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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 171.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1931.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 82.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
4. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets) moved—

(1.) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1930, as proposed to be amended by Tariff proposals, from and after a time and date to be fixed by Proclamation, there be imposed on the importation into Australia of the goods specified in the Schedule hereto (being the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of Canada), when—

- (i) those goods have been shipped from that Dominion to Australia and have not been transhipped, or
- (ii) those goods, having been so shipped have been transhipped, and it is proved to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that the intended destination of the goods when originally shipped was Australia,

Duties of Customs as follows :—

- (a) On all goods specified in the Schedule hereto in the Column headed " Tariff Item "—the duties prescribed in the column headed " Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of Canada " ; and
- (b) On all goods other than those provided for in the last preceding sub-paragraph—the rates of duty in force under the British Preferential Tariff on the dates on which the goods are respectively entered for home consumption.

(2.) That the duties imposed by this resolution on the goods specified therein shall be in lieu of the duties payable upon those goods as set forth in the resolution passed by each House of the Parliament on the second day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and under the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1930 as proposed to be amended by Tariff proposals, except in relation to goods in respect of which increased duties are provided, and which—

- (a) are in transit from the Dominion of Canada to Australia on the date fixed by the Proclamation referred to in the last preceding paragraph ; and
- (b) are entered for home consumption within thirty days after arrival at their port of destination.

(3.) That the rates of duties imposed by this resolution shall be charged, collected and paid to the King for the purpose of the Commonwealth on all goods subject to those rates which are imported into Australia after the time and date fixed by the Proclamation referred to in paragraph (1.) of this resolution, or which, having been imported into Australia before that time, are not entered for home consumption until after that time.

(4.) That, from and after the time and date to be fixed by the Proclamation referred to in paragraph (1.) of this resolution, the provisions of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act* 1921–1922 shall not apply to goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of Canada to which sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1.) of this resolution apply.

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(5.) That if at any time—

(a) His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth gives notice in writing to His Majesty's Government in the Dominion of Canada that in consequence of the importation into Australia of goods, of a kind specified in the notice, being the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of Canada, the sale of similar goods produced in Australia is being prejudicially or injuriously affected, and

(b) measures, sufficient, in the opinion of His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth, are not put into effect by His Majesty's Government in the Dominion of Canada, within three months after the date of the notice,

then, from a time and date to be fixed by Proclamation, goods of the kind specified in the notice shall, when imported from the Dominion of Canada, be subject to the rates of duty set out in the General Tariff.

(6.) That, upon the withdrawal of any notice given in pursuance of the last preceding paragraph, goods of the kind specified in the notice shall, when imported from the Dominion of Canada after a time and date to be fixed by Proclamation, again become subject to the Tariff which would have been applicable to them if the notice had not been given.

(7.) That for the purposes of this resolution—

“Proclamation” means a Proclamation by the Governor-General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, published in the *Gazette*; and

“Tariff proposals” means the proposed Duties of Customs introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-sixth day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and includes any amendment of those proposals.

THE SCHEDULE.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of Canada.
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.	
51 (c) Fish preserved in tins or other air-tight vessels including the weight of liquid contents	British Preferential Tariff.
57 (A) Wheat	General Tariff.
58 (B) Wheaten Flour	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.	
162. Chaffcutters and Horse Gears; Corn Shellers; Corn Huskers; Cultivators n.e.i.; Harrows; Ploughs other; Plough Shares; Plough Mouldboards; Scarifiers	General Tariff.
163 (A) Combined Corn Sheller Husker and Bagger; Combined Corn Sheller and Husker; Disc Cultivators; Drills (Fertilizer Seed and Grain) n.e.i.; Stump Jump Ploughs; Winnowers (horse and other power); Seats, Poles, Swingle-bars, Yokes, and Trees for Agricultural Machines, when imported separately	General Tariff.
165 (A) Reaper Threshers and Harvesters n.e.i.	General Tariff.
(B) Stripper Harvesters	General Tariff.
167. Metal Parts of Reaper Threshers, Stripper Harvesters, Strippers, and Harvesters n.e.i.	General Tariff.
Ex. 171. Machinery, Machines, and Appliances—	
(A) Hay Rakes, Horse	General Tariff.
(B) Reapers and Binders	General Tariff.
(C) Mowers	General Tariff.
(D) Metal Parts, n.e.i., of—	
(1) Reapers and Binders	General Tariff.
(2) Hay Rakes (Horse) and Mowers	General Tariff.
DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.	
273. Carbide of Calcium	British Preferential Tariff.
DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.	
Ex. 291. Timber, viz. :—	
(c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :—	
(2) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Intermediate Tariff.
(3) Other	Intermediate Tariff.
(d) Spars, in the rough	Intermediate Tariff.
(f) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—Redwood (<i>Sequoia Sempervirens</i>) and Western Red Cedar (<i>Thuja Plicata</i>)—	
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent) and over	Intermediate Tariff.
(2) In sizes of 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)	Intermediate Tariff.
(3) In sizes less than 8 inches x 2 inches (or its equivalent)	Intermediate Tariff.
(h) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., viz. :—	
Other—	
(1) In sizes of 12 inches x 10 inches (or its equivalent) and over	Intermediate Tariff.
(2) In sizes of 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent) and upwards, and less than 12 inches x 10 inches (or its equivalent)	Intermediate Tariff.
(3) In sizes less than 7 inches x 2½ inches (or its equivalent)	Intermediate Tariff.
(i) (1) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes not less than 4 inches in width and not less than 3 inches in thickness for the manufacture of boxes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Intermediate Tariff.
(2) Timber, undressed, cut to size for making boxes	Intermediate Tariff.
(j) Timber, for making boxes, being cut to size, and dressed or partly dressed	Intermediate Tariff.
(k) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i.	Intermediate Tariff.

