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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 1.

## THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1954.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, dated the fourth day of February, 1954, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows :--

## PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of  
Australia to wit.W. J. SLIM  
Governor-General.By His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth  
of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things provided that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and may also, from time to time, by Proclamation or otherwise, prorogue the Parliament :

Now therefore, I, Sir William Joseph Slim, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the Parliament until Monday, the fifteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, or (in the event of circumstances arising, at present unforeseen, which render it expedient that the Parliament should be summoned to assemble at a date earlier than the said Monday, the fifteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four) to such earlier date as fixed by a Proclamation summoning the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business :

Furthermore I do appoint the said Monday, the fifteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, or such earlier date (if any) as is fixed by Proclamation, as the day for the Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the building known as Parliament House, Canberra, at the hour of half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, on the said Monday, the fifteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, or, in the event of an earlier date being fixed by Proclamation, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon on the date so fixed.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia at Canberra, this 4th  
day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, and  
in the second year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,  
ROBERT G. MENZIES  
Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !

2. Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
3. RETURN TO WRIT—GWYDIR DIVISION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 24th November last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Gwydir, in the State of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Thomas John Treloar, and that by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Archibald Ian Allan had been elected.
4. MEMBER SWORN.—Archibald Ian Allan, Esquire, was introduced and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
5. MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod :—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
Her Majesty the Queen desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.  
Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend Her Majesty :—And having returned—
6. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1954.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1950*.  
Question—put and passed.

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Mr. Menzies 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. HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day attended Her Majesty the Queen in the Senate Chamber, when Her Majesty was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker had received a copy, which read as follows :—

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

The first Section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia provides that the legislative power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in " a Federal Parliament, which shall consist of the Queen, a Senate, and a House of Representatives ".

It is therefore a joy for me, to-day, to address you not as a Queen from far away, but as your Queen and a part of your Parliament. In a real sense, you are here as my colleagues, friends, and advisers.

When I add to this consideration the fact that I am the first ruling Sovereign to visit Australia, it is clear that the events of to-day make a piece of history which fills me with deep pride and the most heartfelt pleasure, and which I am confident will serve to strengthen in your own hearts and minds a feeling of comradeship with the Crown and that sense of duty shared which we must all have as we confront our common tasks.

I am proud also, speaking as the granddaughter of King George V. and the daughter of King George VI., to recall two earlier events in the history, the short history, of the Commonwealth of Australia. The first was the opening of the First Parliament of the new Commonwealth of Australia in 1901 by my grandfather, then the Duke of Cornwall and York. The second was the opening of this building in 1927 by my father, then the Duke of York. Thus the history of Australia as a nation has a special family significance for me.

It is, I think, fitting that I should, speaking to you to-day, recall to mind those elements of unity which combine in the fabric of the British Commonwealth. The great institutions of Parliamentary sovereignty, a democratically controlled Executive, the just and impartial administration of the law ; these exist and flourish in each of the great realms which call me Queen. They have, in this century, survived great trials of war and economic hardship. And they have done so, I am proud to say, because of the great qualities of my peoples, qualities which have shown themselves through labours manfully performed, duties courageously done by men and women, sorrows sustained, and happiness earned.

In the result, as I acknowledge the wonderful welcome of my Australian people, I do so in a country whose growth and progress are manifest, a country of freedom, eloquent of that true democracy which dignifies and expresses the individual human being.

Already, in my journeys through the Commonwealth, I have been made even more vividly conscious of the true brotherhood of my peoples, even prouder of their services to civilization, and more richly confident of their future destiny.

I would like also to take this opportunity to say to my Australian people, through you ladies and gentlemen of the Australian Parliament, how grateful I was, and am, for their loyal support and encouragement on the occasion of my Coronation. My husband and I can never forget your affection on that great day, an affection which you have expressed with such marvellous warmth in your own land since our arrival.

