

Mr. CAYLEY: Can the minister give us some assurance that there will be an increased importation from Great Britain because of this additional preference?

Mr. RHODES: That is anticipated.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—232. Glue, liquid, powdered or sheet, and gelatine, n.o.p.: British preferential tariff, 17½ per cent and 2 cents per pound; intermediate tariff, 25 per cent and 5 cents per pound; general tariff, 25 per cent and 5 cents per pound.

Mr. MALCOLM: Would the minister give the reason for the increase in the intermediate and general tariffs in the specific rates, and the reason for the reduction in the ad valorem rates?

Mr. RHODES: I do not know that I can give the technical explanation, but this is one of the items that was agreed to by the empire producers all around. It is satisfactory to our own manufacturers and to the British manufacturers.

Mr. MALCOLM: I hope the minister realizes the extent of the duty. A specific duty of five cents a pound is under normal conditions fifty per cent of the value of the commodity.

Mr. RHODES: It is a high duty, I admit. The imports of glue last year were \$235,000 in value, of which \$123,000 was from the United Kingdom, \$55,000 from the United States, \$20,000 from Germany, and the balance from a large number of other countries. Our imports of gelatine last year amounted to \$335,000, of which \$60,000 came from the United Kingdom, \$23,000 from the United States, \$81,000 from Australia, \$24,000 from Belgium, \$22,000 from France, and \$16,000 from Japan. These two items form part of a total production in Canada which amounted last year to \$1,210,000, the major portion of which was glue, but the items are not segregated.

Mr. MALCOLM: I would submit to the minister that he has to consider 232 and 232b together. There is a decrease on vegetable glue in item 232b. The intermediate rate has been reduced from 35 to 25 per cent, and the general from 35 to 27½ per cent, while the British rate has been increased. Will the minister explain why there should be an increase in the British preferential and a reduction in the other two rates?

Mr. RHODES: My hon. friend is inadvertently in error. The British rate was formerly 17½ per cent and it is now 10 per cent, so there is a reduction in the British preference.

Mr. MALCOLM: And the intermediate and general rates are increased?

Mr. RHODES: Yes.

Mr. MALCOLM: I do not want to bother the minister, but can he give the committee the value of our exports of glue stock last year?

Mr. RHODES: Our exportation of glue stock for the year ending March 31, 1932, was \$20,927.

Mr. MALCOLM: There has been no increase in our exports for the last two years. They have been decreasing.

Mr. RHODES: Our export of glue stock in 1931 was \$28,911.

Mr. MALCOLM: It has been as high as \$90,000.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—232b. Vegetable glue: British preferential tariff, 10 per cent; intermediate tariff, 35 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—232c. Gelatine, edible: British preferential tariff, 10 per cent; intermediate tariff, 35 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent.

Mr. RHODES: Our imports under this item last year were \$113,000, of which \$56,000 came from the United Kingdom, \$11,000 from the United States, \$17,000 from Australia and \$15,000 from France.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—234. Perfumery, including toilet preparations, non-alcoholic, viz., hair oils, tooth and other powders and washes, pomatums, pastes and all other perfumed preparations, n.o.p., used for the hair, mouth or skin: British preferential tariff, 20 per cent; intermediate tariff, 40 per cent; general tariff, 40 per cent.

Mr. RHODES: Our imports last year were \$873,000, of which \$165,000 came from the United Kingdom, the same amount from France, and \$533,000 from the United States.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—236. Surgical dressings, anti-septic or aseptic, including absorbent cotton, lint, lamb's wool, tow, jute, oakum, woven fabric of cotton weighing not more than seven and one-half pounds per one hundred square yards, whether imported singly or in combination one with another, but not stitched or otherwise manufactured; surgical trusses and suspensory bandages of all kinds; sanitary napkins, spinal braces and abdominal supports: British preferential tariff, 12½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 25 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent.