

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 83, to amend the Customs Tariff.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

TARIFF BOARD REPORTS

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I ask the consent of the house to revert to motions to enable me to table two reports from the tariff board, one with respect to biscuits, sweetened and unsweetened, and the other respecting hats and hoods, each of which has been the subject of amendments in committee on the customs tariff.

Hon. J. L. RALSTON (Shelburne-Yarmouth): Mr. Speaker, since the minister has gained permission to revert to motions to lay on the table reports from the tariff board, I should like to make a request. I am sure it would be of great interest to hon. members if it were possible to have printed at least the summary of these reports. As the minister knows, only three copies are made and one cannot examine them without reference to what has been laid on the table. I realize the preliminary portion of the report and the evidence would make a very lengthy document but I should like the minister to consider the possibility of having these summaries printed.

Mr. RHODES: I think the suggestion of my hon. friend is an admirable one. I agree with him that it is desirable that copies of these summaries should be available to hon. members. It would be an entirely useless expenditure to attempt to print the whole document, and much more so to print the evidence, but I feel that the summaries should be available in printed form and arrangements will be made, if not this session at least in the future, to have this done.

Mr. POULIOT: If the house will permit, may I make another suggestion to the minister. Would it not be possible for the government to inaugurate a system of bookkeeping whereby the revenues derived from the Income War Tax Act and the Special War Revenue Act would be applied only for the payment of the interest on the debt incurred during the war, to the payment of pensions to veterans and other war purposes? If that were done the country would be in a position to realize the difference in expenditures.

Mr. RHODES: I think my hon. friend would be well advised to make his suggestion at the opening of another parliament.

Mr. POULIOT: Then it would be accepted by my good friends.

Mr. RHODES: I can assure my hon. friend that if by any fortuitous circumstances I happen to be in the house and in a position to deal with his request, I shall do so sympathetically.

SUPPLY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Morand in the chair.

Natural Products Marketing Act, 1934, \$545,500.

Mr. POULIOT: To what products does this act apply, in what provinces is it in force and from what dates?

Hon. ROBERT WEIR (Minister of Agriculture): I am afraid it would take some time to get the information in the form asked for by the hon. member.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): How many boards are functioning in the various provinces, and with what do they deal?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Eleven.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): How many in each province?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): British Columbia, six; Ontario, two; British Columbia, Ontario, Nova Scotia, one; Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, one; the Dominion of Canada, one.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): In what provinces are there no boards functioning under the jurisdiction of the Natural Products Marketing Act?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Of the eleven boards functioning in Canada, six are in British Columbia?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): With what products are the six boards in British Columbia dealing, as well as the boards in the other provinces?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Fruit export marketing scheme, September 8, 1934, for the entire dominion. British Columbia red cedar shingle export scheme, October 16, 1934. British Columbia tree fruit scheme, August 28, 1934. British Columbia dried salt herring and dried salt salmon scheme, October 22, 1934. Ontario