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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 190.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1931.

1. **The House met, at half-past two 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—**  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1931, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.
3. **SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—**  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. **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).]  
Item numbered 179, viz. :—

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff.       | General Tariff.            |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| * * * * *  | *                            | *                          | *                          |
| By omitting the whole of paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-item (D) and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs :—   |                              |                            |                            |
| “(1) Dynamo Electric Machines—   |                              |                            |                            |
| (a) Alternating Current Motors 1 horse-power to 125 horse-power both inclusive - each<br>and in addition—per horse-power<br>or the following rates if same return a<br>higher duty - - - - - ad val. | £5<br>15s.<br>45 per cent.   | £5<br>15s.<br>55 per cent. | £5<br>15s.<br>60 per cent. |
| For the purposes of clause (a) horse-power shall be determined as prescribed by Departmental By-law.   |                              |                            |                            |
| (b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.   | 45 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.               | 60 per cent.               |
| (2) Static Transformers—   |                              |                            |                            |
| (a) 1 k.v.a. and up to and including 25 k.v.a. per k.v.a.  | 50s.                         | 50s.                       | 50s.                       |
| (b) Exceeding 25 k.v.a. but not exceeding 150 k.v.a. - - - - - per k.v.a.  | 25s.                         | 25s.                       | 25s.                       |
| (c) Exceeding 150 k.v.a. but not exceeding 500 k.v.a. - - - - - per k.v.a.   | 15s.                         | 15s.                       | 15s.                       |
| or as to the goods covered by clauses (a) (b) and (c) the following rates if same return a higher duty - - - - - ad val.   | 60 per cent.                 | 70 per cent.               | 75 per cent.               |
| (d) N.E.I. including Induction Coils for all purposes unless otherwise expressly provided for - - - - - ad val.  | 60 per cent.                 | 70 per cent.               | 75 per cent.”              |

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Item numbered 179, viz.:—*continued.*

|   | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff.    | General Tariff.          |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| By adding a new paragraph (4) to sub-item (D) as follows:—<br>“(4) Electric Current Rectifiers - - - ad val.  | 45 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.            | 60 per cent.”            |
| By adding a new paragraph (5) to sub-item (D) as follows:—<br>“(5) Coils, high tension ignition - - - each<br>or ad val.  | 6s.<br>45 per cent.          | 7s.<br>55 per cent.     | 8s.<br>65 per cent.      |
| whichever rate returns the higher duty.”<br>By adding a new paragraph (6) to sub-item (D) as follows:—<br>“(6) Parts of Alternating Current Motors 1 horse-power to 125 horse-power both inclusive—<br>(a) Wound or unwound stators, wound or unwound rotors, machined end shields<br>per lb. | 1s. 3d.<br>45 per cent.      | 1s. 3d.<br>55 per cent. | 1s. 3d.<br>60 per cent.” |
| (b) N.E.I. - - - ad val.  | 45 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.            | 60 per cent.”            |
| By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows:—<br>“(F) Ironclad or moulded Fuses, Ironclad or moulded Switches, Ironclad or moulded Airbreak Switches and Fuses combined—<br>(1) Up to and including 60 amperes - each<br>or ad val.   | 8s.<br>65 per cent.          | 9s.<br>70 per cent.     | 10s.<br>75 per cent.     |
| whichever rate returns the higher duty.<br>(2) Over 60 amperes - - - ad val.  | 65 per cent.                 | 70 per cent.            | 75 per cent.”            |
| By adding a new sub-item (G) as follows:—<br>“(G) Distributor Arms for distributing high-tension current to sparking plugs - - - each<br>or ad val.   | 9d.<br>65 per cent.          | 1s.<br>70 per cent.     | 1s.<br>75 per cent.      |
| whichever rate returns the higher duty.”  |                              |                         |                          |

further considered.

Sub-item (D)—

Paragraphs (1) and (2)—

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the paragraphs be amended by adding the following:—

|   | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| “ And on and after 2nd October, 1931<br>(1) Dynamo Electric Machines - - - ad val.                            | 45 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.         | 60 per cent.    |
| (2) Static Transformers and Induction Coils for all purposes, unless otherwise expressly provided for ad val. | 60 per cent.                 | 70 per cent.         | 75 per cent.”   |

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 22.

