

EXCISE ACT, 1934

Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend The Excise Act, 1934, and to provide:

1. That the duty of excise on spirits distilled in Canada be increased from eleven dollars to twelve dollars per proof gallon.

Mr. Gibson: Will the parliamentary assistant indicate by what amount the provincial governments will increase the price of liquor as a result of this increase?

Mr. Sinclair: It is very difficult to say what increased price will be charged by the provincial governments, because they have their own merchandising problems to consider. As you know, the price of liquor varies in the different provinces, but the direct actual increase in price because of the increased tax can quickly be worked out. The liquor generally sold across Canada today is seventy per cent proof, so for a gallon of proof spirits the liquor stores will get 1.4 gallons of seventy per cent strength. Then, of course, the quart sold by the liquor stores is not a quart at all, but twenty-six ounces. There are 160 ounces in an imperial gallon, so there are six of these bottles of whisky which are sold as quarts; therefore in 1.4 gallons there would be eight and a half bottles of whisky for the stores which would bear this dollar increase in tax.

Mr. Gibson: Therefore roughly a fifteen cent increase would be sufficient to take care of this increase in taxation without the provincial governments contributing to the spiral of inflation?

Mr. Sinclair: That is roughly what this break-down at the manufacturer's level means.

Resolution agreed to.

2. That the duty of excise on Canadian brandy be increased from nine dollars to ten dollars per proof gallon.

Resolution agreed to.

3. That the duty of excise on malt be increased from sixteen cents per pound to twenty-one cents per pound.

Resolution agreed to.

4. That any enactment founded upon this resolution shall come into force on the 8th day of September, 1950.

Resolution agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF

Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the customs tariff and to provide:

1. That schedule A to the customs tariff be amended by deleting therefrom the following enumerations of goods and rates of additional duties of customs: whisky, brandy, rum, gin and all other goods specified in customs tariff items 156

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and 156b, \$7 per gallon of the strength of proof; ale, beer, porter and stout, 30 cents per gallon; and by substituting therefor the following enumerations of goods and rates of additional duties of customs: whisky, brandy, rum, gin and all other goods specified in the various subitems of tariff item 156, \$8 per gallon of the strength of proof; ale, beer, porter and stout, 40 cents per gallon.

Resolution agreed to.

2. That any enactment founded upon this resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on the 8th day of September, 1950, and to have applied to all goods mentioned in this resolution imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption on and after that date, and to have applied to goods previously imported for which no entry for consumption was made before that date.

Resolution agreed to.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and concurred in.

EXCISE TAX ACT

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, to amend the Excise Tax Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: When shall this bill be read a second time?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Later this day.

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Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 9, to amend the Excise Act, 1934.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: When shall this bill be read a second time?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Later this day.

CUSTOMS TARIFF

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 10, to amend the Customs Tariff.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that the bill be read the second time later this day?

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, may I ask if these bills are printed and if we shall have them in our hands?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): You will have them before three o'clock.

Mr. Sinclair: They are available.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): They are here. We have them on the desk right now.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed?