

*Ways and Means—Customs Tariff*

to work out. As I see it, all that has happened is a reduction of the British preferential tariff.

Mr. RHODES: Under the French treaty France has the British preferential rate.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—178c agreed to.

Customs tariff—180c agreed to.

Customs tariff—187a agreed to.

Customs tariff—198b agreed to.

Customs tariff—199d. Cigarette papers, gummed or not, in tubes, booklets or packets: British preferential tariff, 17½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 32½ per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent.

Mr. RALSTON: I understand that items 197c, 198b and 199d are all French treaty items?

Mr. RHODES: Quite right.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—199e agreed to.

Customs tariff—208a agreed to.

Customs tariff—232e agreed to.

Customs tariff—242 agreed to.

Customs tariff—247a. Artists' and school children's colours, n.o.p., in tubes, cakes, pans and pastels, for painting in oils, water colours or pastels, under regulations prescribed by the minister: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 27½ per cent; general tariff, 30 per cent.

Mr. RHODES: I beg to move that item 247a, as contained in resolution number 5 of March 22, 1935, be amended to read as follows:

247a. Artists' and school children's colours, n.o.p., in tubes, cakes, pans, and vials, and fitted boxes containing the same; artists' brushes; pastels, of a value of one cent per stick, or over; all the foregoing for painting in oils, water colours or pastels; artists' canvas, coated and prepared for oil painting: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 27½ per cent; general tariff, 30 per cent.

Mr. RALSTON: That is to include brushes which were not in the previous item?

Mr. RHODES: We have included brushes and artists' canvas.

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Customs tariff—255 agreed to.

Customs tariff—281a. Fire brick, n.o.p., for use exclusively in the construction or repair of a furnace, kiln, or other equipment of a manufacturing establishment: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 12½ per cent; general tariff, 15 per cent.

[Mr. Ralston.]

Mr. RHODES: I beg to move that item 281a be amended to read as follows:

281a. Fire brick, n.o.p. of a class or kind not made in Canada, for use exclusively in the construction or repair of a furnace, kiln or other equipment of a manufacturing establishment: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 12½ per cent; general tariff, 15 per cent.

I am pleased to say that the British have concurred in the wording of this item.

Mr. RALSTON: I am afraid that that will take away some of the enthusiasm with which some of us greeted the number of reduced items in the budget of my hon. friend. My hon. friend knows that the moment you put in the phrase, "of a class or kind not made in Canada" you are asking for a repetition of the tin plate controversy. The question will arise as to whether the making of 1,000 bricks in Canada will be sufficient to bring a certain brick within this phrase and deprive it of the benefit of the reduction. Are fire bricks made in Canada in very large quantities and will the change in this item result in a large importation of Scotch fire brick?

Mr. RHODES: The situation which arose in connection with tin plate will not arise in this instance as there is already a fire brick industry in Canada. The object of the amendment is to admit a particular type of Scotch fire brick used in the lining of metallurgical furnaces. This brick is not produced in Canada and probably will not be produced in this country. The object as disclosed in the tariff will have been accomplished, but by adopting this amendment we protect the existing business with respect to a class of brick which is made in Canada and has been for many years, brick of an ordinary type, not of the type we had particularly in mind when the original tariff item was brought down. I think the best evidence of the fact that it will not work an injustice is found in the circumstance that the British government have concurred in the amended wording.

Mr. RALSTON: I did not listen to the amendment as closely as I should have. May I ask does the amended item still only apply to brick for use exclusively in manufacturing establishments?

Mr. RHODES: Yes. It was not changed in any respect other than to include the words, "of a class or kind not made in Canada."

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Has this reference to the complaint I brought to the minister's attention in regard to Clayburn brick?