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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1925.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMONWEALTH BANK—RETIREMENT OF MR. M. B. YOUNG—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Mann moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances leading up to the retirement of Mr. Mark Baker Young from the service of the Commonwealth Bank, and into the complaints and charges indicated in his letter of the 15th October, 1923, to the then Acting Governor of the Bank; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brennan, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. Edward Riley, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to adjourn from place to place, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken, and that such Committee do report one month from this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mann	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Charles McDonald	Mr. Yates

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Lister
Mr. Jackson	

And so it was negatived.

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3. SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN HOBART AND MELBOURNE.—Mr. O'Keefe moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made by the Commonwealth Government, without delay, for the establishment of an adequate shipping service for both passengers and cargo between Hobart and Melbourne.

Mr. O'Keefe not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day—put.

The House divided —

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Charles McDonald	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gibson	
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Thompson	Sir Littleton Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Lister
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

The time allotted for precedence to Notices of Motion, General Business, having terminated, the Order of the Day, General Business, was called on.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 17th September next.

5. CANADA—APPLICATION TO, OF BRITISH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF AND INTERMEDIATE TARIFF.—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That whereas in pursuance of the provisions of paragraph (a) of sub-section (3.) of section 9 of the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924* the Minister of State for Trade and Customs has referred to the Tariff Board the question whether, having regard to the reciprocal benefits which have been or will be granted to Australia by the Dominion of Canada, it is desirable in the interests of the Commonwealth that the British Preferential Tariff in the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924* or the Intermediate Tariff in the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924* (hereinafter respectively referred to as "the British Preferential Tariff" and "the Intermediate Tariff") should apply to the Dominion of Canada, and, if so, the extent to which it should so apply :

And whereas the Tariff Board has reported that it is desirable in the interests of the Commonwealth that the British Preferential Tariff and the Intermediate Tariff should apply to the Dominion of Canada to the extent specified in this resolution :

Now therefore this House agrees—

- (1) That the application to the Dominion of Canada of the British Preferential Tariff and the Intermediate Tariff in the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924* or in that Tariff as subsequently amended is, to the extent specified in this resolution, desirable in the interests of the Commonwealth :
- (2) That the British Preferential Tariff and the Intermediate Tariff respectively shall apply to the Dominion of Canada to the extent that in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924* or by that Tariff as subsequently amended, on goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of Canada imported direct from that Dominion, there shall be imposed, on and after a time and date to be proclaimed, duties of Customs, as hereinafter set out, on the undermentioned goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of Canada imported direct from the said Dominion, namely :—

- (a) On goods described in the First Schedule to this resolution the rates of duty shall be the rates of duty for the time being applicable to goods to which the British Preferential Tariff in the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924* or in that Tariff as subsequently amended applies ; and

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(b) On the goods described in the Second Schedule to this resolution the rates of duty shall be the rates of duty for the time being applicable to goods to which the Intermediate Tariff in the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924* or in that Tariff as subsequently amended applies :

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

NOTE.—Where the letters N.E.I. appear in any item, the item shall have the same meaning in this Schedule as it has in the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924*.

Consecutive No.	Item of Customs Tariff, 1921-1924.	Tariff Items.
1	51	Fish, viz. :— (b) Fresh, smoked or dried (but not salted), or preserved by cold process (c) Preserved in tins or other air-tight vessels, including the weight of liquid contents (d) Potted or concentrated, including extracts of, and caviare (e) N.E.I. (f) Oysters, fresh, in the shell
2	113	Gloves (except of rubber), viz. :— (b) Gloves of textile (part of sub-item)
3	169	Machinery, viz. :— (A) Linotype, Monotype, Monoline, and other Type Composing Machines; Printing Machines and Presses; Typewriters (including covers); Machinery used exclusively for and in the actual process of Electrotyping and Stereotyping; Aluminium Rotary Graining Machines; Adding and Computing Machines and all attachments (B) Cash Registers.
4	334	Paper, viz. :— (c) (1) News Printing, not glazed mill-glazed or coated, in rolls not less than 10 inches in width or in sheets not less than 20 inches by 25 inches or its equivalent
5	334	(c) (2) Printing, n.e.i., (glazed, unglazed, mill-glazed, or coated) not ruled or printed in any way in rolls not less than 10 inches in width or in sheets not less than 20 inches by 25 inches or its equivalent
6	334	(c) (3) Printing n.e.i.
7	334	Paper, viz. :— (f) Writing and Typewriting paper (plain), not including duplicating— (1) In sheets not less than 16 by 13 inches

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

NOTE.—Where the letters N.E.I. appear in any item, the item shall have the same meaning in this Schedule as it has in the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1921-1924*.

Consecutive No.	Item of Customs Tariff, 1921-1924.	Tariff Items.
1	110	Apparel, articles of, viz. :— (c) Corsets
2	152	(A) Iron and Steel Tubes or Pipes (except riveted, cast, close-jointed or cycle tubes or pipes) not more than 3 inches internal diameter; Iron and Steel Boiler Tubes
3	328	Goloshes, Rubber Sand Boots and Shoes and Plimsolls
4	359	Vehicle Parts, viz. :— (D) Parts of Vehicles with self-contained power, propelled by petrol, steam, electricity, oil, or alcohol, n.e.i., whether incorporated in the complete vehicle or separate, viz. :— (4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres— (a) Unassembled (b) Assembled
5	..	(F) Vehicle Parts, n.e.i., including Undergear (inclusive of Axles, Springs, and Arms), Axles n.e.i., Springs, Hoods, Wheels n.e.i., and Bodies n.e.i.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

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

6. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, MANLY, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following work :—Establishment of an automatic telephone exchange at Manly, New South Wales, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.

Question—put and passed.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Establishment of the Australian War Memorial and for other purposes*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th August, 1925.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

8. CUSTOMS BILL (1925).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
European Security Pact—Reply of the German Government to the French Note of 16th June, 1925 ; together with the Note of 24th August, 1925, from the French Government in reply thereto.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bayley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Forde, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Manning, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Frederick McDonald, and Mr. West.

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