Moved by these feelings, it is my resolve that, under God, I shall not only rule, but serve. This is not only the tradition of my family ; it describes, I believe, the modern character of the British Crown.

In this uneasy world of conflicts open or hidden, my peoples in Australia and throughout the British Commonwealth want peace in its fullest and richest sense ; that peace, based upon freedom and justice, which must some day be the unquestioned inheritance of all mankind.

To play their part in the achievement and preservation of peace, my Australian Ministers will continue the closest co-operation with my Governments in the other Commonwealth nations. Only last month my Finance Ministers conferred in Sydney with the frankness and friendliness which always mark discussions between the Commonwealth countries. This was one of a long and continuing series of such conferences. Their immediate objective is to strengthen the British Commonwealth ; but their ultimate benefit will flow to other nations and to the great world community of people everywhere.

Pursuant to the terms of the Constitution, a general election for the House of Representatives must be held at the end of this Session of Parliament. My Ministers will submit to Parliament the financial and other measures which must precede that election.

Mr. President, and Members of the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives.

In the earnest hope that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations and further the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth of Australia, I now leave you to the discharge of your high and important duties.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That a Committee consisting of the Right Honorable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Evatt) and the Mover be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by Her Majesty the Queen to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the Committee do report this day.

Question—put and passed.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At six minutes to three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO RESERVED BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 1.*

The Governor-General informs the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia that the proposed law intituled "*Flags Act 1953*", which was reserved for The Queen's pleasure, has been laid before Her Majesty and that, on the Fourteenth day of February in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, The Queen was graciously pleased to assent to the said Law.

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10. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1951-52.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Eighth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1952-53.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 104.

Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 101.

Commonwealth Bank Act—

Appointment Certificate—R. Makim.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 103, 105.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, Nos. 2, 6.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 102.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 1.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—

Fifth Report of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board, for year 1952-53.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 4.

Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (16).

Explosives Act—Regulations—Orders—

Berthing of a vessel.

Transport of Nitro-cellulose Cannon Powder.

Hospital Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 96.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, &c., acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Albion, Victoria.

Murray Bridge, South Australia.

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—

Broken Hill, New South Wales.

Cobar, New South Wales.

Hay, New South Wales.

Mentone, Victoria.

Mt. Canobolas, New South Wales.

Narrabri, New South Wales.

Walgett, New South Wales.

Department of Immigration purposes—Scheyville, New South Wales.

Postal purposes—

Ararat, Victoria.

Bega, New South Wales.

Buronga, New South Wales.

Burrawang, New South Wales.

Camberwell North, Victoria.

Garangula, New South Wales.

Kunama, New South Wales.

Longford, Tasmania.

Mount Moriac, Victoria.

Mt. White, New South Wales.

Quorrobolong, New South Wales.

St. Kilda South, Victoria.

Trentham Cliffs, New South Wales.

Upper Burringbar, New South Wales.

Stirling North to Leigh Creek North Coalfield Railway purposes—Port Augusta, South Australia.

Telegraphic, &c., purposes—Ralph's Bay, Tasmania.

Returns (3) of land disposed of under Section 63.

National Health Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 97, 98, 99, 106.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—

Reasons for resumption of reserved land—

Alice Springs.

Tennant Creek.

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## Ordinances—1953—

No. 20—Associations Incorporation.

No. 21—Jury.

## Regulations—1953—

No. 10 (Darwin Administration Ordinance).

No. 11 (Supply of Services Ordinance).

No. 12 (Prisons Ordinance).

No. 13 (Licensed Surveyors Ordinance).

## Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1953—

No. 3—Copra.

No. 4—Animals Trespass.

No. 6—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua) (No. 2).

No. 10—Customs Tariff Surcharge.

No. 11—Pure Food (No. 2).

No. 17—Native Apprenticeship.

No. 18—Superannuation (Papua and New Guinea).

No. 19—Public Service.

## Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 100.

## Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 5.

## Public Service Act—

## Appointments—Department—

Army—J. A. Harris.

