

Well drilling
machinery.

We propose to put on the free list well-drilling machinery and apparatus of a class or kind not made in Canada for drilling for water or oil; this is not to include motive power.

Machinery for
alluvial gold
mining.

We made provision last year for the placing on the free list of certain machinery of a kind not made in Canada for use exclusively in alluvial gold mining for one year; we propose to extend that for one year.

CHANGES RELATING SOLELY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Administrative
changes
affecting tea
and spirits.

There are one or two changes which do not affect the duties but relate solely to the administration of the department. In item 608 we propose to strike out all the words after the 'United Kingdom' in the third line. The item refers to the importation of tea. It now requires that there shall be an English certificate as to the character of the tea. We are advised that this certificate is of no substantial value, but imposes some charge upon our importers, and our own Customs regulations for the examining of tea are ample. We therefore propose to strike out the requirement for the English certificate.

There is an amendment to the item in the tariff respecting the duty on spirits. It does not, however, relate to the rate of duty in any way; it is simply a matter in the administration of the department, an amendment to the form of the item, and therefore I shall pass it over.

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS—ITEM RE-ENACTED IN MORE AMPLE FORM.

Item of
philosophical
apparatus made
more ample.

Item 462 of Schedule 'B,' that is, on the free list, related to philosophical apparatus, for the use of universities, schools, &c. We repeal that item, and re-enact it in a larger and more ample form as follows:

462. Philosophical and scientific apparatus, utensils, instruments, preparations, including boxes and bottles containing the same, of a class or kind not manufactured in Canada, when specially imported in good faith for the use and by order of any society or institution incorporated or established solely for religious, philosophical, educational, scientific or literary purposes, or for the encouragement of

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