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Maxwell         |
| Mr. Bernard Corser  | Mr. Morgan          |
| Mr. Gabb            | Mr. Nairn           |
| Mr. Roland Green    | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Gregory         | Mr. Parkhill        |
| Mr. Gullett         | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Hawker          | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. Hill            | Mr. Stewart         |
| Mr. Killen          |                     |
| Mr. Latham          | <i>Tellers:</i>     |
| Mr. Mackay          | Mr. Hunter          |
| Mr. Marks           | Mr. Thompson        |

Noes, 35.

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Anstey       | Mr. Lewis          |
| Mr. Beasley      | Mr. Long           |
| Mr. Blakeley     | Mr. Makin          |
| Mr. Brennan      | Mr. W. Maloney     |
| Mr. Chifley      | Mr. Marr           |
| Mr. Coleman      | Mr. Martens        |
| Mr. Crouch       | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Culley       | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Cusack       | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Eldridge     | Mr. Rowe           |
| Mr. Fenton       | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Forde        | Mr. Theodore       |
| Mr. Frost        | Mr. Tully          |
| Mr. Gibbons      | Mr. Watkins        |
| Mr. Albert Green |                    |
| Mr. Holloway     | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. James        | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Jones        | Mr. Riordan        |
| Mr. Keane        |                    |

And so it was negatived.

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Paragraphs agreed to.

Paragraph (4) agreed to.

Paragraph (5) debated—

Question—That the paragraph be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 33.

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Anstey       | Mr. Lewis          |
| Mr. Beasley      | Mr. Long           |
| Mr. Blakeley     | Mr. W. Maloney     |
| Mr. Brennan      | Mr. Marr           |
| Mr. Chifley      | Mr. Martens        |
| Mr. Coleman      | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Crouch       | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Culley       | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Cusack       | Mr. Rowe           |
| Mr. Eldridge     | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Fenton       | Mr. Theodore       |
| Mr. Forde        | Mr. Tully          |
| Mr. Frost        | Mr. Watkins        |
| Mr. Gibbons      |                    |
| Mr. Albert Green |                    |
| Mr. Holloway     | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Jones        | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Keane        | Mr. Riordan        |

Noes, 24.

|                     |                     |
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| Mr. Bell            | Mr. Morgan          |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Nairn           |
| Mr. Bernard Corser  | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Gabb            | Mr. Parkhill        |
| Mr. Gardner         | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Roland Green    | Mr. Price           |
| Mr. Gullett         | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. Hawker          | Mr. Stewart         |
| Mr. Hill            | Mr. Thompson        |
| Mr. Killen          |                     |
| Mr. Latham          | <i>Tellers:</i>     |
| Mr. Mackay          | Mr. Hunter          |
| Mr. Maxwell         | Mr. White           |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraph (6) debated—

Question—That the paragraph be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Anstey   | Mr. Long           |
| Mr. Beasley  | Mr. Makin          |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. W. Maloney     |
| Mr. Brennan  | Mr. Marr           |
| Mr. Chifley  | Mr. Martens        |
| Mr. Coleman  | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Crouch   | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Cusack   | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Rowe           |
| Mr. Fenton   | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Forde    | Mr. Theodore       |
| Mr. Frost    | Mr. Tully          |
| Mr. Gibbons  | Mr. Watkins        |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. James    |                    |
| Mr. Jones    | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Keane    | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Lewis    | Mr. Riordan        |

Noes, 22.

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Maxwell         |
| Mr. Bernard Corser  | Mr. Morgan          |
| Mr. Gabb            | Mr. Nairn           |
| Mr. Roland Green    | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Gullett         | Mr. Parkhill        |
| Mr. Hawker          | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Hill            | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. Hunter          | Mr. Thompson        |
| Mr. Killen          |                     |
| Mr. Latham          | <i>Tellers:</i>     |
| Mr. Lyons           | Mr. Gardner         |
| Mr. Mackay          | Mr. White           |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (F)—

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

|   | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| (F) Ironclad or moulded Fuses, Ironclad or moulded Switches, Ironclad or moulded Airbreak Switches and Fuses combined - - - ad val. | 65 per cent.                 | 70 per cent.         | 75 per cent."   |

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

**Ayes, 22.**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Morgan          |
| Mr. Bernard Corser  | Mr. Nairn           |
| Mr. Gabb            | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Gardner         | Mr. Parkhill        |
| Mr. Gullett         | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Hill            | Mr. Price           |
| Mr. Killen          | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. Latham          | Mr. White           |
| Mr. Lyons           |                     |
| Mr. Mackay          | <i>Tellers:</i>     |
| Mr. Marr            | Mr. Hunter          |
| Mr. Maxwell         | Mr. Thompson        |

**Noes, 34.**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Anstey       | Mr. Long           |
| Mr. Beasley      | Mr. Makin          |
| Mr. Blakeley     | Mr. W. Maloney     |
| Mr. Brennan      | Mr. Martens        |
| Mr. Chifley      | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Coleman      | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Crouch       | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Cusack       | Mr. Rowe           |
| Mr. Eldridge     | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Fenton       | Mr. Theodore       |
| Mr. Forde        | Mr. Tully          |
| Mr. Frost        | Mr. Ward           |
| Mr. Gibbons      | Mr. Watkins        |
| Mr. Albert Green |                    |
| Mr. Holloway     |                    |
| Mr. James        | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Jones        | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Keane        | Mr. Riordan        |
| Mr. Lewis        |                    |

And so it was negatived.

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

|   | British Preferential Tariff.        | Intermediate Tariff.                | General Tariff.                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| “ And on and after 2nd October, 1931<br>(F) Ironclad or moulded Fuses, Ironclad or moulded Switches, Ironclad or moulded Airbreak Switches and Fuses combined—<br>(1) Up to and including 60 amperes - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.<br>(2) Over 60 amperes - ad val. | 8s.<br>35 per cent.<br>35 per cent. | 9s.<br>45 per cent.<br>45 per cent. | 10s.<br>50 per cent.<br>50 per cent.” |

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

**Ayes, 20.**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Morgan          |
| Mr. Bernard Corser  | Mr. Nairn           |
| Mr. Gabb            | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Gardner         | Mr. Parkhill        |
| Mr. Gregory         | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Gullett         | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. Hill            | Mr. Thompson        |
| Mr. Killen          |                     |
| Mr. Latham          | <i>Tellers:</i>     |
| Mr. Marr            | Mr. Hunter          |
| Mr. Maxwell         | Mr. White           |

**Noes, 32.**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Beasley      | Mr. Lewis          |
| Mr. Blakeley     | Mr. Long           |
| Mr. Brennan      | Mr. Makin          |
| Mr. Chifley      | Mr. W. Maloney     |
| Mr. Coleman      | Mr. Martens        |
| Mr. Crouch       | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Cusack       | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Eldridge     | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Fenton       | Mr. Rowe           |
| Mr. Forde        | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Frost        | Mr. Theodore       |
| Mr. Gibbons      | Mr. Tully          |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Watkins        |
| Mr. Holloway     |                    |
| Mr. James        | <i>Tellers:</i>    |
| Mr. Jones        | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Keane        | Mr. Riordan        |

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (c) debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 180, viz. :—

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff.    |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| * * * * *<br>By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—<br>“(c) Electroliers ; Gasaliers ; Chandeliers ; Pendants ; Brackets ; Wall, Stand or Table Lamps ; Gas Cooking and Heating Appliances, including Gas Ranges - ad val. | *<br>45 per cent.            | *<br>55 per cent.    | *<br>60 per cent.” |

