

Mr. DUNNING: That is true.

Mr. HEAPS: Consequently, while they may come in at the same time of the year they are not necessarily in competition with each other, because they are completely different in character and quality.

Mr. REID: I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue in connection with this item. Do Japanese oranges come in under the name of tangerines while other oranges come in at the same time under the designation of oranges? I understand that Japanese oranges evade the duty because they are called tangerines.

Mr. ILSLEY: They come in almost entirely as mandarins and tangerines.

Mr. REID: Is that a ruling of the department, that they are designated as tangerines?

Mr. ILSLEY: No; it is entirely a question of fact.

Mr. BENNETT: Was not a special arrangement made in connection with importations last season? I think they come in about December, and I understand they come in free under the Japanese treaty.

Mr. MacINNIS: My information is that a small orange coming from California is called the tangerine and that Japanese oranges come in as such.

Mr. DUNNING: There is only one tariff item, in any case.

Mr. STEWART: I think I should make a statement to the committee about oranges. In speaking on the resolution I used a figure which I took from what I believed was a reliable source, a financial paper which I think is quite friendly to the government or has been so in the past. I stated that the value of our imports of oranges, as taken from that periodical, was something in the neighbourhood of \$21,000,000 a year. In his reply the Prime Minister very properly pointed out that these figures were greatly exaggerated. Ever since that time I have been busy counting the oranges, the lemons and the grapefruit in an attempt to find out just where I made the mistake. I think perhaps if I have a little time I shall be able to build up a figure not very different from the one I quoted, but it may not be composed entirely of oranges. I should have included oranges, lemons, grapefruit and all the other fruits necessary to make up the total of \$21,000,000.

Mr. DUNNING: We will allow you a few vegetables if you need them.

[Mr. Heaps.]

Mr. SPENCE: I should like to make just one comment. The minister will find that importations for the four months of this year will not exceed those for the four months of last year although the duty on oranges has been cut down. Cutting down the duty simply stopped the sale of oranges, and in the last three months we have not done the business in oranges that we did last year.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—101a. Lemons, free.

Mr. BENNETT: How does that affect empire shipments of lemons? I think last year we did get some from the antipodes.

Mr. DUNNING: The shipments were very small. We imported 200,000 boxes from the United States, valued at \$680,000; from Italy we imported 172,000 boxes, valued at \$418,000 and 3,100 boxes from the United Kingdom, valued at \$11,000. Of course they obviously were not produced there; they may have come from almost any country.

Mr. BENNETT: Transshipped?

Mr. DUNNING: Transshipped.

Mr. BENNETT: This is only to bind the item, I take it.

Mr. DUNNING: Just to bind the item. This is important in reply to my hon. friend: 2,800 boxes from Australia.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—ex 105b. Olives, ripe, in brine, not bottled, 10 per cent.

Mr. BENNETT: Any change in that?

Mr. DUNNING: Reduction in rates.

Mr. HEAPS: I see this item has been put on the same basis as those coming from empire countries.

Mr. DUNNING: They are not separately recorded in the import statistics, but would form part of the item classified as olives, in brine, not bottled, of which 244,000 gallons came from Spain, valued at \$173,000; from Greece, 29,700 gallons, valued at \$15,500; and from the United States, 22,800 gallons, valued at \$25,800.

Mr. BENNETT: Spain will also get the new rate, I take it?

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.

Mr. STEWART: That makes the British preferential rate and the rate under this agreement the same.

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.