

1920-21.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 135.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 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—REPORT.—Mr. Fowler, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report upon the Purchase of Saw-mills and Timber Areas.
Ordered to be printed.
3. 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 100, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
100. Tea—			
(A) In packets not exceeding 20 lb. net weight per lb.	1d.	1d.	1d.
(B) N.E.I.	Free	Free	Free

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by the insertion of the words "grown within the Empire" after the word "Tea".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 101, 102, and 103 agreed to.

Item 104, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
104. Waxes, n.e.i., including Stearine, Paraffine Wax, Beeswax, Carnauba, Ceresine, Japanese or Vegetable Wax, Vegetable Wax n.e.i. per lb.	1d.	1d.	1½d.

Debate ensued.

F.255.

20th May, 1921.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 21st May, 1921			
104. Waxes—			
(A) Paraffine Wax per lb.	1d	1½d.	2d.
(B) N.E.I., including Stearine, Beeswax, Carnauba, Ceresine, Japanese or Vegetable Wax, Vegetable Wax n.e.i. per lb.	1d.	1d.	1½d.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 105, 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.

(A) (1) Cotton, Linen, and other piece goods, n.e.i. ; Oil Baize not containing wool ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Calico, for bag making, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(B) Cotton and Linen Piece Goods defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths, Towels, or Window Blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.
(C) Piece Goods, n.e.i., other than of wool or silk, 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 surface in imitation of or resembling flannel in feel or appearance ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(D) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (F) ad val.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(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.
(F) Woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i. ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(G) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair and Cotton or Hair and Wool combined for lining apparel ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(H) Waterproofed Cloth, prepared with Rubber, Oil, or Celluloid—			
(1) Woollen or containing wool ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(2) Silk or containing silk, but not containing wool ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(3) Leather Cloth ad val.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.
(4) N.E.I. ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by inserting the following sub-item after sub-item (A) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(AA) Cotton piece goods, Knitted, in tubular form— On and after 21st May, 1921			
(1) For the manufacture of goods other than Apparel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Other ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 21st May, 1921 ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Francis moved, That the proposed amendment be amended as follows :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Omit—	“15 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.”
and insert in place thereof—	“10 per cent.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.”

Amendment upon amendment debated and negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. James Page moved, That the Item be further amended by inserting the words “Tinsel Cloths” before the words “or Cottons” in sub-item (E).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Greene 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 21st May, 1921 ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item (F) debated—

Progress 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.

20th May, 1921.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three 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. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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