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Item numbered 180, viz. :—*continued.*

|   | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—  |                              |                      |                 |
| “(D) Filament Lamps for lighting and heating - per lb.  | 1s.                          | 3s.                  | 3s.”            |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—  |                              |                      |                 |
| “(E) Wireless Receivers and Parts, viz. :—  |                              |                      |                 |
| (1) Chargers, Battery, .4 ampere to 1 ampere, both inclusive - each   | 7s.                          | 9s.                  | 10s.            |
| (2) Chargers, Battery, exceeding 1 ampere and up to and including 3 amperes - each  | 21s.                         | 27s.                 | 30s.            |
| (3) Chokes for Battery Eliminating Devices - each   | 10s.                         | 12s. 6d.             | 15s.            |
| (4) Condensers, Fixed Mica - each   | 5d.                          | 6d.                  | 6d.             |
| (5) Condensers, Variable, of capacities exceeding .0001 microfarad, but not exceeding .001 microfarad—  |                              |                      |                 |
| with gang or drum control   |                              |                      |                 |
| per each Condenser contained therein  | 2s. 3d.                      | 3s.                  | 3s. 6d.         |
| without gang or drum control - each   | 2s. 3d.                      | 3s.                  | 3s. 6d.         |
| (6) Condensers, Variable, Midget of .0001 microfarad capacity or less - each  | 1s. 2d.                      | 1s. 5d.              | 1s. 6d.         |
| (7) Dials, Vernier - each   | 10d.                         | 1s. 1d.              | 1s. 3d.         |
| (8) Dials, n.c.i. - each  | 1½d.                         | 2d.                  | 2d.             |
| (9) Eliminators, “A” Battery - each   | 35s.                         | 45s.                 | 50s.            |
| (10) Eliminators, “B” Battery - each  | 27s. 6d.                     | 35s.                 | 40s.            |
| (11) Eliminators, “BC” and “ABC” Battery, Power Packs, and similar devices, whether imported separately or incorporated in a wireless receiving set - each  | 40s.                         | 50s.                 | 60s.            |
| (12) Grid Leaks - each  | 4½d.                         | 5½d.                 | 6d.             |
| (13) Headphones - each  | 2s. 6d.                      | 3s. 6d.              | 4s.             |
| (14) Jacks, Phone and Loudspeaker - each  | 4d.                          | 5d.                  | 6d.             |
| (15) Knobs - each   | 1½d.                         | 2d.                  | 2d.             |
| (16) Lightning Arresters - each   | 4d.                          | 5d.                  | 6d.             |
| (17) Loud Speakers - ad val.  | 50 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.         | 65 per cent.    |
| (18) Plugs, Phone and Loudspeaker - each  | 3d.                          | 4d.                  | 4½d.            |
| (19) Rheostats Potentiometers and Variable Resistances - each   | 6d.                          | 7d.                  | 8d.             |
| (20) Sockets, Valve - each  | 3d.                          | 4d.                  | 4½d.            |
| (21) Transformers, Audio and Radio - each   | 1s. 9d.                      | 2s. 3d.              | 2s. 6d.         |
| (22) Transformers, Power - each   | 20s.                         | 22s. 6d.             | 25s.            |
| (23) Combined Power Transformer and Choke - each  | 30s.                         | 35s.                 | 40s.            |
| Or as to all the goods covered by paragraphs (1) to (16) and (18) to (23) of sub-item (E) the following rates if same return a higher duty, viz.  |                              |                      |                 |
| ad val.   | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.    |
| (24) Parts, n.e.i., other than Cabinets - ad val.   | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.    |
| (25) Wireless Receiving Sets wholly assembled, partly assembled, or unassembled, excluding Cabinets, Valves, Loudspeakers, Headphones, Batteries or any device for eliminating batteries—                               |                              |                      |                 |
| Per. valve socket excluding sockets for valves forming part of any battery eliminating device -   | 20s.                         | 25s.                 | 30s.            |
| or ad val.  | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.    |
| whichever rate returns the higher duty.   |                              |                      |                 |
| Provided—(1) In the absence of valve sockets the sets shall be charged duty at the above rates on the basis of the number of valves for which they are constructed or designed.   |                              |                      |                 |
| (2) In the instance of sets constructed or adapted for use with multiple purpose valves, the set shall be charged duty equal to that payable on a set having an equal number of unit stages using unit function valves. |                              |                      |                 |
| (26) Wireless Receiving Sets and Gramophones combined, excluding valves, batteries or any device for eliminating batteries - ad val.  | 50 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.         | 65 per cent.”   |
| By adding a new sub-item (H) as follows :—  |                              |                      |                 |
| “(H) Sparking Plugs - each  | 1s. 6d.                      | 1s. 8d.              | 1s. 9d.         |
| or ad val.  | 45 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.         | 60 per cent.    |
| whichever rate returns the higher duty.”  |                              |                      |                 |
| By adding a new sub-item (I) as follows :—  |                              |                      |                 |
| “(I) Dry Batteries and Dry Cells of all descriptions whether imported separately or incorporated in any article or appliance—   |                              |                      |                 |
| (1) Up to and including 1 lb. in weight - each  | 4d.                          | 5d.                  | 6d.             |
| (2) Over 1 lb. in weight - per lb.  | 7d.                          | 9d.                  | 10d.”           |

