

Emery wheels, 25 per cent.

Mr. FOSTER. I desire to add some words so as to make it read :

Emery wheels and manufactures of emery, 25 per cent.

Mr. LANDERKIN. That is not in this list at all.

Mr. McMULLEN. I would like to know whether it is expected that the copies of the amended tariff which were supposed to be printed and furnished the members of this House are to be furnished? It is most unfair and discourteous to members of this House to ask them to consider items of this kind without having these copies before them. We have but one single copy on this side of the House, and I think it is a gross insult—nothing short of it—to ask the committee of this House to consider serious changes in the tariff without giving members the opportunity of seeing what is proposed to be done. I protest against such treatment. The Minister goes up and down the record, taking an item here and an item there asking us to agree to changes, while we have not anything to guide us in discussing any question however important.

Mr. FOSTER. The hon. gentleman ought not to get into an excited state over this item above all others. I quite acknowledge that it would be much better if the revised copies were here. But, through some error, they are not here. However, we expect them every moment. But even if the revised copies were here, I would still have to ask the hon. gentleman to exercise his memory and his patience in reference to any changes that are made. The words added to this item are simply for amplification and explanation, and not to change the duty. Even if the hon. gentleman had the revised copy before him, he would still have to depend upon the chairman's reading of the item for the additional words. It is not absolutely necessary to add "manufactures of emery" to this clause, because such goods would be held to be under that clause by the similitude clause of the Customs Act. But it is better, in order to avoid different ruling in different ports that the item should be amplified, and that is why the words are added.

Mr. McMULLEN. The hon. Minister, when he asked the House to go into committee, said that copies of the amended tariff would be placed in the hands of hon. members in a few minutes.

Mr. FOSTER. That was what I expected.

Mr. McMULLEN. And here we have passed about a dozen items without having these copies before us. He would give us to understand that no alterations have been made. He must admit that the duty on marble has been reduced one-half—from 20 per cent to 10 per cent.

Mr. FOSTER. No; before we went into committee the duty was 10 per cent, and that is exactly what it is now.

Mr. McMULLEN. If I have made a mistake it is because we have so many printed alterations not now authentic. Here is a copy in which the duty on marble is given at 20 per cent.

Mr. LANDERKIN. My copy says the same.

Mr. McMULLEN. But it appears that it was afterwards reduced to 10 per cent, for it is so stated in the corrected copy just this moment placed in my hands. But how are members to be guided in coming to a just decision on these matters if they have not the means of understanding the changes that are made?

Mr. FOSTER. I should have expected that a prudent, business-like, painstaking man, like my hon. friend, would have had his copy of the tariff resolutions before him, and, as they were amended, would have marked changes in each item. That is the way we do on this side of the House. But if the hon. member dispenses with business methods, he must not get into a pet and blame others.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I do not agree with my hon. friend (Mr. McMullen) about printing this tariff. We have had it printed three times already.

An hon. MEMBER. Four times.

Mr. LANDERKIN. Four times is it? Well, it may be more for all I know. But I know we can scarcely get two copies alike. I object to my hon. friend urging the Minister to print any more, because the outlay is going to be so enormous that we can scarcely afford it. I would suggest to the Minister that he should call in all the old copies, the five or six changes that have been made; and as there may be five or six more, not to print it until we know what we ought to print.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Before this item is adopted, the hon. gentleman ought to state what the effect of the change will be.

Mr. FOSTER. It will have no effect on the revenue, as in any case, even without the addition of these words, manufactures of emery would be dutiable at this rate under the ruling of the department. Such things as hones and the like of that, made out of emery, would come under it. It is not a very large item, but the appraisers thought it better that it should be named, in order that at every port they might have a guide without inquiring at Ottawa.

Mr. LANDERKIN. Who are the appraisers?

Mr. FOSTER. I do not know their names.

Mr. LANDERKIN. How many have you?