

conducive to this object than a regular and economical Steam Communication between San Francisco and this Port, touching both ways at Victoria, would earnestly urge upon the Government the necessity of granting a Mail Subsidy of sufficient amount to secure such a communication, and thus enable passengers and freight from California to have access to both portions of the Colony—the Island and the Mainland—with cheapness, certainty, and dispatch.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Chamber no alteration should be made in the Customs Tariff, with the exception of the following, which are intended chiefly as a protection to the agriculturist and manufacturer, viz:

Oxen, Bulls, and Cows to pay an import duty of \$5 per head.	
Calves under six months old.....	1 "
Sheep	1 "
Hogs	2 "
Horses, Asses, and Mules	2-50 "
Fir and Cedar Lumber, rough	3 per m.
" " dressed.....	5 "
Fruit (green)	1 cent per lb.
Poultry (dead or alive)	20 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> .
Eggs.....	20 "
Hay	20 "
Confectionery	30 "
Hard Bread	20 "
Rice	1½ cts. per lb.

And that in view of promoting trade with the Indians and others from the Russian Possessions, provision should be made in the Customs Law to admit Furs and Peltries in an unmanufactured state duty free. And that in the event of the non-abolition of the Road Tolls, a tax or an equivalent be placed upon all goods imported into British Columbia *via* the Southern Boundary.

That having understood it to be the intention of the Government to abolish the collection of Tonnage Dues and Head Money, the Chamber of Commerce would recommend the immediate removal of these taxes, as any continued uncertainty in regard to the Tonnage Dues would only tend to prevent the shipment of bulky articles, and so act as an impediment to the opening of the spring trade. The collection of Head Money on arrival in the Colony has long been obnoxious to the people, and is decidedly inimical to what we are all most anxious to encourage, immigration.

We have, &c.,

HENRY HOLBROOK,
President, B. C. C. C.

JNO. S. CLUTE,
Secretary, B. C. C. C.

NO. 11.

RATES OF DUTY PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE ON THE
REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

The Hon. the Collector of Customs, *Chairman*,
Hon. H. M. Ball, Hon. J. Robson,
Hon. J. S. Helmcken, Hon. J. J. Southgate,
Hon. R. T. Smith.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE CHARGED WITH SPECIFIC DUTIES,
AS FOLLOWS:

Ale and Porter, in wood...15 cts. per gallon	Live Stock:—
Do., in bottle...30 cts. per doz. (quarts)	Horses and Mules.....\$2 per head.
Bacon and Hams.....4 cts. per lb.	Beef Cattle.....\$3 per head.
Barley, Oats, and Malt.....30 cts. per 100 lbs.	Milch Cows.....\$2 per head.
Beans.....1 ct. per lb.	Sheep and Goats.....75 cts. per head.
Bitters.....\$1-50 per gall.	Hogs.....\$2 per head.
Butter.....10 cts. per lb.	Potatoes.....½ ct. per lb.
Bran and Shorts.....25 cts. per 100 lbs.	Rice.....1½ cts. per lb.
Candles.....5 cts. per lb.	Sugar, raw.....1 ct. per lb.
Cheese.....5 cts. per lb.	Do., refined.....1½ cts. per lb.
Cider.....10 cts. per gall.	Spirits:—
Cigars.....\$1-50 per 100 (1½ ct. each)	Brandy.....\$2 per gall., according to
Coal.....\$1-25 per ton.	Gin. Whiskey, Rum.....\$1-50 "
Coffee, raw.....2 cts. per lb.	All other kinds.....\$1-50 "
Do., manufactured.....10 cts. per lb.	Tea.....10 cts. per lb.
Eggs.....12½ cts. per doz.	Tobacco.....25 cts. per lb.
Flour.....\$1-50 per bbl.	Vegetables, viz:—
Fresh Fruits, viz:—Apples,	Onions.....2 cts. per lb.
Pears, Plums, Cherries,	Other kinds, fresh.....1 ct. per lb.
Currents, Raspberries,	Wheat.....35 cts. per 100 lbs.
Strawberries, & Goose-	Wines, viz:—
berries.....1 ct. per lb.	Champagne and Moselle \$3 per doz. (quarts),
Gunpowder, sporting.....5 cts. per lb.	China Medicated.....\$1 per gall.
Do., blasting.....2 cts. per lb.	California, red & white 25 cts. per gall.
Hay.....\$4 per ton.	Claret.....10 cts. per gall.
Lard.....5 cts. per lb.	Port, Sherry, and all
Lime.....50 cts. per bbl.	other descriptions.....75 cts per gall.
Lumber:	Buckwheat.....1 ct. per lb.
Rough, fir and cedar.....\$3 per 1000 feet.	Oatmeal.....1 ct. per lb.
Dressed, do.....\$5 per 1000 feet.	Cornmeal.....½ ct. per lb.
Shingles.....\$1 per 1000.	Hops.....10 cts. per lb.
Fence Pickets.....\$2 per 1000.	Shot.....2 cts. per lb.
Laths.....\$1 per 1000.	