

is apparent that our exchange position is being gradually but steadily improved; that our imports from dollar countries are reduced somewhat, and our exports to dollar countries are substantially increased. This is being achieved without any serious hardship to the non-dollar countries with whom we trade. Control of capital goods imported is also beginning to show excellent results. Consequently the minister has been able to announce certain prospective relaxations in restrictions.

Referring again to the amendments contained in this bill, honourable senators will note that section 1 makes seven changes in the schedule of prohibited imports. Four of these are additions or extensions to the present list of prohibited goods, while the other three merely clarify existing wording.

Section 2 of the bill merely transfers three items from the list of goods controlled by permit to the list of goods under quota.

Hon. Mr. MORAUD: May I ask the honourable leader if the items in schedule II are on the prohibited list? I see the words: "439 Bicycles and tricycles, n.o.p." Do I understand that there is an embargo on these goods?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I think they are changed.

Hon. Mr. MORAUD: What does the change from schedule III to schedule II mean?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: It is a change from the list of goods controlled by permit to the list of goods under quota.

Hon. Mr. MORAUD: Do I understand that bicycles and tricycles can now be imported from the United States?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Yes, under permit; but they are to come under the quota classification.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: Do I understand that the gain in our balance of American dollars is greater or less than the amount of the loan?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: It is greater than the amount of the loan. For the benefit of my honourable friend I will repeat the figures I just gave. On June 23, 1948, the total reserve was \$742 million, which included \$140 million of the drawings on the Export-Import Bank loan. The actual increase in American dollars is the difference between \$461 million and \$602 million, although at the moment the reserve exceeds that by the \$140 million which was drawn from the Export-Import Bank.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: Thank you.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Section 3 of the bill, containing a formidable list of goods, is not as important as it may appear at first sight. Most of the changes are rearrangements of words to conform with changed terminology in the customs tariff. There are a few other changes designed to improve the administration. The only significant additions to the schedule of goods under the control of the Minister of Trade and Commerce are heavy chemicals and electrical appliance parts.

The bill is deemed to have come into force on the 25th of June this year.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved the third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

DIVORCE BILLS

REFUNDS OF FEES

Hon. W. M. ASELTINE: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move:

That the parliamentary fees paid upon the petition of Diana Eve Whittall Beurling, praying for a bill of divorce, be refunded to the petitioner, less printing and translation costs.

When the Senate bill based upon this petition was before the committee in another place, application was made for leave to withdraw the bill. This was granted, and the bill has been withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: Honourable senators, with leave I move:

That the parliamentary fees paid upon the petition of Aldoria Rodier dit St. Martin, praying for a bill of divorce, be refunded to the petitioner, less printing and translation costs.

In this case the Senate bill was rejected in another place.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: With leave of the Senate, I move:

That the parliamentary fees paid upon the petition of Pierre Behocaray, praying for a bill of divorce, be refunded to the petitioner, less printing and translation costs.

This bill also was rejected in the other place.

Hon. Mr. DAVIES: I presume the Divorce Committee of the Senate recommended the petition. May I ask why it was rejected in the other place?