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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 132.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST MAY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE—PROCEDURE IN CASES OF.—Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Select Committee *re* Procedure in cases of Privilege have leave to sit to-morrow during the sitting of the House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Bureau of Agriculture—Memorandum on the subject of the Establishment of.—
By the Hon. L. E. Groom, M.P.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Department—Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the Financial Year 1907-8.
Ordered, after debate, to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Customs Act—Regulation 130 Amended—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 54.
Sugar Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 53.
Mr. Hume Cook presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act—Regulation 104 Amended—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 58.
4. ADVERTISEMENTS BY GOVERNMENT, AND COST, ETC., OF COMMONWEALTH GAZETTE.—Mr. Webster moved pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table a Return giving the following information:—
 - (1) What is the amount spent annually on the production of the *Commonwealth Government Gazette*.
 - (2) What sum did the Commonwealth expend on Government advertisements and announcements during the years 1905-7.
 - (3) The amounts paid to the metropolitan newspapers circulating in and around the several capital cities of the Commonwealth during the years 1905-7.
 - (4) The amount paid to newspapers circulating in the Commonwealth, other than those named in paragraph 3, during the same years.
 - (5) What is the cost of circulating the *Commonwealth Government Gazette* for the three years named.
 - (6) What revenue has been received for the sale of the said *Gazette* during the years 1905-7.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. SUPPLY.—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.

Mr. Chanter moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

" a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements made to the Postmaster-General, particularly in connexion with the Butts and Short charges against the medical firm of Freeman and Wallace, and the reasons which caused the Postmaster-General to issue, through the *Commonwealth Gazette*, instructions addressed to all postal officials not to deliver any correspondence addressed through the post to the Freeman and Wallace Medical Institute.

(2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, to take evidence upon oath, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and move from place to place if found necessary.

(3) That such Committee consist of Mr. Archer, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, and the Mover."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Resolved—That the House do now resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

6. SUPPLY.—Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1907).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has considered the Messages of that House, dated 6th and 20th May, in reference to such Bill.

The Senate does not now request the House to make the amendments originally requested by Requests Nos. 1, 2 (as to part), 5, 7, 8, 9, 18, 23, 26, 27, 39 (as to part), 89, 98, 112, 119, 122, 128 (as to part), 129 (as to part), 133, 137, 138, 139, 142, 147, 153, 155, 161, 189, 192 (as to part), 210 (as to part), 212, and 231.

The Senate has agreed to the modifications made by the House of Representatives in Requests for amendments Nos. 13, 15, 16, 20, 50, 108, 111, 112, 113, 121, 128, 129, 151, 152, 158, 175, 179, 183, 202, 210, and 234.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives consequential on the insertion of new Schedule B.

The Senate has resolved to further press its Requests for amendments Nos. 37, 49, 62, 69, 86, 91, 93, 94, 96, 141, 156, 159, 187, and 223, and again requests the House of Representatives to make such amendments, as shown in the annexed Schedule (No. 1).

Requests for amendments Nos. 10, 22, 33 (as to part), 34, 40 (as to part), 46, 61, 72 (as to part), 73 (as to part), 74 (as to part), 75, 81 (as to part), 88 (as to part), 90 (as to part), 92 (as to part), 95, 111, 118, 130, 145, 154, 160, 162 (as to part), 182, 204 (as to part), 227 (as to part), and 229, which were not made, or were partly made, or were modified by the House of Representatives, have been dealt with by the Senate as shown in the annexed Schedule (No. 2), and the Senate requests the House of Representatives to further amend the Bill as now indicated in such Requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1908.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

No. 1.—SCHEDULE SHOWING ORIGINAL REQUESTED AMENDMENTS OF THE SENATE WHICH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS NOT MADE, AND WHICH THE SENATE AGAIN REQUESTS THE HOUSE TO MAKE.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
No. 37, p. 14— Item 118. Curtains and Blinds, n.e.i. (not including blinds attached to rollers); Curtain Clips, Bands, Loops, and Holders; and Blind Tassels and Acorns ... ad val.	25 per cent.	Free	20 per cent.	Free	Not made.
No. 49, p. 15— Item 123. Piece Goods,*† viz. :— * * (F) Piece Goods, n.e.i., other than of Wool or Silk, suitable for Human Apparel, or to be worn in connexion with the human body, having on one or both sides a teased, treated, combed, fluffed, or raised nap or surface in imitation of or resembling Flannel in feel or appearance ... ad val.	25 per cent.; and on and after 14th November, 1907, 10 per cent.	5 per cent.	20 per cent.; and on and after 14th November, 1907, 5 per cent.	Free	Not made.

NOTE.—Erased type denotes requested omissions, black type requested insertions.

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No. 1 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
No. 62, p. 18— Item 143. Sheet Lead and Lead Piping per ton	50s.; and on and after 15th November, 1907, free	20s.			<i>Not made.</i>
No. 69, p. 19— Item 153. Cutlery, of all kinds, n.e.i.; including Plated Cutlery; Knife Sharpeners; Manicure Sets; but not cutlery in part or wholly made up of gold or silver ... ad val.	20 per cent.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	10 per cent.	<i>Not made.</i>
No. 86, p. 22— And on and after 29th November, 1907— Item 175— * * * * * (c) Screws n.e.i., including Sash Screws and attachments ad val.	5 per cent.	Free	Free		<i>Not made.</i>
No. 91, page 22— And on and after 29th November, 1907— * Item 177. Electrical Machines, &c.:— (B) Dynamo Electric Machines over the capacity of 500 10 horse power ad val.	12½ per cent.	Free			<i>Not made.</i>

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<p>No. 93, p. 23— And on and after 29th November, 1907— Item 177. Electrical Machines, &c. :— * * * * * (p) Electric Apparatus and Fittings consisting wholly or partly of metal n.e.i., including Switches Fuses, and Lightning Arresters ad val.</p>	<p>15 per cent.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>10 per cent.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Not made.</p>
<p>No. 94, p. 23— And on and after 29th November, 1907— Item. 177. Electrical Machines, &c. :— * * * * * (e) Generators for direct coupling to steam Turbines ad val</p>	<p>5 per cent.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Not made</p>	<p>Not made.</p>
<p>No. 96, p. 23— And on and after 29th November, 1907— Item 178. Electrical and Gas Appliances, viz. :— * * * * * (BB) Telephones, Telephone Switch- boards and Appliances ...</p>		<p>Free</p>		<p>Not made.</p>	

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No. 1 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
No. 141, p. 32— Item 268. Stone and Marble— (A) Marble Unwrought, including rough or scabbled from the pick ad val.	10 per cent.	Free			<i>Not made.</i>
No. 156, p. 35— Item 303. Timber, viz.:— * (D) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes less than 7 in. x 2½ in. (or its equivalent) ; including door-stocks per 100 super. feet (D.1.) Timber, undressed, in sizes less than 7 ft. 6 in. x 10 in. x 2½ in., for door stocks per 100 super. feet	2s. 6d.	2s.			<i>Not made.</i>
No. 159, p. 35— Item 303. Timber, viz.:— * (v) Broom Stocks, being square timber rough sawn into sizes suitable for the manufacture of broom handles ... ad val.	20 per cent.				<i>Not made.</i>

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<p>No. 187, p. 42— Item 356. Paper, viz.:— * * * * * (c) Australian Directories, Guides, and Time Tables ... per lb.</p>	<p>6d.</p>	<p>6d.; and on and after 10th December, 1907, 4d.</p>	<p>6d.</p>	<p><i>Not made.</i></p>
<p>No. 223, p. 51— Item 406. (A) Fumigators, Atomizers n.e.i., Odorizers, Vaporizers, and the like ad val.</p> <p>(B) Atomizers for mining pur- poses</p>	<p>20 per cent.</p>	<p>20 per cent. and on and after 12th December, 1907, 15 per cent.</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p><i>Not made.</i></p>

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No. 2.—SCHEDULE SHOWING HOW THE SENATE HAS DEALT WITH CERTAIN OF ITS ORIGINAL REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENTS, WHICH AMENDMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE OR HAVE BEEN MADE AS TO PART OR WITH MODIFICATIONS BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
No. 10, p. 7—					
Item 46. Liquorice, viz.:—					
* * * * *					
(c) Other per lb.	3½d.; and on and after 30th October, 1907, 3d.	2d.			Not made.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request for duty of 2d. in General Tariff not pressed, but Make the duty in United Kingdom Preference Tariff, 2½d.

No. 22, p. 11—

Item 93. Pickles, Sauces, Chutney, Olives, and Capers—					
* * * * *					
(F) Curry manufactured, whether paste or powder ad val.	35 per cent.	30 per cent.	25 per cent.	20 per cent.	Not made.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request, that duty be made 30 per cent., in General Tariff, pressed. Request, that duty be made 20 per cent., in United Kingdom Preference Tariff, not pressed.

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No. 33, p. 13—

Item 114. Blankets (except of Rubber); Blanketing; Flannels, whether plain fancy or printed, including Domett containing wool; also Crimean and Ceylon Shirtings containing wool; Rugs, n.e.i., including Buggy Rugs or Aprons, and Rugging ... ad val.

30 per cent.; and on and after 8th November, 1907, 25 per cent.

30 per cent.

30 per cent.; and on and after 8th November, 1907, 20 per cent.

25 per cent.

Not made as regards insertion of words in item.
Made as regards alteration of duties.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request for insertion of words: "whether plain fancy or printed," pressed.
Request for insertion of words "also Crimean and Ceylon Shirtings containing wool;" not pressed.

No. 34, p. 13—

Item 115. Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Cloths, Floor and Carriage Mats of any material except Coir; Lap Dusters; and Floor Rugs and Coverings (including Felts and Pads) ... ad val.

20 per cent.

15 per cent.

15 per cent. on and after 8th November, 1907

10 per cent.

Not made.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request that duty be made 15 per cent. in General Tariff and 10 per cent. in United Kingdom Preference Tariff, not pressed, but Make the item in General Tariff and in United Kingdom Preference Tariff, Free.

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No. 2 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
<p>No. 40, p. 14— Item 120. Gloves— (B) Gloves n.e.i. of all kinds and materials including Mittens ad val.</p>	30 per cent.; and on and after 14th October, 1907, 15 per cent.	Free	20 per cent.; and on and after 14th October, 1907, 10 per cent.	Free	<p>Made as regards alteration of dates. Not made as regards alteration of duties.</p>
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— Request to make item free <i>not pressed</i>, but Make the duty in General Tariff 30 per cent., in United Kingdom Preference Tariff 20 per cent.</p>					
<p>No. 46, p. 15— Item 123. Piece Goods, *† viz.:— * * * * * (B) Piece goods, woollen or containing wool, viz.:—women's and children's dress goods not weighing over 5 oz. per square yard ... ad val.</p>	35 per cent.; and on and after 13th November, 1907, 15 per cent.		30 per cent.; and on and after 13th November, 1907, 10 per cent.		<p>Not made, but the words "including women's and children's dress flannels" inserted after the words "dress goods".</p>
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— Modification <i>not agreed to</i>. Request for amendment <i>pressed</i>.</p>					

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No. 61, p. 17—
Item 139. Arms, viz.:—

(H) Guns or Rifles fitted with Barrels which do not bear the British or other approved test mark; or such barrels imported separately — per double-barrelled gun or rifle or barrelled for such—per single-barrelled gun or rifle or barrel for such ... each

£5

Made with the following modification:—
After "mark" the following words inserted:—"or do not, prior to 1st October, 1908, pass a test in Australia prescribed by the Minister".

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Modification made by House of Representatives *not agreed to*.

In lieu thereof *add* the following proviso at end of sub-item, viz.:—"Provided that until the 1st October, 1908, Guns and Rifles or Barrels for same not bearing the marks prescribed in (H) above may be admitted on payment only of the duties applicable to weapons coming within sub-items (A), (B), (D) (1) and (2), of this item if the Minister is satisfied that such Guns, Rifles, or Barrels have been efficiently tested by the manufacturers thereof."

No. 72, p. 19—

Item 159. Adding and Computing Machines and all Attachments; **Time Registers and Detectors;** Cash Registers; Automatic Weighbridges, and Automatic Weighing Machines except coin-freed Automatic Weighing Machines; **Combined Bagging, Weighing, and Sewing Machines** On and after 27th November, 1907 ... ad val.

10 per cent.

Free

5 per cent.

Free

Made as regards insertion of words. Not made as regards alteration of duties.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request, that item under the General Tariff and the United Kingdom Preference Tariff be **Free, pressed.**

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No. 2 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
<p>No. 73, p. 20— On and after 27th November, 1907— Item 160. Motive Power Machinery and Appliances (except Electric), viz. :— (A) Gas Producers; Flue-heated Economizers; Mechanical Stokers; Steam Traps; Steam Turbines; High-speed Reciprocating Engines coupled with generators or Dynamo Electric Machines to be used in mines; Super-heaters; Water purifiers ad val.</p>	5 per cent.		Free		<p>Made as regards omission of words. Made with the following modification as regards insertion of words :—The words inserted altered to read, "High-speed Reciprocating Steam Engines for direct coupling or directly coupled to electric generators or to pumps".</p>
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— In lieu of original request of Senate to insert words "High-speed Reciprocating Engines coupled with generators or Dynamo Electric Machines to be used in mines;" and the modification made by House of Representatives, add to the item the following new sub-item— (AA) High-speed Reciprocating Steam Engines for direct coupling or directly coupled to electric generators or to pumps, subject to Departmental By-laws ad val.</p>		5 per cent.		Free	

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No. 74, p. 20—

And on and after 28th November, 1907—
Item 162. (A) Pulley Chain Blocks and Travelling Blocks; Pneumatic Elevators and Conveyors; Steam High-pressure Blowers for Smelting, and Turbo-Blowers; Telegraphers; Apparatus for Liquefaction of Gases; Patent Hoist used for underground mining Portable Hoists for underground use ad val.

5 per cent.

Free

Free

Made as regards alteration of "Pulley" to "Chain."
Made with modifications as regards retaining alteration of wording, viz.:—Instead of the word "High-pressure" the word "Rotary" inserted; and before the words "Portable Hoists" the word "Patent" inserted.
Not made as regards alteration of duty.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Modifications of wording agreed to.
Request, that item under General Tariff be Free, pressed.

No. 75, p. 20—

And on and after 28th November, 1907—
Item 162. (A) Pulley Blocks, &c.
* * * * *
(AA) Log Band Saws with Band Wheels 5 feet and over in diameter

Free

Made with the following modification:—To take effect on and after 13th December, 1907.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Modification agreed to, provided the following words are added to the sub-item, viz., "including accessories for same."

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No. 2 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
No. 81, p. 21—					
Item 170. * * *					
(B) Articles made entirely of Aluminium for household use. On and after 29th November, 1907 ad val.	5 per cent.	Free	Free		Made as regards omission of word. Not made as regards alteration of duty.
HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—					
Request, that item under General Tariff be Free , pressed.					
No. 88, p. 22—					
And on and after 29th November, 1907—					
Item 176—					
* * *					
(E) Coal Cutting Machines; Side Plates, and Balls for Ball Mills ad val.	5 per cent.	Free	Free		Made as regards omission of words. Not made as regards alteration of duty.
HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—					
Request, that item under General Tariff be Free , pressed.					

No. 90, p. 22—

And on and after 29th November,
1907—

Item 177. Electrical Machines, Appliances, and parts thereof :—

(A) Dynamo Electric Machines up to the capacity of 500 10 horse power, including; Static Transformers and Induction Coils for all purposes; Electric Fans
ad val.

20 per cent.

Not made as regards alteration of figures. Made as regards omission of word.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request, for alteration of figures, pressed.

No. 92, p. 23—

And on and after 29th November,
1907—

Item 177. Electrical Machines, &c. :—

* * * * *

(c) Regulating, Starting, and Controlling Apparatus for all Electrical purposes, including Distributing Boards and Switch-Boards
Switchboards, except Telephone Switchboards
... ad val.

20 per cent.

Free

Made as regards alteration of wording. Not made as regards alteration of duty.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request, that item under the General Tariff be **Free**, pressed.

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No. 2 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
No. 95, p. 23— And on and after 29th November, 1907— Item 178. Electrical and Gas Appliances, viz.:— * * * * * (B) Gas meters ... ad val.	5 per cent.	25 per cent.	Free	20 per cent.	Not made.
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— Request as to duties <i>not pressed</i>, provided the sub-item is amended to read as follows— (B) Gas meter parts not fitted together or joined in any way</p>					
No. 114, p. 26— Item 217. Standards, steel fencing of all lengths and Pillars, and Pillars, steel fencing of all lengths; Wedgers, patent, for Droppers and Standards ... ad val.	5 per cent.	17½ per cent.	Free	12½ per cent.	Not made as regards wording, but wording modified to read as follows:—"Standards and Pillars of all lengths for fencing; Patent Wedgers for Droppers and Standards". Not made as regards alteration of duties.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—
Modification agreed to.
Request, that duty be made 17½ per cent. in General Tariff and 12½ per cent. in United Kingdom Preference Tariff, pressed.

