

blind rollers from 25 per cent to $22\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; veneers of wood of any kind up to five-sixteenths of an inch in thickness from 25 per cent to 20 per cent; feathers in their natural state from $11\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to 10 per cent; and hats, hoods and shapes of wool felt from 30 per cent plus 90 cents per dozen to $27\frac{1}{2}$ per cent plus 90 cents per dozen.

The most-favoured-nation tariff on 10 items or sub-items, which were bound at Geneva in 1947 at the rates then in effect, were reduced. The imports from all countries under these items or sub-items during that year were valued at over 2 million dollars. The principal products covered by these reductions are: meat extracts from 30 per cent to 25 per cent; calabar beans from $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound to free; ripe olives from 10 per cent to free; fluorescent powder for use in the manufacture of fluorescent lights from 20 per cent to 10 per cent; sesame seed oil from $22\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to 20 per cent; tempered sheets for saws from 10 per cent to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent; talc or soapstone from 20 per cent to 15 per cent; and veneers of rosewood, mahogany or Spanish cedar from 10 per cent to free.

When reductions were made in the most-favoured-nation rates of duty on items or sub-items which are of interest to the United Kingdom or other Commonwealth countries, a similar reduction was made in the British Preferential rate if that rate were not already free. The 26 items or sub-items in this category are shown in the last part of the schedule of the tariff concessions made by Canada at Annecy. Canada's imports from the United Kingdom and other British Commonwealth areas under this group during the year 1947 amounted to less than 6 million dollars in value. The principal products covered by these reductions are: wool yarns imported by manufacturers from 10 per cent plus 5 cents per pound to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent plus 5 cents per pound; and on wool yarns imported by other than manufacturers from 15 per cent plus 5 cents per pound to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent plus 5 cents per pound. In 1947 Canada's imports from the United Kingdom under the former item were valued at over \$3,900,000, and under the latter item imports from the United Kingdom in 1947 were valued at approximately \$1,142,000. Some of the other reductions made in the British Preferential Tariff were: from 5 cents per pound or 3 cents per pound plus $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to 2 cents per pound on roasted coffee; from 3 cents per pound plus $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to 5 per cent on ground chilli pepper; from 15 per cent to 10 per cent on cattle food containing molasses; from 15 per cent to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on vegetable paste; from 20 per cent to 15 per cent on fish preserved in oil; from 20 per cent to $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on cellulose sponges; from 30 per cent to 20 per cent on manufactures of marble and granite, from 10 per cent to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on web saws; from 15 per cent to $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on window shade rollers; from 15 per cent to 10 per cent on veneers of wood of any kind up to five-sixteenths of an inch in thickness, from $21\frac{1}{2}$ per cent plus 45 cents per dozen to 20 per cent plus 45 cents per dozen on hoods, hats and shapes of wool felt; from 15 per cent to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on accordions; from $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on handbags of sisal; from 10 per cent to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on feathers in their natural state; and from 15 per cent to 10 per cent on talc or soapstone. In the case of domestic textiles which carried the same rate under the British Preferential and most-favoured-nation tariffs, namely 25 per cent, the reduction from 25 per cent to $22\frac{1}{2}$ per cent under the most-favoured-nation tariff automatically applies to imports under the British Preferential Tariff. During the year 1947 our imports from the United Kingdom of domestic textiles such as tablecloths, tray cloths, napkins, dresser scarves, wash cloths, bath mats, pillow cases, quilts, counterpanes, sheets and towels, were valued at almost 1 million dollars.