

The Proposed Reductions of Customs Duties in Dominion

Mr. Fielding announced reductions of customs duties as follows:

Farming Industry.

Mowing machines, harvesters, binders and reapers, reduced under the general tariff 2 1/2 per cent.
Cultivators, harrows, horse rakes, seed drills, manure spreaders and weedeaters, reduced under the general tariff 2 1/2 per cent.
Ploughs and threshing machines, reduced under the general tariff 2 1/2 per cent.
Milking machines reduced under the general tariff 5 per cent.
Vegetable grading machines reduced under the general tariff 5 per cent.
Nearly all other agricultural implements are reduced under the general tariff 5 per cent.

There is a corresponding reduction on these articles under the British preferential tariff, but practically all are imported under the general tariff.

Tractors for farm purposes valued at \$1,600 or less and parts thereof now free by order-in-council; it is proposed to make these articles free by act of parliament.

Wrought iron tubing four inches and under in diameter is reduced 5 per cent. under both preferential and general tariffs.

Tools are reduced five per cent under the preferential tariff.

Harness is reduced 2 1/2 per cent under the preferential tariff.

Farm wagons are reduced five per cent under the preferential tariff and 2 1/2 per cent under the general tariff.

Dairying Industry.

Paper milk bottle caps are reduced 7 1/2 per cent under both the preferential and general tariffs.

Glass milk bottles are reduced five per cent under both tariffs.

Dairy tin hollow-ware and cans for milk and cream are reduced 2 1/2 per cent under the preferential tariff and 5 per cent under the general tariff.

Milking machines are reduced 2 1/2 per cent under the preferential tariff and 5 per cent under the general tariff.

Fruit Growing Industry.

Fruit grading machines are reduced 2 1/2 per cent under the preferential tariff and five per cent under the general tariff.

Lumber Industry.

Machinery for saw mills is reduced 2 1/2 per cent under the general tariff.

Wrought iron tubing 4 inches in diameter or less is reduced 5 per cent under both tariffs.

Tools and cant-dogs are reduced five per cent under the preferential tariff.

Mining Industry.

Porcelain parts of pumps are reduced from 20 per cent preferential tariff and 30 per cent general tariff to free under all tariffs.

Wrought iron tubing reduced on tubing 4 inches and under in diameter five per cent under both tariffs; and on tubing over 4 inches and not over 10 inches, five per cent under the preferential tariff.

Fishing Industry.

Gasoline over .725 specific gravity and not exceeding .760 is reduced from 2 1/2 cents per gallon to 1c. under the general tariff.

Manilla rope not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in circumference is made free of duty to all fisheries. (Under the present tariff it is free only for holding traps used in the lobster fisheries).

Oiled clothing is reduced five per cent. under both tariffs.

Oil-lubricated hats are reduced 2 1/2 per cent. under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Plumbing Industry.

Wrought iron tubing and tools reduced as stated with the other industries.

General Public.

Certain liquid medicines non-alcoholic are reduced thirty-five per cent. under the preferential tariff and twenty per cent. under the general tariff.

Cocoa, unsweetened, reduced one cent per pound under the preferential tariff.

Cocoa, sweetened, reduced one-half cent per pound under the preferential tariff.

Cocoa in powder form reduced five per cent. under the preferential tariff, and preparations reduced two and one-half per cent. under the preferential tariff.

Refined sugar—The preference is increased from one-quarter off in the general tariff to practically one-third off.

Enamel-ware reduced under the preferential tariff two and one-half per cent.

Window shades reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Cotton fabrics, gray, bleached or dyed, reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Consols and cotton clothing reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Flannels, lustrous, mohair, reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Woolen fabrics, woolen clothing, cloths, doekins, cashmeres, tweeds, coatings, overcoatings and felt cloth, not under the preferential and five per cent. under the general tariff.

Alpaca and Italian linings, reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Rubber clothing, reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Knitted goods, reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Boots and shoes, reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Collars and cuffs, reduced under the preferential tariff 5 per cent.

Blankets, cotton, reduced under the preferential tariff 2 1/2 per cent.

Clothes wringers 2 1/2 per cent. reduction under both tariffs.

Dairy tin hollow-ware reduced 2 1/2 per cent. under preferential tariff and 5 per cent. under general tariff.

Automobiles are now entitled to be entered as settlers' effects by farmers only. It is proposed to admit automobiles valued at not more than \$1,000 by other settlers as well as by farmers. It is also proposed to admit boats for fishing purposes as settlers' effects.

CITY TO SEEK DEATH OF 6,000,000 RATS

N. Y. Health Squad to Clean Piers to Prevent Entry of Bubonic Plague.

Murray Hulbert, President of the Board of Aldermen, Dock Commissioner John H. Delaney, Street Commissioner, Alfred Taylor and Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland of New York, con-

ferred last week at the latter's office on protecting the city's docks against rats.

Dr. Copeland said they decided to conduct a campaign to rid the piers of rats to prevent the introduction of bubonic plague into the city through infected rodents.

"The three departments, Health, Street and Street Cleaning," said the Health Commissioner, "have arranged to have certain employees devote their time to the stupendous job of cleaning the piers of rats. Careful study by scientists has determined that any community has as

many rats as people. On this basis New York City, it is safe to say, has 6,000,000 rats within the 800 miles of docks that face this harbor.

"The work of these employees will be to free city property of rats. The Board of Health inspectors will visit all privately-owned establishments to see that they are free from rats. It is desired to have all rat harborage removed. Rats seek dark places. Piles of lumber and rubbish which are undisturbed furnish excellent breeding places. If their harborage are destroyed, rats will soon die."

WOODSTOCK FIRE

Woodstock, May 24.—A fire in Charles street at noon today totally destroyed the house owned and occupied by Patrick Culbert. The fire spread to the house of Mrs. Siggins and did much damage. The insurance is about \$1,800. It is reported that Montreal wholesale liquor dealers are trying to secure

a warehouse here to be used for liquor for export purposes.

EEEEEN INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT IN HAVERHILL

Haverhill, Mass., May 24.—Eleven persons were injured, two seriously, when an Eastern Massachusetts railway one-man sidwipoden open car of the Massachusetts Northeastern

Street Railway at the corner of Main and White streets last night. Mrs. Catherine Whalen and Miss Esther Merrick, both of this city, were taken to hospitals suffering from leg fractures and other injuries.

The open car, bound for Amesbury, was turning the corner into Main street when the one-man car came along at high speed and struck it on one side, ripping away several seats and the running board.

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