

TARIFF CHANGES

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jects were brought to my attention they did not appear to be of such a nature as to make it advisable at this session and soon after a somewhat general revision of the tariff took place, to undertake again

my general revision, and my view in this regard is all the stronger on account of the late hour of the day.

As regards the proposed increase in the duty of a reduction of duties, not very important in themselves, but yet of assistance in certain directions, and in one or two subjects. One of the greatest difficulties there we have met in the course of the year has been in connection with the article of the tariff was: On molasses over 40 and up to 50, 10 cents per gallon. This is not a very good quality and going down towards it rapidly.

It is a very large market among the poorer qualities and to encourage the trade and consumption of the article, it is proposed to reduce the duty on molasses, and to exempt them, the duty was graded, a certain amount of sugar being, however, not a very large duty added, and it has been found that molasses, of a very poor grade, is being sold at 10 cents, with molasses, or what is called the molasses, of a very poor grade, showing the quality of the article, and it is effectively protect the legitimate and better trade in the article.

worse article, that I propose to amend the tariff by adding a larger per centage per gallon to the present rate of 10 cents per gallon. Under 40 degrees of proof it is to be under 40, or propose instead of 4% of 10 cents per gallon to add 1 cent per gallon for each degree above 40, and 2 cents per gallon for each degree above 50 or 55 the duty becomes nearly prohibitive, and that is the intention of the tariff. The duty on spirits of wine shows more than 20 or 30 degrees of salutarine material is molasses of a very different quality, and it is not to be so much increased as coming in competition with the better article.

Tanners Will Rejoice.

Then spirits of wine have been made up by the tanners of this country in favor of the introduction of free duty of spirits of wine, and the tanners of leather. One is an article known as degummed leather, and the other elastoeater, neither of which is made in this country, and both of which are necessary to the manufacture of the better grades of leather. The tanners of this country are now importing in increasingly large quantities for English and foreign market, especially the English market, and the tanners of this country are promoting trade in opening up this article, elastoeater, was classed with sulfuric acid and was taxed at 10 cents per pound. The value of the article is six cents a pound, so that the duty is a very heavy one, and the tanners of leather will welcome it as free of duty for the use of tanners in making their leather.

For the best leathers, which are a special tie

by themselves, are admitted at 10 per cent. of the value of the skins, and the skins of white leathers of similar quality, at 15 per cent. of 10 per cent. In that list of glove leathers the names were given, but amongst the names of the leathers of the skins of the sheep one knows that the finer grade of kid which is used is made from the skin of the lamb, and that the leather of the skins of the sheep from the skin of the lamb, and in order to make the item consistent and prevent difficulty of sale, the word "lamb" was inserted to prevent the word lamb being inserted into the other indications. The free list at the present time has been changed so that the skins in sheets come in free, but for some reason or other no skin which is used in the manufacture of gloves has been charged duty, and various other purposes have been charged duty, 20 per cent. being put in the unenumerated list. It is proposed to charge duty on most of the articles free, amongst other things, the nitrate of soda, but another substance some of which is used in the manufacture of gloves, the elements of nitrate of soda, which is used for dyeing purposes, is not mentioned in the list and I propose to put it in the duty list.

There is no distinction between liquor refined and the crude lime juice. Several articles are proposed to be charged duty, and it is proposed to make the crude lime juice free, the refined lime juice being charged duty at 10 per cent.

A Duty on Eggs.

It is also proposed to place a duty on eggs of five cents a dozen. I notice that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (Mr. Lauderkin) has said that he will not have to pay more for the article. Eggs are

which country, up to the passage of the McKinley bill, constituted a very large market for products of the United States. To charge a duty on eggs of five cents per dozen, in looking over the returns as to the studying carefully the trade in eggs, we are informed that the number of eggs imported from the United States into this country and we consider it only fair to assume that the country's production of five cents per dozen, so that they may have the home market for such of the products of this country, because when they have seek a foreign market, they are obliged to seek it largely outside of their own country. It is, therefore, proposed, owing to certain reasons, to take the power by the count of ordering that at any time when it may be found that the country's production of the discriminative duty, which is very small—five per cent. on the value—on sugar shipped by direct shipment, the duty may be suspended for a stated period, and to make the duties upon sugar so that the country may be made another importer of sugar by direct or indirect shipment.

Favored Nation Clauses.

It is also proposed to add a resolution giving the president the power to suspend the duty, if it is deemed in the public interest to do so, to suspend certain provisions of the customs acts in so far as they provide for the duty on sugar, molasses and tobacco when imported from any country which may be a favored nation of the United States, and to Canada the most favored nation treat-

ment and to order that during such suspension the duties shall be subject to certain duties. The step is taken in view of the fact that in the case of the sugar industry, the negotiations have been treated by the brother colonies in the West India Islands as a concession to the United States in the circumstances, owing to the fact that their market is largely in sugar and that they have been heavily injured by the United States, they have had to negotiate with the United States on the third section of the McKinley bill, for continued entrance to that country for the sugar of the United States, and that that benefit not retain that benefit to the United States as they consider it to give commercial advantage to the United States, and the United States from the United States large quantities of agricultural products together with the United States, and the United States subjected to great pressure, the British Government has been very much concerned that respect as regards Canada and the Canadian products of the same kind as the United States, and the United States that the United States on exactly the same plan as the United States, giving us in the United States, and the United States gain the same advantage from other countries.

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