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<p>No. 118, p. 28— Item 234. Oils— In vessels exceeding one gallon, * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * (II) Linseed when denaturated as prescribed by Departmental By-law, provided that in the opinion of the Minister suffi- cient Linseed Oil for manufac- turing purposes is not produced in Australia</p>				
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— Request <i>pressed</i>, except as to insertion of words “ provided that in the opinion of the Minister sufficient Linseed Oil for manufacturing purposes is not produced in Australia ”</p>	Free			<i>Not made.</i>
<p>No. 130, p. 30— Item 248. Roasting Dishes, Assay Fur- naces and Crucibles, Scorifiers, and Muffles</p>	Free			<i>Not made.</i>
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— Request <i>not pressed</i>, provided the item is amended to read as follows:— Roasting Dishes, Assay Furnaces, Plumbago Crucibles, Skittle Pots, Scorifiers, and Muffles</p>				
<p>No. 145, p. 33— Item 284. Insecticides, (A) Sheep Washes, and Cattle and Horse Washes and Disinfectants, n.e.i. (B) Insecticides and Disinfec- tants, n.e.i. ad val.</p>	Free	25 per cent.	15 per cent.	<i>Not made.</i>
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— Request <i>pressed</i>, with the following modifications, viz.:— From sub-item (A) leave out “ n.e.i.”. Add the following new sub-item:—</p>				
<p>(C) Pyrethrum flowers, pure, in packages containing not less than 28 lbs.</p>	Free			

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No. 2 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
No. 154, p. 35— Item 303. Timber, viz.:— * * * * * (B) New Zealand Pine, and Red Beech, undressed, of all sizes per 100 super. feet	6d. on and after 6th December, 1907	1s.			Not made.
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—</p> <p>Request, as to duty, <i>not pressed</i>.</p> <p>Request, as to wording, <i>pressed</i>, with the following modification, viz.:— Before "Pine" insert "White".</p>					
No. 160, p. 36— Item 303. Timber, viz.:— * * * * * (Y) Elm Hubs, with or without metal bands	Free	each 1s.			Not made, but the following modification made in the wording of the sub-item:—"or without" omitted.
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—</p> <p>Request, as to duty, <i>not pressed</i>.</p> <p>Modification in wording <i>agreed to</i>, provided the following amendment be made, viz.:— After "bands" add "known as Sarven Hubs".</p>					
No. 162, p. 36— Item 303. Timber, viz.:— After sub-item (DD) insert— Note (to come into force on and after 1st September, 1908).— For the purposes of this Divi-					

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sion a superficial foot shall mean an area of one square foot on one surface, and being one inch or less in thickness.

Note.—The term "super. face" means the superficial measurement of those surfaces (except edges) of the timber actually dressed or partly dressed.

Not made as to the first Note.
Made as to the second Note.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request, for insertion of first Note, *pressed* with the following modification, viz. :—

Leave out "and being one inch or less in thickness" insert "and being not more than one inch nor less than half-an-inch in thickness".

No. 182, p. 41—

And on and after 7th December, 1907—
Item 353 (A) * * * * *
(B) Leather, viz.:—Kid and Patent and Enamelled Leather ad val. 20 per cent.

per square foot 2d.

Not made.

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Request *pressed*, with the following modification, viz. :—

Amend Item to read as follows :—

- (B) Leather, viz. :—
- (1) Patent and Enamelled per square foot
- (2) Kid, other than Patent and Enamelled ... ad val. 20 per cent.

2d.

20 per cent.

Further request made that Item 353 (*second time occurring*) be amended to read as follows :—

- 353 (A) Leather, Rubber, and Composition Belting, and Green Hide for Belting and other purposes .. ad val. 25 per cent.
- (B) Leather, viz. :—
- (1) Patent and Enamelled, per square foot 2d.
- (2) Calf, other than Patent and Enamelled ad val. 15 per cent.
- (3) N.E.I. ad val. 20 per cent.
- (C) Belt Butts ad val. 15 per cent.

20 per cent.

2d.

15 per cent.
20 per cent.
20 per cent.

15 per cent.