Civil Aviation—T. B. Curlewis, E. W. Eberbach, L. B. Irving, W. Jackson, W. F. Parr, R. M. Reilly, C. C. H. Thompson, J. C. Thorpe, J. E. Waters.

Defence—J. B. Firth.

Defence Production—A. T. Duff, A. S. Gaskin.

Health—J. A. Donnison, R. E. Jones.

Labour and National Service—A. F. H. A. Dresler.

National Development—R. J. Davidson, J. A. Haycraft, J. W. Morgan.

Parliamentary Library—G. M. Carroll.

Repatriation—L. A. Ede, I. C. Heinz, J. F. Hughes.

Social Services—N. W. Ree.

Supply—R. D. Barlow, A. A. Keeler, W. G. Ratcliffe, D. S. Robertson, W. V. Wiseman.

Territories—B. J. Lee.

Trade and Customs—P. A. Whiting.

Works—P. B. Burns, E. J. Jones, R. S. McCulloch, J. J. O'Donnell, G. E. Price, S. N. Thorne.

Twenty-ninth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Public Service Board, for year 1952-53.

## Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—

## 1953—

No. 81—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and others (respondents).

No. 82—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.

No. 83—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.

No. 84—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans Association and others.

No. 85—Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 86—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 87—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 88—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 89—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union.

No. 90—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

No. 91—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 92—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.

No. 93—Vehicle Builders Employees' Federation of Australia.

No. 94—Peace Officer Guard Association.

No. 95—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 96—Commonwealth Telephone and Phonogram Officers' Association and Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 97—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.

No. 98—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association and others (respondents).

No. 99—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

No. 100—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

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No. 1—Musicians' Union of Australia.

No. 2—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 3—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.

No. 4—Australian Journalists' Association.

## Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 3.

## River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Annual Report for year 1952-53.

## Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Council of the Soil Conservation Service of the Australian Capital Territory—Sixth Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments, for year 1952-53, together with summary of the activities of the Council for period 1947-53.

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## Ordinances—

1953—

No. 14—Court of Petty Sessions.

No. 15—Associations Incorporation.

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No. 1—Marriage.

No. 2—Administration and Probate (No. 2).

No. 3—Scaffolding and Lifts (No. 2).

No. 4—Royal Visit Holiday.

No. 5—Police.

## Regulations—

1953—

No. 15 (Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance).

No. 16 (Canberra Community Hospital Ordinance).

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No. 1 (Building and Services Ordinance).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1952-53.

Social Services Consolidation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 8.

Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1954, No. 7.

11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) brought up the Address in Reply to Her Majesty's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

## MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to thank Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament on this, your first visit to our country.

The presence in Australia of Your Majesty and of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh has brought unbounded pleasure to the Australian people. We, their representatives in this House, invoke God's choicest blessing upon your life and reign, and are grateful for this opportunity to re-affirm our loyalty and devotion to the Crown and Person of Your Majesty.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the Address be agreed to.

The Right Honorable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Evatt) seconded the motion.

Question—put and passed.

*Presentation of Address in Reply.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to receive the Address in Reply at Government House at ten minutes past five o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members as arranged, would accompany him to Government House.

12. SUPPLY.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.  
Question—put and passed.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.  
Question—put and passed.
14. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1 AND 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1953 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the sixteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1953 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply

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to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Proclamation” mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“the Intermediate Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

## IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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## DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By adding to paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) a new sub-paragraph (c) as follows :— “ (c) Cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates, which but for this sub-paragraph would be classified under sub-item (A) (1) (a), plain or matt woven, 37 inches or over in width but not exceeding 100 inches in width, of a weight not less than 4 ounces per square yard and not more than 7 ounces per square yard, of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of bed sheets or pillow cases— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws— (a) Unbleached, not printed per square yard or ad val. 5 per cent. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (b) Bleached, not printed per square yard or ad val. 5 per cent. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (c) Dyed or coloured, not printed per square yard or ad val. 5 per cent. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (2) Other— (a) Unbleached, not printed per lb. and ad val. 15 per cent. (b) Bleached, not printed per lb. and ad val. 15 per cent. (c) Dyed or coloured, not printed per lb. and ad val. 15 per cent.	½d. 5 per cent. ½d. 5 per cent. ½d. 5 per cent. 4d. 15 per cent. 4d. 15 per cent. 4d. 15 per cent.	¾d. .. 1d. .. 2d. .. 5d. 15 per cent. 5½d. 15 per cent. 8½d. 15 per cent.	2¾d. .. 3d. .. 3½d. .. 10d. 15 per cent. 1s. 15 per cent. 1s. 1d. 15 per cent.”
120. By omitting from sub-item (A) the words “ sheets, pillow cases,” and inserting in their stead the following :—“ sheets n.e.i., pillow cases n.e.i.,” By adding to sub-item (B) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “ (3) Bed sheets, pillow cases, of cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates ad val. 22½ per cent.	ad val. 22½ per cent.	ad val. 45 per cent.	ad val. 50 per cent.”

## DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (u) of paragraph (25) of sub-item (M).			
176. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (3) Tools, inserted type, parts and accessories, whether or not otherwise provided for, composed wholly or partly of cemented carbides, for use with machines, (but not including such tools parts or accessories otherwise specifically provided for at higher rates of duty, or inserted type tools for use in rotary and percussive rock drills) - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	35 per cent.”
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (Q) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (Q) Tips, tool, cemented carbide - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	35 per cent.”
219. By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (F) Files (including rasps) - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	40 per cent.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.</b>			
359. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(4) Chassis, including lamps but not including rubber tyres and tubes, storage batteries, shock absorbers (excepting steering dampers), bumper bars, radiator assemblies, sparking plugs, springs and goods covered by Tariff Item 359 (F) (3)— (a) Unassembled, viz. :—car, and car type capable of use for commercial vehicles per lb. (b) Unassembled, viz. :—truck omnibus or other commercial vehicle - per lb. (c) Assembled - - - - - per lb. Provided that for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”			
	½d.	5d.	6d.
	½d.	4½d.	5½d.
	1¾d.	6½d.	7¾d.
By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(3) Transmission gear box assemblies differential assemblies driving axle assemblies, and parts n.e.i. therefor whether malleable iron castings or not, whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of any goods covered by Tariff Item 359 (D) (4), for vehicles with self-contained power excepting motor cycles and vehicles for railways and tramways— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per lb. (b) Other - - - - - ad val. For the purposes of paragraph (3)— (i) Transmission gear box assemblies include gear box housings and covers and gear shift parts when assembled within such housings, and include clutch housings when cast with the gear box housing, but do not include gear change linkage and remote control mechanisms ; (ii) Differential assemblies and driving axle assemblies include the differential unit and companion flange, differential carrier, driving axle casing and axle shafts, but do not include brake drums, brakes or other brake operated mechanisms.”			
	½d.	4½d.	5¾d.
	27½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	47½ per cent.
<b>DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>			
418. By omitting from paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) the following :— “thermostats ;” By adding a new sub-item (H) as follows :— “(H) Thermostats— (1) Of the type ordinarily used with electrically-operated domestic appliances - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.			
	15 per cent.	32½ per cent.	37½ per cent.
	Free	17½ per cent.	17½ per cent.”
419. By adding to sub-item (D) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Hypodermic needles - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	42½ per cent.”
434. By adding a new item 434 as follows :— “434. Goods (not being goods to which Items 410 (B) (2), 417 (B), 417 (D) or 427 (A) apply), not intended for sale or trade, which have become the property of the owner under the will or intestacy of a deceased person, if the owner was, at the time the goods became his or its property, a person, body or institution resident or established in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free”

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1953 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the sixteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1953 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

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3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Proclamation” mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“the Intermediate Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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## DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.

