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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee—
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of Telephone Trunk Line between Brisbane and Sydney.
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchanges at Albion and Newmarket, Queensland.
 - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of Ordnance and other Defence Buildings at Kelvin Grove, Brisbane, Queensland.
 Ordered—That the Papers be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Reparation Terms accepted by Germany—Telegraphic Summary of.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—TASMANIAN MAIL CONTRACT.—Sir Joseph Cook, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Agreement between the Commonwealth and Huddart Parker Limited and the Union Steamship Company regarding the mail subsidy for the steamship service between Tasmania and the mainland.
Mr. Charlton, by leave, also made reference to the matter.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Northern Territory—Annual Report of the Acting Administrator for the year ended 30th June, 1920.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, in New South Wales, at—Granville, Greenwich, Waratah (2), Yass.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See reprinted Tariff, which incorporates the proposed Resolutions of 24th March, 1920 (*vide* pages 36-38 *ante*), as amended by the proposed Resolutions of 16th September, 1920 (*vide* pages 321-6, *ante*).]

Item 158, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
158. Wire Netting per ton	68s.	85s.	105s.

10th June, 1921

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Gregory viz.:—That the Item be amended by adding the following:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 10th June, 1921 ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Amendment, by leave, amended so as to read:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 31st July, 1921 ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Bell
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Austin Chapman
Mr. Robert Cook
Mr. Corser
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Fowler
Mr. Gibson

Mr. Gregory
Mr. Livingston
Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Stewart

Tellers:
Mr. Bowden
Mr. Foley

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Bamford
Sir Robert Best
Mr. Charlton
Sir Joseph Cook
Mr. Francis
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Greene
Mr. Groom
Mr. Higgs
Mr. Lamond
Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Lister
Mr. Mackay
Mr. Mahony
Mr. W. Maloney

Mr. Marks
Mr. Marr
Mr. Mathews
Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Rodgers
Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Watkins
Mr. Watt
Mr. West
Mr. Wise

Tellers:
Mr. Burchell
Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 159, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
159. Wire n.e.i., also woven wire measuring over 40 holes to the lineal inch ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 11th June, 1921 (A) Wire n.e.i., also woven wire measuring over 30 holes to the lineal inch ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(B) Wire, Iron and Steel, for use in the manufacture of Barbed Wire and Wire Netting as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per ton	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.”

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 160 debated and agreed to.
Item 161 debated and agreed to.
Item 162 debated and agreed to.
Items 163 and 164 agreed to.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blundell, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riley, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Tudor*.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.