

Customs Tariff

Mr. BENNETT: Or any other publication that is not bound. As it stood, any periodical enjoying second class mailing privileges, which includes of course weekly newspapers and trade journals not bound or not issued periodically, would come within the provision. As it stands now there is a limitation to wire stitched or bound publications. The rate is now $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as distinguished from the old rate of 15 per cent. As a matter of fact since the old rate was 20 per cent from the United States, it is a reduction from 20 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Mr. DUNNING: That is right. It is according to the agreement.

Mr. BENNETT: Affording by this method what they call "freer competition" for the Canadian magazine against its competing American brother. That is the effect at any rate.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS: May I crave the indulgence of the committee a moment further? I have been turning these items up. I do not do this to harass the minister, but his answer just now might leave the impression that I was frivolous in my observation—

Mr. DUNNING: Oh, not at all! I am sorry if I conveyed that impression.

Mr. STEVENS: For instance I cannot understand the repeal of item 622. I have sought to understand these items by the references to them in these lists. Item 622 refers to trunks, valises, hat boxes, carpet bags, tool bags, and baskets of all kinds. That item is repealed. But in the schedule with which we are now dealing it appears in conjunction with photographic cameras. I submit that I could not do otherwise than look at the item in conjunction with this new item in the new schedule, and for the life of me I cannot see the relation. The minister may be able to answer and say it appears somewhere else, but I looked up some of the leather items and I cannot locate it within these several hundred items.

Mr. DUNNING: There is no repeal of item 622.

Mr. STEVENS: Well, it appears in that form here. It is not in the list of items dealt with in the schedule.

Mr. DUNNING: No.

Mr. STEVENS: Why does it appear here in the sixth column?

Mr. DUNNING: Part of the new item was formerly under 622.

[Mr. Dunning.]

Mr. STEVENS: Item 622 refers to trunks, valises, hat boxes and so on. Can anyone tell me what that has to do with photographic supplies?

Mr. DUNNING: We will see what we can do.

Mr. STIRLING: It has reference to kits and carrying cases, which are mentioned in the new item.

Mr. DUNNING: The old item 622, which still remains in the tariff, is a container item, covering containers of all kinds such as trunks, valises, hat boxes, carpet bags, tool bags and baskets of all kinds. The item now under discussion contains these words:

...accessories for use with such cameras; lenses, shutters, exposure meters, range finders, film and plate holders, lens hoods, lens boards, ground glass carriages, reducing backs, reversible adapter backs, lantern slide attachments, film sheaths, combination paper and plate holders, kits, carrying cases,—

Formerly, these cases would have been dutiable under item 622, but it was not necessary to repeal item 622 to provide a separate classification for the articles in question. Item 622 was and still is an n.o.p. item.

Item as amended agreed to.

Customs tariff—476a. Glassware and other scientific apparatus for laboratory work in public hospitals; chairs and tables for surgical operating purposes, and complete parts thereof; infant incubators and complete parts thereof; electro cardiographs and complete parts thereof, and sensitized film and paper for use therein; apparatus for sterilizing purposes, including bedpan washers and sterilizers but not including washing nor laundry machines; all for the use of any public hospital, under regulations prescribed by the minister: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, free; general tariff, free.

Mr. DUNNING: Item 476a has been in the tariff for many years, and in the present instance the rating is unchanged. However there are one or two changes in the wording. The existing provision for surgical operating tables has been widened to include surgical operating chairs for hospital use. Further, the item has been widened to include cardiographs and films therefor. Neither cardiographs nor films have previously been mentioned in the tariff. Cardiographs have been subject to free entry, under item 696, when for use in public hospitals, but the specially prepared film for use in the expensive equipment has been dutiable, as ordinary equipment, under item 187. Film of this kind is not made in Canada, and the item has been reworded to cover, as I have indicated, not only cardiograph machines but the film to be used in connection therewith. The