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Item numbered 180, viz. :—*continued.*

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff.          |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| By adding a new sub-item (j) as follows :—<br>“(j) Gas Filled Tubes for luminous signs and other luminous displays - per foot or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”  | 5s.<br>45 per cent.          | 10s.<br>55 per cent. | 12s. 6d.<br>60 per cent. |
| By adding a new sub-item (k) as follows :—<br>“(k) Moulded Lamp-holders; Adapters; Wall Plugs; Plug Tops; Ceiling Roses - ad val.”   | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.”            |
| By adding a new sub-item (L) as follows :—<br>“(L) Condensers n.e.i. - ad val.”  | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.”            |
| By adding a new sub-item (m) as follows :—<br>“(m) Registers or Meters, of the type which totals electrical impulses, such as those used in telephone exchanges for recording subscribers' calls, and in totalisators - ad val.” | 40 per cent.                 | 45 per cent.         | 50 per cent.”            |
| By adding a new sub-item (n) as follows :—<br>“(n) Jacks, n.e.i. - ad val.”  | 40 per cent.                 | 45 per cent.         | 50 per cent.”            |

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-item (A) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (B) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (C)—

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| “(c) (1) Electroliers; Gasaliers; Chandeliers; Pendants; Brackets; Wall, Stand or Table Lamps ad val.” | 45 per cent.                 | 55 per cent.         | 60 per cent.    |
| “(2) Gas Cooking and Heating Appliances, including Gas Ranges - ad val.”                               | 35 per cent.                 | 40 per cent.         | 45 per cent.”   |

Debate ensued.

*Want of Quorum.*—Mr. Earle Page called the attention of the Chairman to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

Whereupon Mr. McGrath counted the Committee, and the Bells having been rung, and a quorum of Members not being present within the prescribed time—

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGrath reported that a Quorum of Members was not present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker thereupon counted the House, and a Quorum of Members now being present, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Debate on sub-item (c) of Item numbered 180, and amendment proposed thereto, resumed.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (D)—

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

|   | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| “(D) Filament Lamps for lighting and heating - per lb.” | 2s.                          | 4s.                  | 4s.”            |

