

Customs Tariff

Customs tariff—410g. Articles for use in the metal-lurgy or smelting of iron, namely: machinery and apparatus for sintering or nodulizing iron ore, concentrated or not, or flue dust; machinery and apparatus for use in the construction, equipment and repairs of blast furnaces for smelting iron ore, such machinery and apparatus to include hot blast stoves and burners, blast piping and valves connecting the blowing engines with the furnace, scale cars, charging and hoisting apparatus, blast furnace gas piping, cleaners and washers; parts of the foregoing, not including structural iron work, valves ten and one-half inches or less in diameter, nor pipes of iron or steel:

British preferential tariff, free; most-favoured-nation tariff, 5 per cent; general tariff, 5 per cent.

Mr. Benidickson: Now we are back to the utilization of dimensions and another differentiation from the recommendation of the tariff board; is that consequential?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): This diameter applies not to the pipe but to the valves; valves 10½ inches or less in diameter.

Mr. Benidickson: Yes, but the tariff board was prepared to recommend an item without diameter being specified. Why is this restriction inserted. The minister's answer could also deal with 410z.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The answer applies to 410b, 410g and 410z. In these items the only change from the tariff board recommendation is that valves 10½ inches or less in diameter will continue to fall under these items and the effect of the tariff board recommendation would have been to exclude such valves from these items with a consequent increase in the rates of duties up to 20 per cent in the case of brass valves and 10 per cent to 17½ per cent increase in the case of valves of iron or steel.

The other machinery item, 410d, differs from the tariff board recommendation in that the item proposed will continue to cover machinery and apparatus of a class or kind not made in Canada but used in connection with the maintenance and testing of gas and oil wells.

The tariff board had recommended that these words be dropped since they were

largely inoperative because of the existence of item 848 (1). To a large extent that is true, but to retain the coverage of the item for those goods not coming under item 848 (1) these words are being retained in item 410d.

Item agreed to.

Items 410z, 848, 848a and 848b agreed to.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

6. Resolved, That schedule B to the Customs Tariff be amended by striking out items 1017, 1018, 1018a and 1028, and the enumerations of goods and the rates of drawback of duty set opposite each of those items.

Mr. Benidickson: Would the minister just put on record the change in the tariff rates which will result from the elimination of the 50 per cent drawback, which hitherto applied respecting items 1018 and 1018a. In other words, assuming that we pass all these items, what was the old rate after drawback and what will be the new rate for the items affected?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I am informed that the required answer to that question would be extremely complicated and detailed. My friend will have some idea of the nature of the necessary reply if he will refer to page 36 of the report of the board where he will see that some ten different headings are involved. Perhaps if it is his wish—

Mr. Benidickson: I am prepared to let it pass at the moment. It did seem to me, however, that I had worked out the amounts but I cannot find my calculation. I think that between now and the presentation of the bill it would be possible for the minister to inform the house as to the nature of the change in the effective rate on gas transmission pipe.

Resolution agreed to.

7. Resolved, That schedule A to the Customs Tariff be amended by striking out tariff item 554b, the enumeration of goods and the rates of duty set opposite that item, and by inserting therein the following item, enumeration of goods and rates of duty.

Customs tariff	British preferential tariff	Most-favoured-nation tariff	General tariff
554b (1) Woven fabrics composed wholly or in part of yarns of wool or hair, n.o.p.	20 p.c.	27½ p.c.	40 p.c.
and per pound,	20 cts.	30 cts.	35 cts.
Provided, that the total duty leviable shall not be in excess of	60 cts.
(2) Woven fabrics composed wholly or in part of yarns of wool or hair and weighing not less than twelve ounces per square yard.	20 p.c.	27½ p.c.	40 p.c.
and, per pound	15 cts.	30 cts.	35 cts.
Provided, that the total duty leviable shall not be in excess of	55 cts.
per pound

[Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]