

Special War Revenue Act

Mr. BENNETT: I will take it up with the officials. In view of what the hon. gentleman has said, I may not have thoroughly understood it; but my understanding was as I have stated.

Mr. VENIOT: I should like to have it looked into.

Mr. BENNETT: I will look into it.

Mr. RHODES: I move that the resolutions submitted to the house on the first day of June, to amend the Special War Revenue Act, be amended to read as follows:

Resolved that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Special War Revenue Act and to provide:

That in addition to the tax imposed by part XIII of the said act, a special excise tax of 1 per cent be imposed, levied and collected on the duty paid value of all goods imported into Canada, payable by the importer or transferee who takes the goods out of bond for consumption, at the time when the goods are imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption.

Resolved, further, that any enactment founded on the foregoing resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one; and to have applied to all goods mentioned in the foregoing resolution imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption on and after that date and to have applied to goods previously imported for consumption for which no entry for consumption was made before that day.

Provided, however, that the said tax shall not apply to goods, the duty paid value of which does not exceed twenty-five dollars when imported by mail or express, unless more than one entry of such goods be made by one importer at one time from one source, in which case the tax shall be applicable.

Provided, further, that the said tax shall not apply to articles on which other excise taxes are imposed on importation by part XI of this act, nor to raw leaf tobacco when imported by licensed tobacco or cigar manufacturers, material for the manufacture of binder twine for export, when imported by the manufacturers thereof, British and Canadian coin and foreign gold coin, fish and other products of the fisheries of Newfoundland; fish caught by fishermen in vessels registered in Canada or owned by any person domiciled in Canada, and the products thereof carried from the fisheries in such vessels; donations of clothing for charitable purposes, nor to goods enumerated in customs tariff items 700, 702, 703, 704, 705, 705a, 706, 707, 708 and 709, but shall apply to all other articles of whatsoever nature, which are imported.

Provided that when raw furs imported into Canada are exported therefrom a drawback of the tax paid may be granted under regulations to be made by the minister.

Resolved, further, that section 61 of the said act as enacted by chapter 43 of the statutes of 1930 be amended to declare assignments of the right to receive shares prior to their issue not taxable under section 58 of the said act and that sales of bearer bonds to persons resident without Canada are exempt from the said tax.

[Mr. Veniot.]

That section 86 of the said act be amended to provide that the rate of consumption or sales tax be increased to four per cent.

That the said tax be payable upon the sale price of all goods manufactured or produced in Canada at the time of delivery to the purchaser, but in the case of any contract requiring payment of the purchase price by instalments, shall be payable as each of such instalments falls due and that, in bona fide contracts made before the 2nd day of March, 1931, which bind the vendor to deliver at a fixed price, the increased rate shall be payable by the purchaser to the vendor.

Schedule III

Bread; baker's cake, and pies, not to include biscuits; flour, including self-raising flour, oatmeal, rolled oats and cornmeal; rolled wheat, buckwheat meal and pea meal; pearl barley; split peas; barley meal; pot barley; animals living; live poultry; meats and poultry, fresh; milk, including buttermilk, condensed milk, evaporated milk and powdered milk; cream; butter, and substitutes therefor; cheese; lard, lard compound and similar substances, made from animal or vegetable stearine or oils; eggs; vegetables, fruits, grains and seeds in their natural state; bran, shorts, middlings, alfalfa meal; oil cake, oil cake meal; grains mixed or crushed for cattle or poultry feed; hay; straw; hops, when produced in Canada; nursery stock; vegetable plants; other farm produce sold by the individual farmer of his own production; bees; honey; sugar; molasses; corn syrup; maple syrup and sugar cane syrup; salt, when manufactured or produced in Canada; ice; fish and products thereof; ores of metals of all kinds; fuel of all kinds; gold and silver in ingots, blocks, bars, drops, sheet or plates unmanufactured; British and Canadian coin and foreign gold coin; logs and round unmanufactured timber; split fence posts; fence posts, railroad ties, pulpwood, tan bark, and other articles the product of the forest, when produced and sold by the individual settler or farmer; newspapers and quarterly, monthly and semi-monthly magazines and weekly literary papers unbound; materials for use only in the construction, equipment and repair of ships; ships licensed to engage in the Canadian coasting trade; calcium carbide; radium; electricity; gas manufactured from coal, calcium carbide or oil for illuminating or heating purposes; materials for use solely in the manufacture of any substitute for butter or lard; artificial limbs, and parts thereof; artificial eyes; donations of clothing and books for charitable purposes; settlers' effects; War Veterans' badges; memorials or monuments erected in memory of soldiers who fell in the Great War; articles for the use of the Governor General; articles imported for the personal or official use of the British High Commissioner, Ministers of Foreign Countries, Consuls General who are natives or citizens of the country they represent and who are not engaged in any other business or profession, bibles, missals, prayer-books, psalm and hymnbooks, religious tracts, and Sunday school lesson pictures; manila fibre for use only in the manufacture of rope not exceeding one and one-half inches in circumference for the fisheries; boats bona fide purchased by individual fishermen for their own personal use in the fisheries; articles and materials used in the manufacture of boats bona fide built for in-