

Attempts to evade the effect of the provisions by system of consigning goods to be prevented by a special clause.

I have mentioned that there might be an attempt to evade the effect of these provisions through what is called a system of consigning goods, that is to say, the manufacturer would not actually sell his goods but he would consign them perhaps to himself or to an agent in Canada. He would comply for a moment with the conditions of the customs law, and then later on the dumping process might be completed. It is thought well to guard against such a contingency from the beginning ; so while we propose in the first clause that the customs officer shall have the power of levying this extra duty to which I refer, we have a special clause to provide that if there be any attempt to evade these duties by the method of consigning the goods, there may be an inquiry, and the Minister of Customs may be authorized to deal with these as the circumstances may require. That clause reads as follows :

If at any time it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, on a report from the Minister of Customs, that the payment of the special duty herein provided for is being evaded by the shipment of goods on consignment without sale prior to such shipment, the Governor in Council may in any case or class of cases authorize such action as is deemed necessary to collect on such goods or any of them the same special duty as if the goods had been sold to an importer in Canada prior to their shipment to Canada.

If the full amount of any special duty of customs be not paid on goods imported, the customs entry thereof shall be amended and the deficiency paid upon the demand of the collector of customs.

Regulations to be made by Minister of Customs.

Provision is made that regulations concerning that matter may be made by the Minister of Customs, and there is a clause providing that it shall not apply to articles subject to excise duty, because they do not properly come under the conditions to which I am calling attention.

Mr. HAGGART. Before the hon. gentleman leaves that subject I would like him to answer this question. Supposing an importer goes into the States and buys goods, say \$100 worth, for \$75. He enters them for customs duty in Canada at \$100. He has bought these goods at \$75, we will say, or \$50. How are you going to reach that case ?

Mr. FIELDING. In that case we will inquire what is the ordinary selling price in the United States for the consumer in