

Therefore I have introduced this bill and I would ask that hon. members give it their best possible consideration, because in the province of Quebec it has been considered necessary, in order to further the objects and aims of that province, to adopt such a lottery system which would be conducted according to the rules and regulations set out in the bill which received the unanimous support of both houses of the legislature of that province. I think this is the proper way to deal with the question; I hope hon. members will see their way clear to support this bill, since it does not force lotteries upon any province of Canada but merely allows the province of Quebec to make use of lotteries in accordance with the bill to which I have referred.

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Justice): Speaking on behalf of the government in regard to this measure I have only to say that as the house expressed its opinion on the general principle involved in this bill only a week ago, with a very decisive majority, the government cannot accept this bill as an amendment to the criminal code.

Motion negatived on division.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Stirling in the chair.
Progress reported.

WAYS AND MEANS

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT

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

Customs tariff—99e. Dates, n.o.p., per pound: British preferential tariff, 1 cent; intermediate tariff, 1½ cents; general tariff, 2½ cents. When in packages weighing two pounds each, or less, the weight of such packages to be included in the weight for duty.

Mr. RALSTON: I just want to see the order in which the minister proposes to take up these resolutions. Is he dealing with the tariff first?

Mr. RHODES: I thought I would take up the tariff items first, which appear at page vii of the votes and proceedings of April 18. Before dealing with the first item which appears in the schedule, which is item 99e, in order to preserve the chronological order of the items as they appear at present in the tariff. I want to deal with items 79, 79b, 79c, 81 and 82, which have to do with nursery stock, arising out of a report of the tariff board recommending certain changes in the various items which I shall table as soon as

the house resumes. For that purpose, inasmuch as it might not be desirable to proceed at the moment with the individual items, I propose to place the changes in the hands of the chairman, so that they may be shown in the votes and proceedings and will be available to hon. members the next day we are in committee.

Mr. RALSTON: Would the minister indicate the effect of the report?

Mr. RHODES: Yes. The first commodity dealt with is peonies, shown in present item 78. The rate is left precisely as it is now. The rates as proposed on hydrangeas in the recommendation of the tariff board are free, 15 per cent and 20 per cent, as against the present rates of 15 per cent, 25 per cent and 25 per cent.

Mr. RALSTON: Item 78 does not include hydrangeas.

Mr. RHODES: No, that is correct. Then, item 79 includes dwarf polyantha rose bushes, and the rates recommended by the tariff board will be free, 15 per cent and 20 per cent, as against 12½ per cent, 17½ per cent and 20 per cent. At present the tariff rates on laurel are free, free and 40 per cent.

Mr. RALSTON: What item is that?

Mr. RHODES: Item 79; I refer to the proposed item. You cannot follow them exactly, because the present item is 79b.

Mr. RALSTON: They do not correspond?

Mr. RHODES: No, it is reworded. The new rates are free, 15 per cent and 20 per cent. Then, the present rates on holly, natural, are free, free, and 40 per cent, and the new rates will be free, 15 per cent and 20 per cent. The present rates on holly, preserved, are 15 per cent, 25 per cent and 25 per cent, and the new rates will be free, 15 per cent and 20 per cent. Then, the present rates on buds and scions for grafting are free, 15 per cent and 20 per cent. Under the new rates they will be free, free and free. Peach pits at the present time are 5 per cent, 10 per cent and 15 per cent, under item 73. The new item will be 79c, and the new rates will be free, free and free. Under the present rates apple trees are listed at 2 cents, 2½ cents and 3 cents under item 81. The new item will be 81a, and the rates will be free, 6 cents and 7½ cents. Then, pear, plum, cherry, apricot and quince trees at the present time are shown at 2 cents, 2½ cents and 3 cents, whereas under the new rates they will be free, 8 cents and 9 cents