

THE NEW TARIFF ON GERMAN GOODS

PROVISIONS OF THE SURTAX TO BE LEVIED

Copies of Regulations Received by Victoria Customs—Will Be Immediately Enforced.

Copies of the new tariff of German goods have just been received at the Victoria customs.

Resolutions for the amendment of the customs tariff, 1907, were introduced by the minister of finance in parliament on April 16th, 1903, and the new law from now on is to remain in force.

The Governor-in-council may, by order in council, direct that a duty of seven dollars per ton shall be imposed in schedule A on all iron and steel railway bar, or rails, in any form for railways, imported into Canada, and from and after the publication of such order in the Canadian Gazette such duty shall be levied, collected and paid on all such rails, and thereafter item 238 in schedule A, and item 585 in schedule B shall be repealed; provided, however, that such order shall not be passed until the Governor-in-council is satisfied that steel rails of the best quality, suitable for the use of Canadian railways, are being manufactured in Canada, from steel made in Canada, in sufficient quantity to meet the ordinary requirements of the market.

Articles which are the growth, produce or manufacture of any foreign country which treats imports from that country more favorably than those from other countries may be subject to a surtax over and above the duties of schedule A, such surtax to be fixed by such schedule A. Such surtax shall also apply to any articles, the chief value of which was produced in such foreign country, although it may have been improved or advanced in value by the labor of another country, notwithstanding the provisions of the British preferential tariff and regulations thereunder.

Any question arising as to any foreign country or goods coming under the operation of this section shall be decided by the minister of customs, whose decision shall be final.

The minister of customs, with the approval of the Governor-in-council, may make regulations for carrying out the purpose of this section.

Such surtax shall not apply to any goods actually purchased on or before the 16th of April, 1903, by any corporation, firm or person in Canada for immediate transportation to Canada.

That the period of exemption from duty of machinery of every kind and structural iron and steel for use in the construction and equipment of factories for the manufacture of sugar from beet root, be extended from the 13th of June, 1904.

That item 406 in schedule A, respecting duties on ships and other vessels built in foreign countries and applying for Canadian register, be repealed.

That machinery and appliances of a kind not made in Canada for exclusive use in alluvial gold mining be added to the free list until June 30th, 1904.

Note.—In connection with tariff item 403, which is no longer in force, collectors are reminded:

(a) That a duty of 25 per cent. ad valorem is to be collected on foreign built British ships applying for license to engage in the coasting trade as set forth in menu No. 1,203 B.

(b) Also that gasoline yachts, electric and steam yachts and pleasure boats of all kinds unregistered or foreign built, are to be rated for duty at 25 per cent. ad valorem on importation for use coastwise in Canada.

Notice will be given when the duty on steel rails comes into effect.

Re Surtax. Goods claiming exemption from surtax under the said provision should be imported or taken out of warehouse and entered for duty on or before June 30th, 1903.

In regard to all goods on which exemption from surtax is claimed under the above proviso, collectors should require importers to produce satisfactory evidence that the order from the importer in Canada was received and accepted by the exporter on or before 16th of April, 1903. Such evidence must be produced in all cases before such exemption is allowed.

For a temporary period from May 1st to June 30th, 1903, declarations made before the collector by the importer or his agent, and subscribed to on the entry, may be accepted by the collector instead of the further certificates from the exporter hereafter prescribed, provided that the collector may require such further proof as he may deem necessary in any case.

The different forms in which the declarations may be made are then attached.

Additional certificates on invoices of goods exported to Canada.

In view of the provisions for surtax in Canada on articles the produce or manufacture of Germany and on articles the chief value of which was produced in Germany, although the articles be subsequently improved or advanced in value by the labor of another country, it is ordered that invoices of goods into Canada shall be further certified and signed by exporters, in all countries in one of the following forms, as hereafter prescribed, viz.:

Further certificates from exporters, prescribed to be written, printed or stamped on all invoices of goods for entry under the British preferential tariff in Canada, and to be subscribed by the persons heretofore authorized to make and sign "preferential" certificates.