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No. 2 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
<p>No. 204, p. 45— Item 372. Bicycles, Tricycles, and similar Vehicles, n.e.i., and Frames thereof, whether partly or wholly finished ad val.</p>	<p>30 per cent.</p>	<p><i>Insert, before</i> "30 per cent.," <i>the original duties, viz.:</i>— Each £5 or ad val. 30 per cent., whichever rate turns the higher duty, up to and including 10th December, 1907; and on and after 11th December, 1907, <i>Make the duty—</i> Each 25s., or ad val.</p>	<p>25 per cent.</p>	<p><i>Insert, before</i> "25 per cent.," <i>the original duties, viz.:</i>— Each £5, or ad val. 20 per cent., up to and including 10th December, 1907; and on and after 11th December, 1907, <i>Make the duty—</i> Each 20s.; or ad val. 25 per cent., whichever rate turns the higher duty</p>	<p><i>Made with the following modification:—After "20 per cent.," in the preceding column the words "whichever rate turns the higher duty," inserted.</i></p>

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30 per cent., whichever rate returns the higher duty		
<p>HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE— Modification agreed to, provided "20 per cent." be left out, and 25 per cent. be inserted in lieu thereof in the United Kingdom Preference column.</p> <p>No. 227, p. 52— Item 410. (A) Lantern Slides ; Photographic Sensitized Films and Paper; Photographic Sensitized Papers n.e.i., Linen, or other materials ; Photographic Mounts ; Photographic Backgrounds (mounted or unmounted) ; Photographs of Australian subjects ; Postcards (sensitized with or without letter press) ; Stereoscopic Views ; Powdered Magnesium ; Sulphite of Soda ; Metabisulphite of Soda ; Metabisulphite of Potash ; Nitrate of Silver ; and Chloride of Gold ad val.</p>	<p>35 per cent. ; and on and after 12th December, 1907, 30 per cent.</p>	<p>25 per cent.</p>
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<p>Photographic Materials, viz.:— (1) Platinotype Paper, Autotype Paper, and Scenic Backgrounds (2) Metabisulphite of Potassium and Metabisulphite of Sodium, under Departmental By-laws ...</p> <p>Made with the following modification:— The words "Photographic Backgrounds (mounted or unmounted)," have not been omitted.</p>		

HOW DEALT WITH BY THE SENATE—
Modification agreed to, provided the words "and Scenic Backgrounds" be left out of sub-item (B) (1).

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No. 2 SCHEDULE—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.		Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.		Requested Amendment—how dealt with by House of Representatives.
	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Duty requested by Senate.	
<p>No. 229, p. 52— Item 417. Works of Art, framed or unframed, imported for public institutions or purposes under Departmental By-laws; also Stained Glass Windows for churches or public institutions under Departmental By-laws</p>	Free				<p>Made with the following modifications:— After "417," the letter "(A)" inserted; requested insertion of words not made, but the following inserted:— "(B) Stained Glass Windows for churches or public institutions under Departmental By-laws—On and after 19th May, 1908 ... ad val. 20 per cent."</p>

HOW DEALT WITH BY SENATE—

Modification not agreed to. Original Request pressed.

Sir William Lyne moved—That the consideration of the Senate's Message No. 28 in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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Point of Order.—Sir John Forrest raised a point of order that the Senate had not power to return any proposed law a second time with requests for amendments.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker said in reply :—

I am not prepared to give a ruling on the question, but on being asked so to do, I ought to give the House such information as I am possessed of. In the first place, it is impossible to look elsewhere for precedents, because I know of no other Constitution which so distributes the financial power as does ours between the respective Houses. We must therefore be guided wholly by our own Constitution, and by the practice which we have set up. Precisely the same point arose on the consideration of the first Tariff, and it was agreed by the then House that whether or not the Message which was sent, as this Message has been sent, from another place to us, should be received, was entirely a matter to be determined by the House itself. There were not then, there are not now, any Joint Standing Orders dealing with the matter, so that when this question is again called on on the day for which, to-night, it may be set down, it will be for the House either to proceed with the consideration of the Message, or to deal with it as it may think fit, or to refuse to consider it, precisely as the House at that moment pleases. I may remind the House that, on the last occasion, it was decided to take the Message into consideration, but the following resolution was adopted :—

“That having regard to the fact that the public welfare demands the early enactment of a Federal Tariff, and pending the adoption of Joint Standing Orders, this House refrains from the determination of its constitutional rights or obligations in respect to this Message, and resolves to receive and consider it forthwith.”

That is the course that was followed on that occasion, and that may, or may not, be followed on this occasion, as the House, led by the Government, decides.

Question—That the consideration of the Senate's Message No. 28 in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned 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. Edwards*, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fowler*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wynne.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.