

can, perhaps the minister would inform me as to what the duties were on imports under the British preferential tariff under this item, 445a?

Mr. ROBB: The imports all came in under the general tariff.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No imports under the British preferential tariff, none under the intermediate tariff, all under the American or general? What was the amount of imports?

Mr. ROBB: It was \$95,918.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What will the loss of duty be?

Mr. ROBB: We collected \$16,785.79 in duty, and we estimate the loss in duty at \$11,030.

Mr. CALDWELL: What rebate was given on this raw material on which \$16,000 was paid?

Mr. ROBB: I would not have that information before me now.

Mr. CALDWELL: That would be a very important thing to know.

Mr. ROBB: Nothing under mowers, binders and reapers. Forty per cent was rebated on the others.

Mr. CALDWELL: Steel bars that enter into mowers, reapers and binders are free—they were free anyway.

Mr. ROBB: Ninety-nine per cent rebate.

Mr. CALDWELL: Was not that material on the free list when it entered into the manufacture of binders, mowers and sowing machines?

Mr. ROBB: It is on the free list now.

Mr. CALDWELL: But before?

Mr. ROBB: There was ninety-nine per cent rebate.

Mr. CALDWELL: Then we should have the amount rebated under the old system. The minister might bring that down later.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Cannot the hon. gentleman give us a list of all the articles he is exempting from duty? His expert will have the information in front of him.

Mr. ROBB: There are a number of articles which enter into the cost of manufacture of agricultural implements and which are to be entered at the rate of duty specified.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: That does not give us very much more information. I am [Sir Henry Drayton.]

asking the minister what the articles are that he is exempting from duty, what the specific articles are. Surely the government know what they are exempting?

Mr. ROBB: This is rolled iron and rolled steel.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Ah! but there is more than that. Does my hon. friend say that only rolled iron and steel are affected.

Mr. WHITE: What is the item under consideration?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Marcell, Bonaventure): The item is 445a.

Mr. WHITE: That does not concern rolled iron or steel.

The CHAIRMAN: The resolution we are considering is the amending resolution brought down on April 30, and which reads as follows:

2. That said resolution be amended by striking out tariff items 445a, 445b, 533b, the several enumerations of goods respectively and the several rates of duties of customs, set opposite each of said items, if any, and by substituting therefor the following items, enumerations and rates of duty:

Tariff item 445a. Articles which enter into the cost of the manufacture of goods enumerated in tariff items 445, 446, 446b, 447b, 448 and 591, when imported by manufacturers of such goods for use only in the manufacture of goods enumerated in tariff items 445, 446, 446b, 447b, 448 and 591. Provided that goods which are entitled to free entry or a lower rate of duty than is mentioned in this item shall not be entered at the rate specified in this item. British preferential tariff, 5 per cent; Intermediate tariff, 6 per cent; General tariff, 6 per cent.

Mr. ROBB: My hon. friend was asking what items were affected?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No, I was asking what the articles are.

Mr. ROBB: The articles that are affected?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Certainly.

Mr. ROBB: The articles that go into the manufacture such as bolts, nuts, malleable castings, rubber belting, canvass—anything entering into the manufacture of implements.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I do not think my hon. friend is doing himself justice. There is a very large list of articles. My hon. friend surely knows what he is doing. But he cannot know what he is doing unless he knows each and everyone of these articles, and will tell the committee that no other articles enter into the manufacture and should come under these items.

Mr. ROBB: All the articles that go into the manufacture of the machine—all the component parts of the machine will be affected.