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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE.

WEEK ENDED 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1906.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

No. 45.—*Constitution Alteration (Special Duties) Bill.*—Clause 2—

2. Section eighty-seven of the Constitution is altered—

(a) by inserting after the word ["Excise" the words "(other than special duties of Customs and of Excise)";]

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—(*The Prime Minister.*)Amendment proposed—That all the words in paragraph (a) from and inclusive of the word "Excise" (*first occurring*) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"‘expenditure’ the words ‘other than expenditure for a national scheme of old-age pensions.’"

—(*Mr. Frazer.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Knox,
Sir Langdon	Mr. Liddell,
Bonython,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Crouch,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Lee.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Fisher,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Frazer.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Tudor.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 46.—*Constitution Alteration (Special Duties) Bill (continued)*—Clause 2 (continued)—

2. Section eighty-seven of the Constitution is altered—

- (a) by inserting after the word "Excise" the words "(other than special duties of Customs and of Excise)";
- (b) by inserting after the word "balance" the words "of the revenue from those duties (other than special duties)";
- (c) by adding at the end of the section the following paragraph:—

"A special duty of Customs or of Excise is a Customs or Excise duty upon goods of a description not liable to Customs or Excise duty on the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seven, and imposed expressly for specific purposes."

—(*The Prime Minister.*)

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Page,
Sir Langdon	Mr. Poynton,
Bonython,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Carpenter,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Joseph Cook	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Dugald Thomson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

No. 47.—*Tariff Resolutions (continued)*—*British Preference.*—Committee of Ways and Means.RESOLUTION PROPOSED ON 30TH AUGUST, 1906—(*as amended*).

IMPORT DUTIES.

Resolved, with a view of giving preference to the United Kingdom—That in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 on the items shown in the attached schedule, duties of Customs shall from the 30th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m. Victorian time, be imposed as follows:—

THE SCHEDULE.

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—(*The Minister for Trade and Customs.*)Further amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted after the word "in" (*first occurring*):—

"the opinion of this Committee, the proposal should be deferred till the Reports of the Representative to the Imperial Conference and the Tariff Commission are presented to the House."

—(*Mr. Frazer.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,	Sir Langdon	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Thomas,	Bonython,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. Crouch,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Glynn,		Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Johnson,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Liddell.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Webster.
		Mr. Harper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Storrer.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

No. 48.—*Tariff Resolutions (continued)—British Preference.*—Committee of Ways and Means.

RESOLUTION PROPOSED ON 30TH AUGUST, 1906.

IMPORT DUTIES.

No. of Item in Customs Tariff, 1902.	Dutiable Goods.	Rate of Duty prior to this Resolution.	Duties.	
			On dutiable goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, and imported direct in British ships.	On dutiable goods not the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or not imported direct in British ships.
* * Item 124 ...	* * * Bicycles, Tricycles, and similar vehicles; Vehicles, n.e.i., and parts thereof, n.e.i.; Cycle parts (except tyres \wedge) plated, enamel- led, polished, or otherwise com- pleted, or brazed, or permanently joined, including Cycle accessories and Motor vehicles ... ad val.	* * 20 per cent.	* * 20 per cent.	* * 30 per cent.
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—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted after the word "tyres":—

"Handle-bars—the 'Kelly,' 'Ideal,' 'Hussey,' and Adjustable; The American rolled thread
spokes; Woodrims; Duck roller brakes; Chain guards; Bells; Lamp brackets."

—(Mr. Crouch.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Crouch,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Tudor.	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Wilkinson.		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
		Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Salmon,
		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Webster.
		Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Lee.
		Mr. Mahon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 49.—*Tariff Resolutions (continued)—British Preference.—Committee of Ways and Means.*

RESOLUTION PROPOSED ON 30TH AUGUST, 1906.

IMPORT DUTIES.

No. of Item in Customs Tariff, 1902.	Dutiable Goods.	Rate of Duty prior to this resolution.	Duties.	
			On dutiable goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, and imported direct in British ships.	On dutiable goods not the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or not imported direct in British ships.
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Item 116 (A)...	Boots and Shoes, except partly or wholly of lasting or stuff, Eng- lish sizes to be the standard, viz. :—	30 per cent.	30 per cent. Λ	40 per cent..
„ 116 (B)...	Men's sizes above 5...			
„ 116 (C)...	Youths' sizes above 1			
„ 116 (D)...	Boys' sizes 7 to 1 ...			
„ 116 (E)...	Women's size above 2			
„ 116 (F)...	Girls' sizes above 10			
„ 116 (G)...	Girls' sizes 7 to 10... Slippers, Leather ...			
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—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words and figures be added to the rate of duty in the last column but one :—

“and on and after 20th September, 1906, 25 per cent.”

—(Mr. Kelly.)

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Joseph Cook, *Tellers.*
Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Lee,
Mr. Kelly. Mr. McWilliams.

Noes, 24.

Sir Langdon Mr. Page,
Bonython, Sir John Quick,
Mr. Chapman, Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Culpin, Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Deakin, Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing, Mr. Tudor,
Sir John Forrest, Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Frazer, Mr. Watson,
Mr. Groom, Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Kennedy, *Tellers.*
Sir William Lyne, Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Maloney, Mr. Crouch.

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1906.

No. 50.—*Customs Tariff [Stripper Harvesters, &c.] Bill (1906).—Clause 4 (as amended)—*

4. If the Governor-General is satisfied that the cash prices at which stripper harvesters and Drills manufactured in Australia are sold exceeds the prices hereunder set out Λ he may by proclamation reduce the rate of duty specified in the Schedule in respect of stripper harvesters but so that the reduction shall not reduce the rate of duty below one-half the rate of duty imposed by this Act.

—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “delivered at the principal city of each State” be inserted after the word “out.”

—(Mr. Frazer.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Batchelor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Storrer.
Mr. Wilkinson.	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Carpenter,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Willis.
Sir John Forrest,	
Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Mauger.
Mr. Isaacs,	

And so it passed in the negative.