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

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Sub-item (E)—

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

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| “ And on and after 2nd October, 1931   |                              |                      |                 |
| (E) Wireless Receivers and Parts and Accessories, viz. :—  |                              |                      |                 |
| (1) Chargers, Battery, .4 ampere to 1 ampere, both inclusive - - - each  | 7s.                          | 9s.                  | 10s.            |
| (2) Chargers, Battery, exceeding 1 ampere and up to and including 3 amperes - - - each   | 21s.                         | 27s.                 | 30s.            |
| (3) Chokes for Battery Eliminating Devices - - - each  | 10s.                         | 12s. 6d.             | 15s.            |
| (4) Condensers, Fixed Mica - - - each  | 5d.                          | 6d.                  | 6d.             |
| (5) Condensers, Variable, of capacities exceeding .0001 microfarad, but not exceeding .001 microfarad—   |                              |                      |                 |
| with gang or drum control per each   |                              |                      |                 |
| Condenser contained therein - - -  | 2s. 3d.                      | 3s.                  | 3s. 6d.         |
| without gang or drum control - - - each  | 2s. 3d.                      | 3s.                  | 3s. 6d.         |
| (6) Condensers, Variable, Midget of .0001 microfarad capacity or less - - - each   | 1s. 2d.                      | 1s. 5d.              | 1s. 6d.         |
| (7) Dials, Vernier - - - - - each  | 10d.                         | 1s. 1d.              | 1s. 3d.         |
| (8) Dials, n.e.i. - - - - - each   | 1½d.                         | 2d.                  | 2d.             |
| (9) Eliminators, “ A ” Battery - - - each  | 35s.                         | 45s.                 | 50s.            |
| (10) Eliminators, “ B ” Battery - - - each   | 27s. 6d.                     | 35s.                 | 40s.            |
| (11) Eliminators, “ BC ” and “ ABC ” Battery, Power Packs, and similar devices, whether imported separately or incorporated in a wireless receiving set - - - each   | 40s.                         | 50s.                 | 60s.            |
| (12) Resistances, Fixed, having a resistance value of 2 megohms and over - - - each  | 4½d.                         | 5½d.                 | 6d.             |
| (13) Headphones - - - - - each   | 2s. 6d.                      | 3s. 6d.              | 4s.             |
| (14) Jacks, Phone and Loudspeaker - - - each   | 4d.                          | 5d.                  | 6d.             |
| (15) Knobs - - - - - each  | 1½d.                         | 2d.                  | 2d.             |
| (16) Lightning Arresters - - - - - each  | 4d.                          | 5d.                  | 6d.             |
| (17) Loudspeakers and Parts thereof :—   |                              |                      |                 |
| (a) Loudspeakers excluding transformers - - - each   | 10s.                         | 11s.                 | 12s. 6d.        |
| (b) Parts of loudspeakers imported other than in complete loudspeakers, viz. :—  |                              |                      |                 |
| (1) Field Coils - - - - - each   | 2s. 6d.                      | 2s. 9d.              | 3s.             |
| (2) Field Coil Cores - - - - - each  | 1s.                          | 1s. 3d.              | 1s. 6d.         |
| (3) Field Coil Housings - - - each   | 1s. 6d.                      | 1s. 9d.              | 2s.             |
| (4) Cones with or without voice coils - - - - - each   | 1s. 3d.                      | 1s. 6d.              | 1s. 9d.         |
| (5) Cone Housings - - - - - each   | 2s.                          | 2s. 3d.              | 2s. 6d.         |
| (6) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.   | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.    |
| Provided however that in the case of combinations of any of the abovementioned parts duty shall be payable on such combinations as though the parts were imported separately.  |                              |                      |                 |
| (18) Plugs, Phone and Loudspeaker - - - each   | 3d.                          | 4d.                  | 4½d.            |
| (19) Rheostats Potentiometers and Variable Resistances - - - - - each  | 6d.                          | 7d.                  | 8d.             |
| (20) Sockets, Valve - - - - - each   | 3d.                          | 4d.                  | 4½d.            |
| (21) Transformers, Audio and Radio - - - each  | 1s. 9d.                      | 2s. 3d.              | 2s. 6d.         |
| (22) Transformers, Power - - - - - each  | 20s.                         | 22s. 6d.             | 25s.            |
| (23) Combined Power Transformer and Choke - - - each   | 30s.                         | 35s.                 | 40s.            |
| Or as to all the goods covered by paragraphs (1) to (23) of sub-item (E) with the exception of the goods covered by sub-clause (6) of clause (b) of paragraph (17) the following rates if same return a higher duty, viz. :— |                              |                      |                 |
| (24) Parts, n.e.i., other than Cabinets - - - ad val.  | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.    |
| (25) Wireless Receiving Sets wholly assembled, partly assembled, or unassembled, excluding cabinets, valves, loudspeakers, headphones, batteries or any device for eliminating batteries—                                    |                              |                      |                 |
| Per valve socket excluding sockets for valves forming part of any battery eliminating device - - - - -   | 20s.                         | 25s.                 | 30s.            |
| or ad val.   | 35 per cent.                 | 50 per cent.         | 55 per cent.    |
| whichever rate returns the higher duty.  |                              |                      |                 |
| Provided—(1) In the absence of valve sockets the sets shall be charged duty at the above rates on the basis of the number of valves for which they are constructed or designed.  |                              |                      |                 |

