

SCHEDULE 10. DRAWBACK ON TIN PLATE.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of drawback of duty on tin plates used in the manufacture of cans for preserving salmon, beg to report:

1. Prior to the year 1879, drawback of the actual amount of duty paid on tin plates was allowed, viz.: 5 per cent. ad valorem, but on other material no drawback was allowed.

2. By an Order in Council, 11th June, 1879, the drawback was fixed at 34 cents for each box of tin plates used, and no drawback was allowed on other materials.

3. The above rate of 34 cents was by an Order in Council of 20th May, 1880, increased to 50 cents per box.

4. The Committee is of opinion that no specific rate can be fixed which, viewed from both sides, will fairly meet the case. The fluctuations in prices of material are great and violent, as instanced in the last two years, and so long as the duty imposed is ad valorem while the drawback is specific, it is probable there will be a considerable difference between the two.

In 1879 tin plates cost in England as much as 32s. per box, and a similar article could be purchased not long ago, during the present year, at just half that price, 16s. The duty paid in the former year (1879) was 80 cents per box, against which the drawback allowed was altogether inadequate, while at prices lately paid, the drawback will somewhat exceed the duty, although it will not equal the duties on all materials used in salmon-canning.

5. The Committee is, therefore, of opinion that the case would be best met by a drawback of the actual amount of duty paid on the undermentioned articles being allowed, viz.:

On tin plates; slab tin; pig lead; muriatic acid; copper bolt.

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J. H. TURNER, } Committee.
ANDREW ROME, }

The foregoing resolution and report was adopted by the Council of the British Columbia Board of Trade, and copies of the same forwarded to the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, the Minister of Customs, as also to the Members and Senators for this Province, with a request that the same be carried into effect as soon as possible.

EDGAR CROW BAKER,
Secretary.