

Mr. RHODES: The reason is that the finding of the tariff board came in after the budget, and when it came in and was tabled we had this 571a added.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): The minister says it is a reduction. According to the item here it is an increase right across the board.

Mr. RHODES: No. My hon. friend has not noticed that the specific duty has been dropped under the budget. For instance there was a duty of 10 cents per square foot under the general and also the British preferential. That has been dropped.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Is my hon. friend convinced that the increase from 15 to 30 per cent and from 22½ to 37½ per cent and from 25 to 40 per cent will not more than offset the 10 cents per foot?

Mr. RHODES: I may say first that this is without a single exception implementing recommendations based on findings of the tariff board, with respect to every single item in the tariff which has been referred to. I have pursued that policy, and propose to continue to do so. To answer the question specifically I may say that 10 cents per square foot represents almost 900 per cent in some cases, so it is by far the larger item, and represents a real concession.

Item agreed to.

Mr. RALSTON: I want to withdraw what I said to my hon. friend about his budget speech. I find that item 571a comes after 572; that is what misled me.

Mr. RHODES: It was because the report came in subsequently, and they had to slip the sheet in.

Mr. RALSTON: I only want it to be on record that the correction is here.

Customs tariff—572. Oriental and imitation Oriental rugs or carpets; carpeting, carpets and rugs, n.o.p.:—

(a) If valued at less than two dollars per square yard: British preferential tariff, 30 per cent; intermediate tariff, 35 per cent; general tariff, 40 per cent.

And per square foot: British preferential tariff, 3 cents; intermediate tariff, 15 cents; general tariff, 20 cents.

(b) If valued at two dollars or more per square yard: British preferential tariff, 30 per cent; intermediate tariff, 35 per cent; general tariff, 40 per cent.

And per square foot: British preferential tariff, 5 cents; intermediate tariff, 15 cents; general tariff, 20 cents.

Mr. RHODES: This is merely an amendment dealing with verbiage. It is to delete the semicolon after the phrase "or carpets" in line one, and insert in lieu thereof the word "and."

Amendment agreed to.

Item as amended agreed to.

Customs tariff—598. Brass band instruments, n.o.p.; parts of pianofortes and parts of organs: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 22½ per cent; general tariff, 25 per cent.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Would the minister state how much came in under the British preference last year?

Mr. RHODES: The amount was very small. It is to be hoped that now they are made free it will be larger. The total amount which came in from the United Kingdom last year had a value of \$2,738.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—603, agreed to.

Customs tariff—609, agreed to.

Customs tariff—621, agreed to.

Customs tariff—624a, agreed to.

Customs tariff—650a, agreed to.

Customs tariff—682. Fish hooks, for deep-sea or lake fishing, not smaller in size than number 2-0; fishing nets and nettings of all kinds; threads, twines, marlines, fishing lines, rope and cordage of cotton, hemp, manila or other vegetable fibre, not exceeding one and one-half inches in circumference, to be used for fishing purposes or for the construction or repair of fishing nets; the foregoing not to include such articles used for sportsmen's purposes and to be subject to such regulations as the minister may prescribe: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, free; general tariff, free.

Mr. NEILL: I should like to thank the minister and his officials for their courtesy in adjusting the wording of this item. The hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Hanson) and myself took it up last year and had a good deal of correspondence about it. The change helps to make it easier for the fishermen to get their cord in for their nets, and to that extent makes it cheaper for them to operate.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—691, agreed to.

Customs tariff—696, agreed to.

Customs tariff—783. Internal combustion and steam engines, transmission assemblies and parts thereof, magnetos, starting motors, electric generators, propeller shafts, steel chassis frames, brakes, clutches, brake and clutch controls, steel road wheels, steel rims for pneu-