

British preferential tariff, 20 per cent; intermediate tariff, 22½ per cent; general tariff, 25 per cent.

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Mr. RHODES: I have two other amendments to move, giving a reduction to Great Britain on jute. I move:

That the following item, enumeration and rates of duties be added to the list of items indicated in resolution No. 3, of April 18, 1934, as for insertion in schedule A to the customs tariff:

Item 537d. Rovings, yarns and warps wholly of jute, not more advanced than singles, n.o.p., not to contain silk, artificial silk nor wool: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 17½ per cent; general tariff, 25 per cent.

Mr. RALSTON: Does jute twine come under that?

Mr. RHODES: This is jute yarns.

Item agreed to.

Mr. RHODES: I have a complementary amendment to move on the same subject. I move:

That the following item, enumeration and rates of duties be added to the list of items indicated in resolution No. 3 of April 18, 1934, as for insertion in schedule A to the customs tariff:

Item 537e. Rovings, yarns and warps wholly of jute, including yarn twist, cords and twines generally used for packaging and other purposes, n.o.p.: British preferential tariff, 27½ per cent, intermediate tariff, 30 per cent; general tariff, 32½ per cent.

Mr. SANDERSON: Is that an increase.

Mr. YOUNG: Yes.

Mr. SANDERSON: Why the increase?

Mr. RHODES: As a result of a finding by the tariff board we increased the duty upon twine, but we made a very substantial addition to the free list in that we added to that free list jute yarns.

Mr. EULER: Were there any representations made by manufacturers of twine? We may as well be definite about it: Did Doon Twines Limited of Kitchener make representations to the effect that the making of yarn free much more than offsets the protection they have? Have any representations been made in that connection?

Mr. RHODES: One company in the constituency of the hon. member appeared before the tariff board, a company manufacturing twines and yarns. It was heard, but as my hon. friend realizes, these proposals are in strict conformity with the findings of the tariff board.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Is this not a case where the raw material is reduced and the finished product receives more protection?

Mr. EULER: I think the committee should understand this, that while perhaps there is a higher duty on the twine, the yarn itself is placed on the free list, which is a very serious interference with the business of the company manufacturing twine.

Mr. RHODES: I have before me the report of the tariff board. If the committee desires I shall give a summary.

Mr. RALSTON: I should like to know the amount of ad valorem duty which would have resulted from an adherence to the valuation for duty purposes which was put on jute twine by the Minister of National Revenue?

Mr. RHODES: It would require some computation to get that information, although a complete disclosure was made before the tariff board. It involves consideration of varying qualities of the commodity, and different gauges. The computation would be of considerable magnitude.

Mr. RALSTON: Would the minister get that information?

Mr. RHODES: I shall be happy to get it.

Mr. EULER: May I ask the minister whether this report of the tariff board is one which followed investigations which led to a difference of opinion between the tariff board and the Department of National Revenue? Is this a new decision of the tariff board?

Mr. RHODES: This inquiry was instituted under part I of the Tariff Board Act and has no reference to the finding to which my hon. friend refers, which arose under part II of the act.

Mr. EULER: Could the minister give me the approximate date upon which this latest recommendation or report was made? Was it subsequent to the previous investigation which led to a difference between the various authorities?

Mr. RHODES: I think I can get that for my hon. friend. Does he have reference to the time it was brought to the attention of the board or when the finding of the board was brought down?

Mr. EULER: After the investigation which led to difficulties—I think the minister knows what I refer to—was there a subsequent report?