

Mr. BLAKE. I am very glad to know of the progress which those two industries have been making, and I am sorry the hon. gentleman did not add, what I am sure would have completed the picture, information that the companies are paying good dividends and that there are brilliant prospects in that regard.

Mr. McDOUGALD. I am not a stockbroker.

Musk, in pods or in grains.

Mr. BOWELL. This is used by perfumers; it is a raw material, and they manufacture perfume from it.

Mr. BLAKE. How much is used? This is for the perfumers, you say. It is a necessary of life, I suppose, and therefore free.

Mr. BOWELL. Whether it is a necessary of life or not, it is used. We do not produce it here.

White shellac, for manufacturing purposes.

Mr. BLAKE. Will the hon. gentleman give some statement with regard to this item.

Mr. BOWELL. It is used in the manufacture of varnish, and it has been on the free list since 1881.

Mr. BLAKE. How much is imported under the free provision?

Mr. BOWELL. These articles have been on the free list so long that I did not look into the question of importations. I promise that I will endeavor to obtain the quantities imported for all the articles on the free list, and give a list to the House on Concurrence, if the hon. gentleman desires it. I cannot answer the question at the moment.

Mr. BLAKE. I have no objection to a statement being brought down, showing the quantities and values of these articles. In some cases somewhat important questions may arise, which it is impossible to determine without this information.

Mr. BOWELL. I will make a note of it, and produce it if possible.

Jute cloth, when imported to be manufactured into bags only.

Mr. BOWELL. This was placed on the free list on 22nd December, 1881, and for the express purpose of encouraging the manufacture of this particular kind of bag in this country. I have the satisfaction of stating that they are manufactured now within a fraction as cheaply as they can be purchased in Glasgow. And, at a rate, that was given as a reason why we repealed the Order in Council, allowing bags to be imported free, for the purposes of export, when filled with grain or flour. The Department found, on enquiry, that these articles could be manufactured just about as cheaply in Canada as in Scotland, or the difference was so small that the millers themselves said there was no objection if the privilege they had enjoyed should be repealed. I am speaking of the largest millers—those who did the largest export trade.

Mr. BLAKE. Is this same article used for other manufactures?

Mr. BOWELL. No.

Mr. BLAKE. I observe that you allow jute cloth to be imported free for a particular purpose. Is their a considerable importation for other purposes?

Mr. BOWELL. The hon. gentleman will see that it comes in in as raw a state as it possibly can come, and that it has to be callendered, pressed and finished here, by machinery, before it is made into bags. I am not aware of its being imported in that state for any purpose.

Mr. BOWELL.

Salt cake, being sulphate of soda, when imported by manufacturers of glass and soap for their own use in their works.

Mr. BLAKE. Perhaps the hon. gentleman will give an explanation about this item.

Mr. BOWELL. The explanation I have already given about the last item applies to this. The salt cake is the residue of soda, which, as the hon. gentleman knows, is free, and the question arose whether the article imported, called salt cake, which is in fact a sulphate of soda, which is not dutiable, should be allowed free or not. Difficulties have arisen at different ports, some declaring it free and others imposing a duty; and as it was not intended, when the tariff was framed, that it should be dutiable, it was placed on the free list.

Mr. PLATT. Why should it not come in free when used for other purposes?

Mr. BOWELL. It says that.

Mr. BLAKE. No; it says "when imported by manufacturers of glass and soap," plainly indicating that when imported for other purposes it is dutiable, and the hon. gentleman says it was not the intention to make it dutiable at all, in that case.

Mr. BOWELL. This question was brought to the notice of the Government by these manufacturers, and it was represented that it was used by soap manufacturers and glass makers, and as soda, sal soda, silicate of soda, and other preparations of the same salt, were all free, it was deemed advisable to give the manufacturers the advantage of this article free, when imported for that special purpose; but what other purposes it is put to I am not able to tell the hon. gentleman.

Mr. BLAKE. My hon. friend from Prince Edward says it was used by other persons—as in making seidlitz powders.

Mr. BOWELL. I am sorry, as I would like to protect the doctors if possible, or rather protect the patients against the doctors.

Mr. BLAKE. It is the apothecaries who suffer.

Mr. BOWELL. Both, perhaps.

Foot grease, the refuse of the cotton seed after the oil is pressed out.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. For whose benefit is this imported free?

Mr. BOWELL. This is another article used by the soap makers. Foot grease is the residue of the mills where cotton seed is pressed and the oil taken from it. It is also obtained from flax seed and is, in that case, called by the same name. There are two or three articles of this kind placed on the free list which are used by soap makers.

Tagging metal, plain, japanned, or coated, in coils not over 1½ inches in width, when imported by manufacturers of shoe and corset laces for use in their factories.

Mr. BLAKE. Is this article imported for any other purpose?

Mr. BOWELL. No, for no other purpose; and not being made in the country it was in order to encourage these industries.

Mr. BLAKE. Is it used in the country for any other purpose than this particular purpose?

Mr. BOWELL. I presume it must be, although I am not prepared to say what it is.

Mr. BLAKE. I presume so, too, and following out that presumption, I was desirous of knowing why persons using it in their manufactures should not have the same benefit as those using it in the manufacture of shoe and corset laces.