THE LABOR COMMISSION.

Secretary W. L. Mackenzie King Left For Ladysmith To-day—Arrangements For Sitings.

W. L. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor and secretary to the commission appointed to inquire into the labor troubles of the province, left this morning for Ladysmith to arrange for the opening sitting of the commission at that place on Monday. On Mr. King, as secretary, devolves the duty of attending to the innumerable details involved in the arrangement for the sessions. It might be noted that the commission is clothed with all the powers of a court, as was the case with the commission appointed to inquire into the subject of Oriental immigration a couple of years ago. It can subpoena witnesses and commit for contempt.

Advertisements have been inserted in the local press announcing the opening sitting. If there is anyone who desires to give the commissioners any information regarding the subject matter under inquiry he should communicate with the secretary. This will facilitate the work of the commission considerably. Mr. King expects that their labors will be completed by the end of the month. He is not in a position to say at present how long they will be in session at Ladysmith, nor give any particulars regarding the time of meeting in the other places, but expects to have a schedule prepared early next week.

The commission, he points out, will be the broadest possible scope. They will be unrestricted in their inquiry as to the time and place of labor troubles, the idea being to ascertain if there is something in the nature of a common cause and if there is a feasible remedy to meet it. They are to particularly investigate the differences between the owners of metalliferous and coal mines, transportation companies and their employees. They can compel the production of books and documents in the furtherance of their inquiry, and, as before stated, can exercise the full powers of the judiciary in such matters. Chief Justice Hunter, who has been visiting the Mainland the past few days, returned last evening.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING TERM

Annual Meeting of Centennial Methodist Sunday School—Reports of Officials.

The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of the Centennial Methodist Sunday school was held the other evening in the schoolroom of the church. There was a full attendance, and the business transacted was of the utmost importance. The reports of the superintendent, secretary and librarian were united in proclaiming the prosperity of the school in each department. The election of officers resulted as follows: Superintendent, W. C. Holl; secretary, Percy Shakespeare; treasurer, C. B. Deaville; organist, Miss Caryon; chorister, T. H. Mathews. The confidence which the school as a whole has in the ability of Mr. Shakespeare to perform the many duties of superintendent with ability and the respect and esteem in which he is held generally is exemplified by the fact that this is the eighth consecutive year on which he has been elected to that office.

The report of C. B. Deaville, the treasurer, showed a balance on hand of \$33.75. The total receipts were \$322.40 and the total disbursements \$288.65. Outside of this \$110.35 was paid by the children during the year in aid of missions and paid direct to the pastor.

Superintendent Shakespeare's report expressed gratification at the progress made during the past year, and contended that while hard work had been done and good results attained, more work and better results were possible. In conclusion he said: "Our finances are good, but might be better. I believe there is no part of our church work into which we can put money which will yield as good returns as Sunday school work. The improvements we have made in our school room in the way of extra classrooms is appreciated by teacher and scholars."

"The total membership during the year including teachers and officers was 201, consisting of 69 in the primary class, 198 in the intermediate classes, 7 in the Bible class and 130 teachers and officers." This was the opening paragraph of the secretary's report. He went on to give the following statistics: Average attendance during the year, 200; largest attendance on any one Sunday, 240; smallest attendance on any one Sunday, 97.

Average number of new recruits in boys, 103; average number of new recruits in girls, 120; smallest number of new recruits on any one Sunday, 28; largest number of new recruits on any one Sunday, 83.80; smallest collection on any one Sunday, \$2.75; largest collection on any one Sunday, \$8.

The report further stated that a "Temperance Army" had been organized in connection with the school, and has a membership of 154. The number of names on the Cradle roll was 82.

Referring to the system of awarding certificates and diplomas for regular attendance, collection and verses, it was reported that during the past twelve months 317 certificates and 44 diplomas had been issued. During the year 24 scholars had become members of the church.

The librarian reported that 106 new books had been purchased during the year, and the total number of books was 433 in good condition. There were 139 scholars taking libraries, 83 of whom were girls and 56 boys. The average number given out per Sunday was: Girls, 24, and boys, 17. The total number of books in circulation was 41. The total number of books in the library was 41.

