

*Customs Tariff*

Mr. DUNNING: No, not on this item.

Mr. BENNETT: My memory was that there was something special about sheep skins. However, I have not the information with me.

Mr. DUNNING: There may have been in connection with sheep skins, but not sheep-skin leather.

Mr. STEVENS: Item 599 is the one referring to hides and skins, raw.

Mr. BENNETT: Yes, that is it. All I can say is that in doubling the intermediate rate the minister has gone too far.

Mr. DUNNING: Between now and the time the bill is introduced I shall give the matter further consideration. I must say that although the item is small it has given me more trouble than other items involving twenty times the amount of trade. My first information was, as the right hon. gentleman has said, that only one concern was interested. After that, however, I received representations from others I have mentioned, and some I cannot recollect, to the effect that they were definitely interested.

Mr. BENNETT: I did not say that they could not tan horse hides if they wished, but my information is that there is only one business engaged in that work.

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Customs tariff—618a. Comb blanks of hard rubber, not further manufactured than pressed and vulcanized, when imported by manufacturers of hard rubber combs for use exclusively in the manufacture of such hard rubber combs in their own factories: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 7½ per cent; general tariff, 10 per cent.

Mr. DUNNING: This item is changed in neither rates nor wording, and is merely transferred from the orders in council section to the list of permanent classifications.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—657. Mouthpieces of hard rubber in the rough, aluminum pipe fittings, pipe bowls moulded from briarwood dust, and briarwood bowls not further processed than frayed, when imported by manufacturers of tobacco pipes for use exclusively in the manufacture of such pipes in their own factories: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 15 per cent; general tariff, 25 per cent.

Mr. DUNNING: This is a new item, requests for which have been made by a company which purposes manufacturing tobacco pipes in Canada. The enumeration covers

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component items which cannot be secured in this country. They have been dutiable at higher rates, and it is proposed that the rates be reduced.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—657a. Cinematograph or moving picture films, positives, one and one-eighth of an inch in width and over, n.o.p., per linear foot: British preferential tariff, 1½ cents; intermediate tariff, 3 cents; general tariff, 3 cents.

Mr. DUNNING: This is an n.o.p. item.

Mr. BENNETT: What relation has the item to the resolution having to do with the imposition of an additional tax?

Mr. DUNNING: None whatever.

Mr. BENNETT: And there is no change in the rate?

Mr. DUNNING: No.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—663c. Soya beans, soya bean oil cake and soya bean oil meal, when imported by manufacturers of animal and poultry feeds or of fertilizers for use exclusively in the manufacture of animal or poultry feeds or fertilizers in their own factories: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, free; general tariff, free.

Mr. DUNNING: There is an amendment to move, by which we strike out the word "exclusively" in the third line of the item. This is done to simplify administration, as suggested by customs officials.

Mr. ILSLEY: I move:

That the word "exclusively" in the third line of customs tariff item 663c be deleted.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. BARBER: I notice the word "inedible" in item 663d. I have had communications stating that—

Mr. DUNNING: If it will help the hon. member, may I say that I have an amendment to item 663d which will cover the point he is about to raise.

Mr. BENNETT: I suppose the minister has seen the discussions which have been taking place with respect to soya beans, and the establishment of the industry in Canada.

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: There has been a good deal of press discussion. I shall not take time to repeat what I said on the budget, nor shall I outline the hundreds of derivatives produced from soya beans. With the exception of coal tar, I believe there is no other single sub-