

it cannot be said that green coffee comes in free when there is a five-shilling tax.

Item agreed to.

Copper, old and scrap, and copper in pigs, bars, rods, and bolts, in lengths not less than six feet, lingots, sheets, plates and sheathing, not planished or coated.

Mr. GIBSON. Will this apply to the scrap?

Mr. FOSTER. No, to the bars, rods and bolts.

Mr. STAIRS. I would like to point out that that word should be "sheathing," not "sheatings." While I am on my feet, I would like to ask the Minister of Finance if he has put in an item relating to yellow metal as given in item 858 of the old tariff. I have looked in the amended tariff and I cannot find this item. Yellow metal is used for sheathing for ships and boats.

Mr. FOSTER. Yes; yellow metal is in the amended tariff.

Item agreed to.

Cyanide of potassium and nitrate of silver, free.

Mr. FOSTER. Leave out "nitrate of silver."

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Are you going to tax it?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes; it has always been dutiable at 20 per cent.

Item agreed to.

Degras.

Mr. FOSTER. Drop out this item; it is covered by another item later.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is degas?

Mr. FOSTER. It is used by tanners, a sort of French grease.

Mr. HENDERSON. It is made from wool washings.

Domestic fowls, pure bred, for the improvement of stock, and pheasants and quails, free.

Mr. FOSTER. After "stock" insert "homing or messenger pigeons."

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Is this for the encouragement of war?

Mr. FOSTER. A very peaceful sort of war. There are a number of gentlemen in the country who are interesting themselves in homing pigeons.

Item agreed to.

Fire bricks, not to include stove linings, free.

Mr. FOSTER. Add to that item the words, "for manufacturing purposes."

Mr. STAIRS. Would the hon. Minister allow that to stand and not introduce these words? They tend to confusion. Duty will

Mr. MULOCK.

be collected on small lots of fire-brick for general purposes, whereas the great mass of these imports will come in free.

Mr. FOSTER. Fire brick are manufactured in this country.

Mr. McMULLEN. Where?

Mr. FOSTER. In British Columbia and in Hamilton.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) For what manufacturing purpose is fire brick admitted?

Mr. FOSTER. For building retorts, furnaces and so on.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) That is not a manufacturing purpose; that is erecting a building.

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, that would be a manufacturing purpose.

Item agreed to.

Communion plate, when imported by and for the use of churches, free.

Mr. FOSTER. Strike out the words "by and."

Mr. LANDERKIN. Is this clear now? Is it so clear that there will be no further difficulties in regard to this item by the Department of Customs? I think it is very important we should make this very clear.

Hoofs, horn strips and horn tips, free.

Mr. FOSTER. Add "in the rough, not polished or otherwise manufactured."

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How does the hon. gentleman allow ice to be admitted free? That competes with the native manufacture.

Mr. FOSTER. It must have been overlooked.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I see gannister is admitted free, why is that?

Mr. FOSTER. So that it shall not pay duty.

Mr. LANDERKIN. What is gannister used for?

Mr. FOSTER. It is used for manufacturing purposes.

Mr. LANDERKIN. What is gannister, anyway?

Mr. FOSTER. I am sure the hon. gentleman does not wish me to be too minute about these matters.

Mr. LANDERKIN. It seems to me that gannister ought to be dutiable.

Mr. FOSTER. I think not.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Will the hon. gentleman state his reasons for putting it on the free list?

Mr. FOSTER. It is not produced in this country.