Customs tariff—242. Dry red lead and orange mineral; zinc oxides, such as zinc white and lithopone: British preferential tariff, free; intermediate tariff, 15 per cent; general tariff, 15 per cent.

Mr. RHODES: The imports last year under this item were valued at $1,250,000. Of that amount $257,000 worth came from the United Kingdom; $681,000 worth from the United States, $168,000 worth from the Netherlands and $60,000 from Germany.

Mr. DONNELLY: Is any of this produced in Canada at all? Has it all to be imported?

Mr. RHODES: This is part of the sum total which I gave under the previous item. The total production in Canada last year of red lead and litharge was $623,000. There is no division in the items showing which amount should be credited to each.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—245. Ochres, ochrey earths, siennas and umbers: British preferential tariff, 5 per cent; intermediate tariff, 15 per cent; general tariff, 15 per cent.

Mr. RHODES: The imports last year were valued at $58,000, of which amount $6,000 worth came from the United Kingdom, $40,000 from the United States and $7,000 from France.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—249. Varnishes, lacquers, japans, japan driers, liquid driers, and oil finish, n.o.p., per gallon: British preferential tariff, 20 cents and 15 per cent; intermediate tariff, 20 cents and 25 per cent; general tariff, 20 cents and 30 per cent.

Mr. SANDERSON: I should like to have the figures to show the imports.

Mr. RHODES: Last year the imports were valued at $128,000. Of that amount $22,000 worth came from the United Kingdom, and $103,000 from the United States.

Mr. DONNELLY: Did we export any of this at all?

Mr. RHODES: Last year the exports of varnishes were valued at $19,000.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—253. Putty of all kinds: British preferential tariff, 17½ per cent; intermediate tariff, 27½ per cent; general tariff, 27½ per cent.

Mr. RHODES: The imports last year amounted to $19,000, of which $14,000 came from Belgium and $4,000 from the United States.

Mr. YOUNG: In this item I notice the British preferential rate is 17½ per cent, while the intermediate and general rates are 27½ per cent. The importations and rates of duty from the United States and Holland will not be affected by an exchange dumping duty, but importations from the United Kingdom will. The applied rate from the United Kingdom, forgetting about the excise, will be about 36 per cent, as against 27½ per cent from other countries. I ask the minister if he believes Great Britain can compete on that basis?

Mr. RHODES: I hope my hon. friend will not think me in the slightest degree discourteous if I refuse to follow in connection with each item, the argument he produced several times yesterday concerning rates of duty. The best answer I can give is that Great Britain is satisfied with the item as it is, and feels that with this preference she can operate.

Mr. YOUNG: I do not blame the minister for not wanting to follow me in my argument, because that argument applies to practically every item. Practically every item in the British preferential column should have 18½ per cent added to it before it should be compared with the rates from other countries. When that is done it will be revealed that in many cases the new preferential rate is higher than the rate to the outside world. That makes a farce of the whole trade agreement. I do not blame the minister for not wanting to follow me in my argument, but I believe it is the duty of hon. members on this side of the house to place on record in every case what the applied rate will be, so that the world will know the exact meaning of the agreement.

Mr. RHODES: I am perfectly content that my hon. friend should place his interpretation on the application of the duty, and have it on record in Hansard.

Mr. DONNELLY: If I bought $100 worth of this article bringing it from the British Isles, what is the actual duty I would have to pay?

Mr. RHODES: The duty would be 17½ per cent, less 10 per cent for direct shipment. The same precisely as last year and the year before under this act.

Mr. DONNELLY: Plus dumping duty and excise tax. I want to know what duty I would have to pay.