESTRALIAN FARMERS AGREEMENT BILL (1921).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 83.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth to enter into an agreement with Basil Lathrop Murray, Esquire, and the West Australian Grain Growers' Co-operative Elevators Limited, varying and supplementing the Agreement contained in the Schedule to the 'Westralian Farmers Agreement Act 1920'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th May, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to five 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. Bowden, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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