334. By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (d) (1) Copying and manifold copying, in sheets or rolls, weight not to exceed 9 lb. for 480 sheets 20 inches by 30 inches - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(2) Tissue paper toilet tissue paper tissue cap paper toilet tissue cap paper, creped or uncreped, and paper for paper patterns, in sheets or rolls, weight not to exceed 9 lb. for 480 sheets 20 inches by 30 inches - - - per ton	£5	£7	£8 ”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (f) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (f) Irrespective of size or shape but not ruled or printed in any way, viz. :—			
Coated printing paper; printing paper n.e.i.; writing and typewriting paper not including duplicating paper—			
(1) In sheets less than 21 inches by 16½ inches (or its equivalent) or in rolls less than 13 inches in width ad val.	27½ per cent.	47½ per cent.	47½ per cent.
(2) In sheets not less than 21 inches by 16½ inches (or its equivalent) or in rolls not less than 13 inches in width—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - per ton	Free	£4	£4
(b) The free on board price per ton of which is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, not less than the price per ton as defined by Departmental By-laws per ton	Free	£4	£4
(c) Other - - - per ton	£3 10s.	£8	£8
For the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph the free on board price is the actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export including the cost of outside packages, or, in the case of goods consigned for sale in Australia, the amount which, in the opinion of the Minister, would, at the date of exportation of those goods, be equal to the free on board price of similar goods if sold to an Australian importer.”			
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (g) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“ (a) Wrapping, other than wrapping paper enumerated in sub-items (g) (1) (b) and (g) (1) (c), of all colours (creped or uncreped), including the following whether creped or uncreped, viz., browns, caps not elsewhere specified, casings, sealings, nature or ochre browns, sulphites, krafts (sulphates), sugars, and all other bag papers, candle carton paper; cartridge paper			



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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

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“(a)—*continued.*

(other than offset and drawing); toilet tissue paper and toilet tissue cap paper, creped or uncreped, n.e.i.; lithographic printing paper per ton

£19

£21

£21 ”

By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:—

“(b) Greaseproof wrapping and imitation greaseproof wrapping; glazed imitation parchment; glassine per ton

£4

£6

£6 ”

By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(2) Fruit wrapping, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws

Free

Free

Free ”

By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(3) Bags n.e.i. per ton or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”

£22  
20 per cent.

£25  
32½ per cent.

£26  
35 per cent.

By omitting the whole of sub-item (j) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—

“(j) Cartridge paper, drawing; duplicating paper; absorbent paper for copying machines; blotting paper, irrespective of weight—

(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per ton

Free

£4

£4

(2) The free on board price per ton of which is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, not less than the price per ton as defined by Departmental By-laws per ton

Free

£4

£4

(3) Other per ton

£5

£8

£8

For the purposes of paragraph (2) of this sub-item the free on board price is the actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export including the cost of outside packages, or, in the case of goods consigned for sale in Australia, the amount which, in the opinion of the Minister, would, at the date of exportation of those goods, be equal to the free on board price of similar goods if sold to an Australian importer.”

By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (k) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(1) Surface coated paper, n.e.i., plain, or having printed or embossed designs thereon; boxmakers' fancy papers having printed or embossed designs thereon ad val.

Free

12½ per cent.

12½ per cent.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—

“(o) (1) Cover paper and pressings—

(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per ton

Free

£4

£4

(b) The free on board price per ton of which is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, not less than the price per ton as defined by Departmental By-laws per ton

Free

£4

£4

(c) Other per ton

£19

£21

£21

For the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph the free on board price is the actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export including the cost of outside packages, or, in the case of goods consigned for sale in Australia, the amount which, in the opinion of the Minister, would, at the date of exportation of those goods, be equal to the free on board price of similar goods if sold to an Australian importer.

(2) Paper hangings or wall papers - ad val.

Free

12½ per cent.

12½ per cent.

(3) N.E.I. ad val.

12½ per cent.

27½ per cent.

