

### MANUFACTURERS WANT NO CHANGE IN TARIFF LAWS

#### Commission Hears Much Evidence in Session it Holds in Halifax.

### FISH DUTIES OF PRESENT SUFFICIENT

#### Retail Merchants Lodge Strong Protest Against Dominion's Luxury Tax.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 21.—Sir Henry Dwyer, Minister of Finance and Hon. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, representing the Federal Tariff Commission spent a busy morning at the Provincial Building here getting the views of Nova Scotia on the question of "protection." Groups of representatives of the manufacturers, the fishing interests, the farmers and the retail and wholesale merchants presented stated cases to the commissioners.

### The Fish Trade

A. H. Brittain, of Montreal, vice president and general manager of the Maritime Fish Corporation, argued the case of the fishing interests. The best interests of the Canadian consumer, well as those of the fishermen, will be served by the continuance of the present duty on fresh fish. It will enable us to develop plans for marketing, so as to make fresh fish available at reasonable prices to practically all communities in Canada, reads an extract from Mr. Brittain's brief.

### Against Luxury Tax

The retail merchants, as represented by their committee on the Board of Trade, lodged a protest against the luxury tax, as it presses heavily upon the poorer classes. The enforcement of a "turnover" tax.

### Case for Manufacturers

In his presentation of the manufacturers' case to the commission, W. D. Piercey, of the Piercey Supply Co., said: "As manufacturers we desire the commission to understand clearly that we are not advocates of an unduly high tariff. As an experienced revision of the tariff has taken place since 1907, we anticipate that the investigation now being conducted will reveal some anomalies. It cases are found where protection is higher than necessary, we fully approve of a reduction being made in such cases but we likewise feel that where cases are brought to the attention of the commission in which it is shown that expansion of industries which should be located within the dominion cannot be expected unless there is an upward revision of the tariff covering such commodities then we expect that the government will provide for such upward revision; in other words, we ask for adequate protection for all industries already established within the dominion or which it is reasonable to expect can be successfully established."

### Fertilizer Duties

Miss R. M. Smith, speaking on behalf of the Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co., argued for the retention of the sales tax so far as fertilizers were concerned as well as for the retention of the present protection of ten per cent.

### EVIDENCE SHOWS PROOF OF WRONG

#### Divorce Court Concludes Hearing of Josephs Case But Judgment Not Given.

### Special to The Standard

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 21.—The case of Annie Josephs vs. Russell Robert Josephs was continued in the New Brunswick divorce court when two witnesses, James A. Simpson, keeper of the Cumberland County jail in Nova Scotia and Herbert M. Sherwood of Bellefleur, N. B., were called. The former stated that he had gone to Bellefleur to see the defendant and that when he called he had been told by a colored woman that the defendant was out. He met the defendant some distance down the road and the latter stated that he was living with his wife down the road. Simpson had stated "You needn't tell me that as I know better," whereupon the defendant stated that he and his wife had parted and that he was living with the other woman.

### The Case for the Farmer

Nova Scotia farmers as represented by D. L. Taggart, president of the United Farmers of the province, expressed themselves before the commission as being in favor of a substantial reduction in tariff on articles necessary to agriculturalists. He attributed the "languishing" of the agricultural industry and the depopulation of farms in part indirectly to a protective tariff which favored certain industries enabling them to offer better wages and shorter hours than the farms.

### Fears the Republicans

Mr. Taggart expressed some fear as to the possible policy of the Republican Party. "The farmers of Nova Scotia think that the tariff agreement between the United States and Canada should be such that they could depend upon a continuation of the present trade conditions in the United States in respect to natural food products. We fear, however, that if Canada persists in keeping up the bars between the two countries in respect to tariff matters, there is every danger of the new United States administration re-enacting the old McKinley legislation."

### Principal Melville Cummins, secretary of agriculture for Nova Scotia, supported Mr. Taggart in his contentions.

### Mr. Taggart admitted the association of farmers generally favored a



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### land tax as an alternative scheme for raising revenue.

P. H. Johnston, speaking as a Nova Scotian apple grower, did not think removal of the tariff on apples would be detrimental to the industry in the province since American brands were usually of an earlier variety than those grown in Nova Scotia.

### The Smaller Industries

R. H. Mackay, speaking for the smaller industries of Pictou County, said they viewed with apprehension any reduction in the tariff.

### J. P. Fraser, speaking on behalf of the pork packers of Halifax, said they favored retention of the tariff on hogs and meat products.

### MARINE NEWS

Table with columns: Day, High, Low, etc. for various dates.

### PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Monday, S.S. Chaudiere from Bermuda. Coastwise—Sch Viola Pearl, 23, Wadlin, Wilson's Beach; str Stadium, 46, Pike, Alma; sch Margery, Anstin, 118, Arsenault, Albert; str Glenholme, 125, Blenkhorn, Spencer's Island; str Harbinger, 70, Moore, Beaver Harbor. Cleared Monday: Coastwise—Str Empress, 612, McDonald, Digby; str Stadium, 45, Pike, Alma; sch Viola Pearl, 23, Wadlin, Beaver Harbor; str Connors Bros, 64, Warnock, Chance Harbor.

### Brings Lumber Here.

Sch Margery Austin, Capt. Arsenault, arrived yesterday morning from Albert with lumber. This vessel was wrecked on her first voyage and this is the first trip she has made since being rebuilt. Hon. C. W. Robinson is principal owner. J. Willard is local agent.

### Milais Here for Cargo.

S.S. Milais arrived at noon yesterday and docked at No. 6 berth, West Side, where she will load cargo for the United Kingdom. J. T. Knight & Co. are local agents.

### TO EUROPE

Table listing shipping routes to Europe with dates and agents.

### CUNARD

Table listing Cunard shipping schedule with ship names and destinations.

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