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CUSTOMS RULINGS AND REGULATIONS.

The attention of the Customs Department has been called to the fact that Brewers' pitch, which is used for the lining of barrels and casks, and which is dutiable at the rate of 20 per cent. ad valorem, is being brought in at some ports free of duty, being described as resin. Collectors are instructed to exercise all possible vigilance in order to prevent this evasion of duty on the article named.

It has been brought to the attention of the Customs Department that some officers of Customs are in the habit of sending duplicate copy, or Separate Car and Express Manifests by railway mail, or with the express goods, instead of by the Post Office mail as the regulations require, in which way it frequently happens that until the goods arrive at point of destination the Custom officers have no notice of

them having been shipped, and the landing in of the manifests is done promptly, or otherwise, as may suit the agents of the transportation companies. Collectors of Customs are instructed to take such steps as will ensure the discontinuance of this irregular practice.

O. C. June 13, 1893. —Whereas attention has been called to an error in the wording of the Order in Council of the 24th April, 1891, defining the meaning of the word gross when applied to papier mache shoe buttons commonly known as "Maggots," dutiable under item No. 24 of Section 10 of the Act 53 Victoria, Chapter 20, wherein Section 248 of the Customs Act is quoted as the authority under which it was made, instead of Section 9 of the said Act as amended by Section 5 of the Act 51 Victoria, Chapter 14. His Excellency the Governor-General by and with the advice of the Privy Council, is pleased to order that the said Order in Council be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Section 248 of the Customs Act" and substituting in lieu thereof the words "Section 9 of the Customs Act as amended."

By order of Hon. M. Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, a circular has been issued by his Department dated June 15, giving particulars of a Convention between Great Britain and Ecuador relative to trade marks, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Quito on the 3rd February last. Article 2 of that convention provides that the stipulations of the Convention shall be made applicable to the Dominion of Canada, provided that notice to that effect shall have been given within one year from the date of the exchange of the ratifications. Upon a report of a committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General on June 12th, to the effect that the Government of the Dominion of Canada deems it advisable to take advantage of Article 2, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, at London, has been so advised in order that the requisite notice may be given within the time specified. Article 1 of the Convention is as follows:—"The subjects of each of the Contracting Parties shall have in the dominions and possessions of the other the same rights as are now granted, or may hereafter be granted, to native subjects or to subjects of the most favoured nation in all that relates to trade marks, industrial designs and patterns. In order that such rights may be obtained, the formalities required by the laws of the respective countries must be fulfilled."

O. C. June 25, 1893. At the last session of Parliament important amendments were made to the Petroleum Inspection Act, among others being one authorizing the importation in tank cars of petroleum for illuminating purposes at places designated by the Governor in Council. This Act went into effect on July 1, instant, and an Order in Council has been passed declaring the following as the ports at which tank cars with petroleum for illuminating purposes may be imported, subject to such regulations for the protection of the revenue as the Department of Customs may establish, namely:

Ontario—Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Whitby, Oshawa, Owen Sound, London, St. Thomas, Stratford, Brantford, Guelph, Galt, Berlin, Sarnia, Cornwall, Prescott, Smith's Falls, Perth, Ottawa, Pembroke, Kingston, Belleville, Port Hope, Peterborough, Brockville, Napamne, Fort Erie, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Stanley, Port Arthur.

Quebec—Montreal, Quebec, St. John's, St. Hyacinthe,