27½ per cent.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division XIII.—Paper and Stationery—continued.</b>			
334.—continued.			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (q) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (q) Strawpaper, strawboard other than corrugated, and boards n.e.i.—			
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per ton	Free	£4	£4
(2) The free on board price per ton of which is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, not less than the price per ton as defined by Departmental By-laws per ton	Free	£4	£4
(3) Other - - - - - per ton	£9	£14	£14
For the purposes of paragraph (2) of this sub-item the free on board price is the actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export including the cost of outside packages, or, in the case of goods consigned for sale in Australia, the amount which, in the opinion of the Minister, would, at the date of exportation of those goods, be equal to the free on board price of similar goods if sold to an Australian importer.”			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (r) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (r) Millboards - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (s) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (s) Strawboard, corrugated - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (t) as follows :—			
“ (t) Paper felt and carpet felt paper, irrespective of weight - - - - - per ton	£12	£14	£14 ”

## CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1952* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the sixteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1952* as so amended.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
<b>DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.</b>	
Ex. 359. By omitting—	
“ (4) Chassis, including lamps but not including rubber tyres and tubes, storage batteries, shock absorbers (excepting steering dampers), bumper bars, radiator assemblies, sparking plugs and springs—	
(a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and car type capable of use for commercial vehicles - - - - - per lb.	3d.
(b) Unassembled, viz. :—Truck omnibus or other commercial vehicle - - - - - per lb.	2½d.
(c) Assembled - - - - - per lb.	4½d.
Provided that for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”	
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“ (4) Chassis, including lamps but not including rubber tyres and tubes, storage batteries, shock absorbers (excepting steering dampers), bumper bars, radiator assemblies, sparking plugs, springs and goods covered by Tariff Item 359 (f) (3)—	
(a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and car type capable of use for commercial vehicles - - - - - per lb.	3d.
(b) Unassembled, viz. :—Truck omnibus or other commercial vehicle - - - - - per lb.	2½d.
(c) Assembled - - - - - per lb.	4½d.
Provided that for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”	
By omitting—	
“ (f) (3) Gears for vehicles with self-contained power excepting motor cycles and vehicles for railways and tramways, viz. :—Crown wheels and pinions, transmission gears, differential gears, worms and worm wheels, internal tooth gears, jack shaft pinions and fly-wheel starter bands—	
when incorporated in or forming part of any goods classifiable under Tariff Item 359 (d) (4) except when imported with motor vehicles or motor vehicle chassis as original equipment	ad val.
when imported separately - - - - -	20 per cent. 2s. 3d. Intermediate Tariff.”

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CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1)—*continued.*

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
<b>Division XIV.—Vehicles—<i>continued.</i></b>	
Ex. 359— <i>continued.</i>	
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(F) (3) Transmission gear box assemblies differential assemblies driving axle assemblies, and parts n.e.i. therefor whether malleable iron castings or not, whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of any goods covered by Tariff Item 359 (D) (4), for vehicles with self-contained power excepting motor cycles and vehicles for railways and tramways—	
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - per lb.	3d.
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	32½ per cent.
For the purposes of paragraph (3)—	
(i) Transmission gear box assemblies include gear box housings and covers and gear shift parts when assembled within such housings, and include clutch housings when cast with the gear box housing, but do not include gear change linkage and remote control mechanisms ;	
(ii) Differential assemblies and driving axle assemblies include the differential unit and companion flange, differential carrier, driving axle casing and axle shafts, but do not include brake drums, brakes or other brake operated mechanisms.”	

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1953* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the sixteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1953* as so amended.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
107	By omitting the whole item.	

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

- Camera Filters.
- Cotton Sheetings, Sheets and Pillow Cases.
- Flooring and Wall Tiles.
- Gear Box, Differential and Rear Axle Assemblies and parts therefor.
- Hypodermic Needles.
- Paper and Paper Products.
- Thermostats.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

16. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

17. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting).

F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*