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Sub-item (E)—*continued.*

|  | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff.      |
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| (25) Wireless Receiving Sets, &c.— <i>continued.</i><br>(2) In the instance of sets constructed or adapted for use with multiple purpose valves, the set shall be charged duty equal to that payable on a set having an equal number of unit stages using unit function valves.  |                              |                      |                      |
| (26) Wireless Receiving Sets and Gramophones combined, excluding cabinets, valves, loud-speakers, headphones, batteries or any device for eliminating batteries—<br>Per valve socket excluding sockets for valves forming part of any battery eliminating device<br>or ad val.<br>whichever rate returns the higher duty.<br>Provided—(1) In the absence of valve sockets the combined sets shall be charged duty at the above rates on the basis of the number of valves for which they are constructed or designed.<br>(2) In the instance of combined sets constructed or adapted for use with multiple purpose valves, the combined set shall be charged duty equal to that payable on a combined set having an equal number of unit stages using unit function valves.” | 25s.<br>50 per cent.         | 30s.<br>55 per cent. | 35s.<br>65 per cent. |

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Mr. Forde moved, That new sub-item (c) be inserted, as follows :—

|   | British Preferential Tariff.            | Intermediate Tariff.                       | General Tariff.                           |
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| By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—<br>“ And on and after 2nd October, 1931<br>(a) Storage batteries and parts thereof, viz. :—<br>(1) Storage batteries for wireless receiving sets and storage batteries suitable for use in motor cars otherwise than for propulsion purposes - - ad val.<br>(2) Composition parts including containers for storage batteries for wireless receiving sets and for storage batteries suitable for use in motor cars otherwise than for propulsion purposes<br>per lb.<br>and ad val. | 50 per cent.<br><br>2d.<br>40 per cent. | 57½ per cent.<br><br>2½d.<br>47½ per cent. | 70 per cent.<br><br>2½d.<br>60 per cent.” |

Question—put and passed.

Remainder of Item agreed to.

Item numbered 181, viz. :—

|   | British Preferential Tariff.                          | Intermediate Tariff.                                 | General Tariff.  |
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| 181. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) (twice occurring) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—<br>“ (2) Valves for Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony.<br>ad val.<br>And on and after 1st July, 1931<br>(2) Valves for Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony<br>ad val.<br>By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—<br>“ (1) Cable and Wire, cotton covered - - ad val. | 10 per cent.<br><br>27½ per cent.<br><br>30 per cent. | 15 per cent.<br><br>35 per cent.<br><br>40 per cent. | 25 per cent.<br><br>40 per cent.”<br><br>45 per cent.” |



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On the motion of Mr. Forde, paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) was amended by adding the following :—

|  | British Preferential Tariff.  | Intermediate Tariff.  | General Tariff.   |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>“ And on and after 30th July, 1931<br/>                     (2) Valves for Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony<br/>                     each<br/>                     or ad val.<br/>                     whichever rate returns the higher duty.<br/>                     And on and after 1st January, 1932<br/>                     (2) Valves for Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony<br/>                     each<br/>                     or ad val.<br/>                     whichever rate returns the higher duty.”</p> | <p>1s.<br/>                     10 per cent.</p> <p>1s. 6d.<br/>                     20 per cent.</p> | <p>1s. 6d.<br/>                     15 per cent.</p> <p>2s.<br/>                     35 per cent.</p> | <p>2s.<br/>                     25 per cent.</p> <p>2s. 6d.<br/>                     40 per cent.</p> |

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 182, 184, 185, 187, 190, 191, 192, and 194 agreed to.

Item numbered 197—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Culley reported accordingly.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.

Mr. Martens called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present. The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Josiah Francis\*, Mr. Guy, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, and Mr. Mathews.

\* On leave.

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

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