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TRAVELLING AGENT'S LABORS IN MONTANA

Accounts of Mr. Cuthbert's Operations in Anaconda and Butte—Venice of the Pacific.

Copies of the Butte Miner and Anaconda Standard to hand contain accounts of the operations of Herbert Cuthbert, travelling representative of the Victoria Tourist Association, in the two cities. The Miner says:

"Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association of Victoria, B. C., is in the city, en route home from a two months' trip to the chief cities of Canada and the eastern states. Through the medium of a convincing lecture and attractive literature he advertised the delights of a northwestern tourist journey with Victoria as its objective point. The Tourist Association is supported by the citizens of Victoria at a cost of \$10,000 a year, and its object is to draw summer travellers to the beautiful British Columbia city and its environs. Incidentally the effort is a benefit to Montana resorts and those of other northwestern states, as Mr. Cuthbert has been lecturing upon the points of interest to be found along the Great Northern and Northern Pacific routes, as well as on the line of the Canadian Pacific. In Chicago he distributed 10,000 circulars, urging the people to escape the summer heat by taking a tour through western America to Victoria. He cites Butte, Helena, Spokane and Seattle, besides Yellowstone park, as places worthy of a visit."

"A description of Mr. Cuthbert's lecture contains the following: 'Leaving the Mainland the lecturer took his audience across the Gulf of Georgia to the beautiful city of Victoria and exhibited a large number of views of that city. He described it as the Venice of Canada, and in speaking of the superb sail from Vancouver to Victoria, he reminded the audience that one of the British editors had thus described it: 'The passage from Vancouver to Victoria was a soothing, refreshing and perfect summer holiday. The steamer threaded her way over the placid and almost glassy waters of the Gulf of Georgia. As we sped along we felt as if we were sailing to the Isle of the Blessed. 'Sea Naples and die.' I would rather say, 'See the Gulf of Georgia and the Straits of Fuca and live!' As for the city of Victoria it is an ideal place of residence."

"One of the views gave some very interesting and remarkable figures of Victoria's climate, showing that from May to October that city has practically a perfect summer climate. The whole of about seven hours bright sunshine, a temperature which never averages seventy-eight degrees Fahr., and averages about seventy, and a rainfall that does not exceed six inches for the whole six months."

"The costly mansions and cozy cottages, the many charming woodlands and sea coast drives, the noble parliament buildings, the many points of interest, the splendid and quiet naval station with its exceeding picturesque surroundings, the far-famed gorge and the many opportunities for sport, and the unrivalled beauty of the bay, were all pointed out in a manner that convinced the audience that there are few places on the coast which are so attractive to the tourist or to the settler."

"Fruit-growing is an industry," said Mr. Cuthbert, "that is now only in its infancy. The government of the province has by appointing capable and efficient officers to look after the welfare of this industry encouraged our people to go extensively into this business with the very best results. The ranks higher than that of any other country, and the development that is now taking place in the Northwest is providing us with a market for all we can raise within the next few years. A large number of people are coming into the province and are buying fruit lands around Victoria and will do well on them."

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which have been conducted all over Canada by Sir Alexander Mackenzie. Eight of the leading soloists from Great Britain have been taking part in it, and a chorus for the Victoria festival has been in rehearsal for nine months. The affair will be held on May 7th and 8th, and excursions are to be run to Victoria from many points in British Columbia and Washington."

CONTRACTORS REFUSE TO DISCUSS TERMS

The Committee Appointed by the Carpenters' Union Fails to Effect a Settlement.

The three months' notice given by the union carpenters to the master builders in the local press announcing the opening sitting. If there is anyone who desires to give the commissioners any information regarding the subject matter under inquiry he should communicate with the secretary. This will facilitate the work of the commission considerably. Mr. King expects that their labors will be completed by the end of the month. He is not in a position to say at present how long they will be in session at Ladysmith, nor give any particulars regarding the time of meeting in the other places, but expects to have a schedule prepared early next week.

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