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of Canada.
DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE—continued.	
Ex. 291 Timber—continued.	
(L) Timber, dressed or moulded, n.e.i.; Timber tongued or grooved or tongued and grooved; Weather-boards	Intermediate Tariff.
(M) Plywood including Plywood veneered with any material—	
(1) Not exceeding three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness	Intermediate Tariff.
(2) Exceeding three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness but not exceeding seven-eighths of an inch in thickness	Intermediate Tariff.
(3) N.E.I.	Intermediate Tariff.
(N) Veneers	Intermediate Tariff.
Ex. 292. Timber, viz. :—	
(B) Laths for Plastering	Intermediate Tariff.
(C) Palings	Intermediate Tariff.
(F) Shingles	Intermediate Tariff.
293 (A) Timber, undressed, in sizes less than 7 ft. 6 in. x 10½ inches x 2½ inches for use in the manufacture of Doors, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Intermediate Tariff.
(B) Doors of wood (including Fly Doors) wholly or partly made up	Intermediate Tariff.
(C) Plywood Door Panels of Redwood (<i>Sequoia Sempervirens</i>) and Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) cut to sizes not exceeding 2 feet x 2 feet (or its equivalent) for use in the manufacture of Doors, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Intermediate Tariff.
Ex. 294 (A) Staves, undressed, n.e.i.	Intermediate Tariff.
(B) Staves, dressed or partly dressed, but not shaped	Intermediate Tariff.
303 (C) Wood Wool	British Preferential Tariff.
DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHER, AND RUBBER.	
328. Goloshes, Rubber Sand Boots and Shoes and Pimssols	Intermediate Tariff.
330. Boots, Rubber, viz. :—Gum and Wading Boots	General Tariff.
333 (A) Pneumatic Rubber Tyres, and Tubes therefor valved or unvalved	General Tariff.
(B) Rubber Tyres other than pneumatic, including compositions made up in form and size suitable for use with pneumatic tyre covers as a substitute for the inner tube	General Tariff.
DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	
334. Paper, viz. :—	
(a) (1) Wrapping of all colours (glazed, unglazed, or mill-glazed), browns, caps not elsewhere specified, casings, sealings, nature or ochre browns, sulphites, sugars, and all other bag papers, candle carton paper; paper felt and carpet felt paper irrespective of weight	General Tariff.
DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.	
Ex. 359. Vehicle Parts, viz. :—	
(D) Parts of vehicles with self-contained power propelled by petrol, steam, electricity, oil, gas, or alcohol, n.e.i., whether incorporated in the complete vehicle or separate, viz. :—	
(1) Single-seated Bodies	General Tariff.
(2) Double-seated Bodies	General Tariff.
(3) Bodies with fixed or movable canopy tops, e.g., Landaulette, Limousine, Taxi-cab, and similar Types, and n.e.i.	General Tariff.
(4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers, Steering Dampers, Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs, Springs, Spring Hangers, Shackle Bolts Pins and Assemblies, U Bolts, King Pins, Tie Rod Pins, Tie Rod Ball Pins, Tie Rod Ball Studs, High Tension Ignition Coils, Gaiters for Springs, Bonnets, Instrument Boards, and Radiator Shells—	
(a) Unassembled	Intermediate Tariff.
(b) Assembled	Intermediate Tariff.
The word "Bodies" in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this sub-item includes Dashboards, Footboards, and Mudguards, when imported with bodies of which they form a part.	
(E) Parts of Bodies enumerated in sub-items (D) (1), (D) (2), and (D) (3), being complete sets of Metal Panels—	
(1) For Single-seated Bodies	General Tariff.
(2) For Double-seated Bodies	General Tariff.
(3) For Bodies with fixed or movable canopy tops and Bodies n.e.i.	General Tariff.
(F) (4) Gears for motor vehicles other than railway and tramway vehicles, viz. :—	
Crown Wheels and Pinions, Transmission Gears, Differential Gears, Worms and Worm Wheels, Internal Tooth Gears, Jack Shaft Pinions and Flywheel Starter Bands	General Tariff.
(17) Shock Absorbers	General Tariff.
DIVISION XV.—MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.	
365. Pianos and parts thereof—	
(A) Grand, with or without player mechanism	General Tariff.
(B) Upright, Player or with provision for incorporating the player mechanism	General Tariff.
(C) Upright, n.e.i.	General Tariff.
(D) Keyboards, complete or incomplete	General Tariff.
(E) Parts, n.e.i., as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	General Tariff.
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.	
380 (B) Vacuum Cleaners for use in the household	British Preferential Tariff.

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Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 727), That the first item in the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., under Division No. I.—The Department of Defence—namely—

Naval establishments—Machinery and plant, £3,000,
be agreed to.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question—That the first item be reduced by £1—be now put.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 7.
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Roland Green
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gregory
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Hawker
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Forde	Mr. Price	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Frost	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Tully	
Mr. Jones	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Keane	Mr. White	
Mr. Latham		
Mr. Lewis		
Mr. Long	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Bayley	
Mr. Mackay	Mr. E. C. Riley	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the first item be reduced by £1—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 7.		Noes, 38.
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Makin
Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Marr
Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Maxwell
	Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Prowse	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
	Mr. Forde	Mr. Price
	Mr. Frost	Mr. Riordan
	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Scullin
	Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore
	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Tully
	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
	Mr. Jones	Mr. White
	Mr. Keane	
	Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Bayley
	Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen 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. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lacey, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Ward*.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.