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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 146.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MARANOA BY-ELECTION.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House that yesterday he had issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Maranoa Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on Wednesday last.
3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (SIR ELLIOT JOHNSON AND MR. POYNTON).**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Lang (Sir Elliot Johnson), on the ground of ill-health, and to the honorable Member for Grey (Mr. Poynton), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator (with reference to the Basic Wage, &c.)—No. 2 of 1921—In the matter of the Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association, Post and Telegraph Association, Commonwealth Postmasters' Association, Australian Letter Carriers' Association, Federated Public Service Assistants' Association, Postal Electricians' Union, Postal Linemen's Union, Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association, General Division Union of the Trade and Customs Department, General Division Telephone Officers' Association, Postal Sorters' Union, Line Inspectors' Association, and the Meat Inspectors' Association.
 Papua—Ordinances of 1920—
 No. 13—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 3), 1919-1920.
 No. 14—Trust Fund Advances.
 No. 20—Supply (No. 3), 1920-1921.
 No. 21—Appropriation, 1920-1921.
 No. 22—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1), 1920-1921.
 Public Service Act—Appointment of S. F. Whittington, Department of the Treasury.
5. **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 165, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
165. (A) Reaper Threshers and Harvesters n.e.i.			
ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(b) Stripper Harvesters each	£12	£14	£15
or ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			

14th June, 1921.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 15th June, 1921 each	£10	£12	£14”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Bowden
Mr. Brennan
Mr. Robert Cook
Mr. Fleming
Mr. Gregory

Mr. Wienholt
Tellers :
Mr. Bell
Mr. Stewart

Noes, 25.

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Blundell
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Charlton
Sir Joseph Cook
Mr. Corser
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Foley
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Greene
Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Lister
Mr. Mackay

Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Mathews
Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Riley
Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Watkins
Mr. West
Tellers :
Mr. Burchell
Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Fenton moved, That the Item be amended by inserting the following in sub-item (A) after “ 40 per cent.” (General Tariff column) “ ; and on and after 15th June, 1921, 45 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. R. W. Foster moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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“ And on and after 15th June, 1921 ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to
Item 166 agreed to.
Item 167, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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167. Metal Parts of Reaper Threshers, Stripper Harvesters, Strippers, and Harvesters n.e.i. per lb.	1½d.	2¼d.	2½d.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 15th June, 1921 per lb.	1½d.	2d.	2d.”

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 168 debated and agreed to.

Item 169, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
169. Machinery, viz. :— Linotype, Monotype, Monoline, and other Type-Composing Machines; Printing Machines and Presses; Typewriters (including covers); Machinery used exclusively for and in the actual process of Electrotyping and Stereotyping; Aluminium Rotary Graining Machines; Adding and Computing Machines and all attachments ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by inserting "(A)" before the word "Linotype" and by adding the following sub-item :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"(B) Cash Registers ad val. And on and after 15th June, 1921 ad val.	27½ per cent. Free	35 per cent. 5 per cent.	40 per cent. 10 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 170, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
170. (A) Earth and Rock Cutting, Dredging, and Excavating Machinery ad val. (B) Ore Dressing Machinery and Appliances n.e.i., and Accessories ad val. (C) Smelting, Leaching, and Metal-Refining Appliances ad val. (D) Rock Boring Machines, n.e.i. ad val. (E) Coal Cutting Machines ad val. (F) Rotary and Percussive Rock Drills ad val.	27½ per cent. 27½ per cent. 27½ per cent. 27½ per cent. 27½ per cent. 27½ per cent.	35 per cent. 35 per cent. 35 per cent. 35 per cent. 35 per cent. 35 per cent.	40 per cent. 40 per cent. 40 per cent. 40 per cent. 40 per cent. 40 per cent.

Debate ensued.
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 15th June, 1921 ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent."

Debate ensued.
Amendment agreed to.
Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (F) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 15th June, 1921 ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.

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Item 171—

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.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 101.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jackson, 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. Prowse, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Tudor*.

* On leave.

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