

*Ways and Means—Customs Tariff*

Mr. RHODES: Yes. When I refer to reports of the tariff board they have been tabled in the house in all instances. For example, with reference to the change I mentioned in connection with biscuits, I have under my hand the report and it will be tabled as soon as the committee rises and the house is again in session. This present change was not a tariff board change.

Mr. COOTE: In regard to the item covering zipper fasteners, would that be a tariff board recommendation?

Mr. RHODES: Yes; my hon. friend will find that the report is tabled in the house.

Mr. RALSTON: So that it may appear in the report, will the minister mention the items covered by tariff board reports.

Mr. RHODES: My hon. friend will get the full information in the budget speech; if not I will see that the record is made complete.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—546, agreed to.

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Customs tariff—554b, agreed to.

Customs tariff—556a, agreed to.

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Mr. RHODES: I beg to move that schedule A to the Customs Tariff, as amended by resolution No. 5 of March 22, 1935, be further amended by striking thereout tariff items 569 (i), 569 (ii) and 569a, and by inserting in said schedule A the following items, enumerations and rates of duty:

Customs tariff—569 (i). Hats, hoods and shapes of hair-felt or of wool-and-hair-felt, under such regulations as the minister may prescribe: British preferential tariff, 22½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 30 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent.

Customs tariff—569 (ii). Hats, hoods and shapes of wool felt: British preferential tariff, 22½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 30 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent; and per dozen: British preferential tariff, 75 cents; intermediate tariff, \$1.25; general tariff, \$1.25.

Customs tariff—569 (iii). Hoods, and shapes, knitted, crocheted, plaited or woven in a single piece, and hoods and shapes of braid, not sewn, under such regulations as the minister may prescribe: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 10 per cent; general tariff, 10 per cent.

Customs tariff—569 (iv). Hoods and shapes, n.o.p.: British preferential tariff, 22½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 30 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent; and per dozen: British preferential tariff,—; intermediate tariff, 50 cents; general tariff, 50 cents.

Customs tariff—569 (v). Hats, n.o.p.: British preferential tariff, 22½ per cent; intermediate

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tariff, 30 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent; and per dozen: British preferential tariff, 75 cents; intermediate tariff, \$1.50; general tariff, \$1.50.

Customs tariff—569a (i). Berets of wool, knitted and fulled: British preferential tariff, 22½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 30 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent; and per dozen: British preferential tariff,—; intermediate tariff, 65 cents; general tariff, 65 cents.

Customs tariff—569a (ii). Caps, bonnets and berets, n.o.p., under such regulations as the minister may prescribe: British preferential tariff, 22½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 30 per cent; general tariff, 35 per cent.

Mr. RALSTON: Will the minister allow this item to stand?

Mr. RHODES: Yes.

Mr. RALSTON: I recollect that there was a good deal of agitation about this item with regard to hats, hoods and shapes. At the time the Prime Minister was in France some change was made. A tentative arrangement was made with him which was protested very vigorously by some manufacturers in Canada. Can the minister tell us whether or not under the French treaty any substantial change was made and what the effect was on the duties collectible under the item?

Mr. RHODES: The reduction was only on berets, but I will look up the record and give my hon. friend an exact answer after I have refreshed my memory. In the meantime this whole item will stand.

Item stands.

Customs tariff—571a. Carpeting, rugs, mats and matting of cocoa fibre: British preferential tariff, 30 per cent; intermediate tariff, 37½ per cent; general tariff, 40 per cent.

Mr. RALSTON: I am looking at the schedule to the budget speech—

Mr. RHODES: The amendment which I have moved is the result of a finding by the tariff board. That report is only now here for tabling and will be tabled to-day. The present item, 571a, is already in the schedule and in the budget as well.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): That is an increase.

Mr. RHODES: This is an item which was dealt with as a result of a finding by the board. It is a reduction under all tariffs.

Mr. RALSTON: I have here the schedule to the budget speech and under item 572 I find oriental and imitation oriental rugs or carpets. I should like to know how item 571a got into the printed resolutions when it was not in the schedule to the budget speech.