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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Immigration—Possibilities of Settling Immigrants on Lands in Western Australia—Report by Senator P. J. Lynch and the Honorable H. Gregory, M.P.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1922—
No. 23—Currency Coinage and Tokens.
No. 24—Natives' Contracts Protection.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR—COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CONTROL—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Rodgers :—That the Paper [*presented on the 21st ultimo*], viz. :—

Commonwealth Government Sugar Control—Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1922 ; profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922 ; trading and profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922—operating and trading accounts—

be printed—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Prowse, viz. :—That the following words be added to the motion :—

“and (a) That consideration of the question of the price of sugar be postponed until Wednesday next and/or the tabling of full details of the sugar position as promised by the Minister for Trade and Customs.

(b) That a Select Committee of the House be appointed to inquire into the question of the Government transactions in sugar and to report to this House”—

and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Anstey, viz. :—That the following words be added to paragraph (a) of the amendment :—“and the retail price of sugar be reduced to 4½d. per lb. from the 21st August, 1922”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Greene moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Foley	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Greeno	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hay	Mr. Marr
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Francis	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gibson	Mr. West
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9.
5. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, viz. :—

(1) That in lieu of the Duties of Customs imposed by the *Customs Tariff* 1921 on goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand imported direct from that Dominion, there be imposed, on and after a time and date to be proclaimed, Duties of Customs, as hereinafter set out, on the undermentioned goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand imported direct from the said Dominion, namely :—

- (a) on all goods described in the Schedule to this Resolution in the column headed "Item", against which rates of duty are set out in the column headed "Proposed Duties against New Zealand", at the rates of duty so set out ;
- (b) on all goods other than those provided for in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this Resolution, at the rates of duty for the time being applicable to goods to which the British Preferential Tariff in the *Customs Tariff* 1921 applies :

Provided that nothing in this Resolution shall affect the right of the Commonwealth to impose or collect any duties chargeable under the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act* 1921.

(2) That on and after the first day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, Duties of Customs, at the rates set forth in the column headed "British Preferential Tariff" in the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921, be imposed on the following goods, namely :—

Goods (not the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand)—

- (a) which are imported into the Commonwealth from that Dominion ; and
- (b) upon which, if they had been imported into the Commonwealth direct from the country of origin, there would have been payable Duties of Customs at the rates set forth in the column headed "British Preferential Tariff" in the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921.

[For Schedule see pages 47-56 ante].

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, by leave, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Rodgers then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Rodgers moved, by leave, 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 agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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6. **DEFENCE RETIREMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General's Message No. 3—

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greene—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the retirement or discharge of certain persons from the permanent service of the Defence Department and for other purposes. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, by leave, on the motion of Mr. Greene, was adopted by the House. Ordered—That Mr. Greene and Mr. Rodgers do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Greene then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Closure. Mr. Parker Moloney moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House proceeded to divide, but there being no Member voting on the side of the Noes, Mr.

Speaker declared the question to be resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the House do now adjourn—

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Donald Cameron	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Wise
Mr. Corser	
Mr. R. W. Foster	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Francis	Mr. Foley
Mr. Greene	Mr. Marr

Noes, 13.

Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight 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. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Gregory*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jowett*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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