

Estate Tax Act

officials reviewed for the information of the committee the representations that had been submitted. So that the committee had full knowledge of the relevant representations before it proceeded to pass any of the clauses—

Mr. Martin (Essex East): This was a most undemocratic procedure.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, this was done for the instruction of the committee. The committee had the briefs before it and as to any further representations which came in while the measure was under consideration in the committee, those likewise were placed before the committee. The committee therefore had all the information before it as to the views of these national organizations.

Mr. Crestohl: Will the minister not admit that it is very much more helpful to us to have a witness before us whom we can question on the various representations made, so that we may hear the various points of view on all such suggestions rather than resorting to the cold print of a typewritten memorandum. I am sure these organizations would have been delighted to have been heard and to have given us the benefit of their viewpoints.

Mr. Benidickson: Mr. Chairman, on this point I just cannot allow the minister's remarks to remain where they have been left.

I quite agree that when asked he and his officials did reply very courteously as to what such and such an organization had to say to them in criticism of this bill. The minister, however, overlooks the fact that generally speaking it was necessary for a member of the committee to be acquainted with the briefs and it was necessary also to ask in each case what representations had been received.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): No, no, that was volunteered.

Mr. Benidickson: Only after one trust company president, who was not named wrote—

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Not at all. That is not true.

Clause agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

WAYS AND MEANS

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Rea in the chair.

CUSTOMS TARIFF

2. That schedule A to the Customs Tariff be amended by striking out tariff items 345, 345a, 346, 346a and 346c, and the enumerations of goods and the rates of duty set opposite each of those items, and by inserting therein the following items, enumerations of goods and rates of duty:

Tariff Item	British preferential tariff	Most-favoured-nation tariff	General tariff
345 Zinc dross and zinc scrap for remelting, or for processing into zinc dust.....	Free	Free	10 p.c.
345a Zinc spelter, zinc, and zinc alloys containing not more than ten per cent by weight of other metal or metals, in the form of pigs, slabs, blocks, dust or granules.....per pound	$\frac{3}{4}$ ct.	1 ct.	2 cts.
346 Zinc, manufactures of, n.o.p.....	15 p.c.	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.c.	25 p.c.
346a Zinc, or zinc alloys containing not more than ten per cent by weight of other metal or metals, in the form of foil, ribbon, strip, sheet, plate, discs or slugs; coated or not.....	5 p.c.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.c.	20 p.c.
346b Zinc rods; zinc shapes other than flat-rolled; zinc strip or sheet, ungrained, whether or not ground, for making offset plates for lithographing; zinc strip or sheet, not planished, ground or polished, coated on one side with acid-resisting material, to be prepared for use in photo-engraving; all the foregoing if containing not more than ten per cent by weight of other metal or metals.....	Free	Free	10 p.c.

Mr. Benidickson: We have not concluded our discussions on resolution No. 2 relating to zinc and zinc products. In the meantime, I think most hon. members have received a

report under the Combines Investigation Act in which it was alleged that there was a conspiracy against the public interest in the matter of the distribution in Canada, having

[Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).]