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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 186.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1931, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 30th June, 1931; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Aircraft *Love Bird*—Report by the Air Accidents Investigation Committee on the accident to the Aircraft *Love Bird*.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9, 10 AND 11) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9 AND 10)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendments of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569), and of the 29th July, 1931 (pages 780-2).]
Postponed sub-item (E) of Item numbered 136, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - - ad val. (2) Wire, other - - - - per ton	30 per cent. 52s.	45 per cent 152s.	55 per cent. 172s.”

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 24th September, 1931 (E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - - ad val. (2) Wire, fencing, of gauges Nos. 8 to 14 (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge), both gauges inclusive, for use only as fencing wire without further manufacture, or for such manufacturing purposes as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - per ton	20 per cent. Free	35 per cent. 100s.	45 per cent. 120s.”

Further consideration postponed.

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considered, by leave.

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 24th September, 1931 (b) Sewing Machines, Treadle or Hand, of the type ordinarily used in the household— (1) Cabinets, Covers, Tables, Stands including Transmission Gear, whether imported separately or forming part of the complete machine, to be dutiable according to material. (2) Machine Heads, whether imported separately or forming part of the complete machine, including accessories except wrenches and oil cans - - - - - each	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 25.

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| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Gardner | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Gullett | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Killen | Mr. White |
| Mr. Latham | |
| Mr. Lyons | |
| Mr. Mackay | |
| Mr. Marks | |
| Mr. Marr | |

Tellers:

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| Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. Price |

Noes, 31.

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| Mr. Anstey | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Theodore |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. Keane | |
| Mr. Lacey | |
| Mr. Lazzarini | |
| Mr. Lewis | |

Tellers:

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| Mr. Gibbons |
| Mr. E. C. Riley |

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Postponed sub-item (c) of Item numbered 152, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— "(c) Wrought Iron and Malleable Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes, and Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes of less than 2 inches internal diameter— (1) Galvanized - - - - - per lb. (2) Other - - - - - per lb. or as to the goods covered by paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-item (c) - ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty."	1s. 9d. 35 per cent.	1s. 3d. 10d. 45 per cent.	1s. 6d. 1s. 50 per cent.

considered, by leave.

Debate resumed on the sub-item and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Thomas Paterson, viz. :—That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (c) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 24th September, 1931 Fittings (Wrought Iron, Malleable Cast Iron and Cast Iron) for Pipes of less than 2 inches internal diameter ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent."

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 itself into the said Committee.

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4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Churns other than hand churns.
 Crude Petroleum, Enriched Crude Petroleum, once-run Distillate, and Petrol.
 Gas Cooking and Heating Appliances.
 Incandescent Electric Lamps.
 Manufactures of Paper, Manufactured Stationery and Books.
 Porcelainware, including Insulators, for Electrical purposes.
 Refrigerators and Refrigerator Parts.
 Timber used in the manufacture of containers for canned and fresh fruits for export.
 Wall and Ceiling Parts and Decorations.
 Wrapping Paper and Paper Bags.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 115.
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 114.
 Gold Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 116.
 Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Dated 8th September, 1931.
 Papua Act—Ordinances of 1931—

No. 4—Navigation.

No. 5—Wireless Telegraphy.

No. 6—Customs (Export) Tariff.

No. 7—Customs (General Import Duty).

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1931—

No. 16—Trading Hours.

No. 17—Fish Protection (No. 2).

No. 18—Public Baths (No. 2).

Public Baths Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

Trading Hours Ordinance—Regulations.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Blakeley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Culley, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Nelson.

* On leave.

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