

STATEMENT showing the Old Tariff Rate, the New General Tariff Rate, the Preferential Tariff Rate to the 30th June, 1898, and the Preferential Tariff Rate from 1st July, 1898, on certain principal articles :

No. of Present Tariff Item.	Articles.	Old Tariff Rate.	General Present Tariff.	Preferential Tariff to 30th June, 1898.	Preferential Tariff from 1st July, 1898.
11	Animals, living, N.E.S.	20 p. c.	20 p. c.	17½ p. c.	15 p. c.
125	Books, printed, periodicals and pamphlets, or parts thereof, N.E.S., not to include blank account books, copy books or books to be written or drawn on.	6c. p. lb.	10 "	8¾ "	7½ "
276	Brass, manufactures of, N.E.S.	30 p. c.	30 "	26¼ "	22½ "
540	Indian corn not for distillation.	7½c. p. bush.	Free.	Free.	Free.
325	Bicycles and tricycles.	30 p. c.	30 p. c.	26½ p. c.	22½ p. c.
180	Coal, bituminous, &c.	60c. per ton of 2,000 lbs.	53c. per ton of 2,000 lbs.	46¾c. p. ton of 2,000 lbs.	39¾c. p. ton of 2,000 lbs.
360	Cotton fabrics, printed, dyed or coloured, N.O.P.	30 p. c.	35 p. c.	30½ p. c.	26¼ p. c.
371	Cotton sewing thread on spools.	25 "	25 "	21¾ "	18¾ "
362	Cotton clothing, including corsets.	32½ "	35 "	30½ "	26¼ "
368	Cotton velvets, velveteens and plush fabrics, N.E.S.	30 "	30 "	26¼ "	22½ "
312	Curtains, when made up, trimmed or untrimmed.	30 "	35 "	30½ "	26¼ "
447	Drugs, dyes and chemicals, N.O.P.	20 "	20 "	17½ "	15 "
294	Electric apparatus, parts of, electric light cables, electric batteries.	25 "	25 "	21¾ "	18¾ "

I think that this is an article in which, probably, the Americans will do most of the business. But if the goods are imported

from Great Britain, the duty, under the preferential clause, after the 1st July next, will be 18¼ per cent.

362	Fancy Goods— Braids, bracelets, cords, fringes, tassels, &c.	30 "	35 "	30½ "	26¼ "
	Laces, lace collars and similar goods, lace nets and nettings of cotton, linen, silk or other material.	30 "	35 "	30½ "	26¼ "
361	Flax, hemp and jute, manufactures of— Damask of linen, including napkins, doylies, tray cloths, sideboard covers, damask stair linen and diaper.	25 "	30 "	26¼ "	22½ "
77	Fruits— Dried currants	·01c. per lb.	·01c. per lb.	¾c. per lb. ...	¾c. per lb.
	Dried raisins.	·01c. per lb.	·01c. per lb.	¾c. per lb. ...	¾c. per lb.
	Oranges, lemons and limes, in boxes of capacity not exceeding 2½ cub. ft.	25c. per box.	25c. per box.	21¾c. per box.	18¾c. per box.

If I am asked whether I expect oranges to come from England, I reply that I do not, but I expect them to come from some other

place whence we shall receive them on more favourable terms than at the present.