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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 154.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1920-21—Dated 22nd June, 1921.
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 113, 114.
 Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 112.
 Public Service Act—Promotions of—
 F. Strahan, Prime Minister's Department.
 C. H. Brown, Department of the Treasury.
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 291, as amended, viz. :—

	British Protectorial Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
291. Timber, viz. :—			
(A) Engravers' Boxwood and Engravers' Maple-wood ad val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.
(B) Hickory, undressed ad val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.
(C) Logs, not sawn ad val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(D) Spars, in the rough ad val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(E) New Zealand White Pine, undressed, n.e.i., for use in the manufacture of butter boxes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per 100 super. feet	1s.	1s.	1s.
(F) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) and over per 100 super. feet	1s.	1s.	1s.
And on and after 24th June, 1921 per 100 super. feet	3s.	3s.	4s.
(G) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 in. x 6 in. (or its equivalent) per 100 super. feet	3s.	3s.	3s.
(H) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes less than 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) per 100 super. feet	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.
(I) Timber, undressed, cut to size for making boxes per 100 super. feet	5s.	5s.	5s.
(J) Timber, for making boxes, being cut to size, and dressed or partly dressed per 100 super. feet	6s.	6s.	6s.

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Item 291—*continued*.

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
291. Timber— <i>continued</i> .			
(K) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i. . . . ad val.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.
(L) Timber, dressed, n.e.i. . . per 100 super. feet	4s.	4s.	4s.
(M) Plywood, veneered or otherwise per 100 square feet	4s.	4s.	5s.
(N) Veneers ad val.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

Sub-item (G) —

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Greene, viz. :—That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 per 100 super. feet	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.	5s. 6d.”

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Mathews moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 per 100 super. feet	7s. 6d.	7s. 6d.	10s.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Amendment previously moved by Mr. Greene, and temporarily withdrawn, again moved, and agreed to.

Sub-item (H) —

Mr. Greene moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 per 100 super. feet	5s.	5s.	6s.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item (I) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (J) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (K) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (L) —

Mr. Greene moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 per 100 super. feet	6s.	6s.	6s.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item (M) debated—

Mr. Greene moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 per 100 square feet	5s.	5s.	6s.”

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Mr. Mathews moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 per 100 square feet	6s.	6s.	7s.”

Amendment agreed to.
 Sub-item (N) agreed to.
 Item 291, as amended, agreed to.
 Item 292 debated and agreed to.
 Item 293 agreed to.
 Item 294 debated and agreed to.
 Items 295, 296 and 297 agreed to.
 Item 298 debated and agreed to.
 Item 299 agreed to.
 Item 300, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
300. Woodware for Vehicles, viz. :—			
(A) Felloes, hickory, cut, shaped, or bent, plain, in the rough ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
(B) Hubs, elm, with or without metal bands ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
(C) Hubs, prepared, n.e.i. each	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.
(D) Rims, hickory, bent, squared, plain, in the rough ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
(E) Rims, n.e.i. each	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.
(F) Spokes, hickory, rough-turned, but not shouldered or tenoned .. ad val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.
(G) Spokes, hickory, dressed, 2 in. and under in diameter ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
(H) Spokes, dressed or prepared (not being of hickory), 2 in. or under in diameter per 100	12s.	12s.	12s.
(I) Bars, Shaft and Whiffletree .. ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(J) Poles and Shafts, in the rough, bent, undressed, or dressed ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

Debate ensued.
 Sub-item (A) agreed to.
 Sub-item (B) debated—

Mr. Francis moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 ad val.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 29th June, 1921 ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.”

Debate ensued.
 Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham		Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Francis		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gabb	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Mathews moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following after "15 per cent." (General Tariff column):—" ; and on and after 29th June, 1921, 20 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Cunningham		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Francis	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gabb	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (c) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (d) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (e) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (f) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (g) 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past 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. Blundell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Hay, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson*, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton*, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tudor*, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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