The Budget-Mr. Stewart (Edmonton)

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Yes there are.

Mr. CHAPLIN: They are not the size of logging chains.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I have not the number of the item before me, but I make the statement that the chains in question can be used for agricultural purposes.

Mr. CHAPLIN: They could not be used for logging chains; they are not logging chains, because they are too small to be used for that purpose.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Indeed, in spite of increases in duty on these more primary forms there are scores of reductions on the finished products in iron and steel. Reductions in rates under iron and steel are numerous and important. Some of these which will affect the consumer directly or indirectly are: Decrease on structural steel in weights not made in Canada but in which Great Britain can compete; free listing of steel plates in sizes and weights in which Great Britain can compete; reduction under all tariffs on galvanized corrugated sheets used for granaries, culverts, siding, and so on. I suppose my hon. friends will say the farmers do not get any advantage from these reductions. Then there has been an extension of the British preference on wire, springs and saw steels. Will my hon. friends say the farmers get no benefit there?

Mr. CHAPLIN: I absolutely deny that they will get any benefit.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): My hon. friend will have a chance to explain his attitude when the proper time comes. I am making the statement now, and my hon. friend can refute it when he makes his speech. That extension of the British preference on wire, springs and saw steels will mean much to the people of this country. There are reductions under all tariffs on tractors and parts which were formerly dutiable. Surely that will mean something to the farmers of this country. My hon. friends do not like this story, and I do not blame them very much. There has been also a free listing under the British preference of all agricultural machinery, including milking machines, pasteurizers, dairy equipment and so on. I am taking the list the leader of the opposition read the other day in some detail, and in connection with which he stated that under some items there were some importations, while under others nothing was imported. I have left out those items under which he said there had been no importations, and this list includes, in addition to what I have mentioned, spraying and other horticultural equipment, potato diggers and planters, incubators and brooders, scythes, sickles, rakes and forks, separators and electric power generators. Material reductions have been made under all tariffs on machinery and equipment for use in printing, and the entire list is made free under the British preferential tariff. Surely that will mean something to the newspaper men of this country and it should mean something to the newspaper readers of Canada also; with our cheaper newsprint and with cheaper machinery for manufacturing newspapers perhaps they will not cost so much in the future.

Then we have reductions under all tariffs on a very wide range of construction machinery such as is used by municipalities and individuals for draining, ditching, road building, excavating and so on. Under the British preference such machinery, formely dutiable, is now free, and this list includes: Concrete and asphalt road machines, cranes; shovels; back fillers; steam and air driven pile hammers and turntables. As I said before, Mr. Speaker, I have taken these articles from the list furnished by my hon. friend the leader of the opposition the other day, and I am giving them as proof that this budget does mean something and indeed means a great deal to all classes of people in this country who in future will be consumers of the articles mentioned in these schedules.

Reductions have been made under all tariffs on machinery for carbonizing lignite coal. This will be very important to the western provinces. and to the eastern provinces as well; in the future this should have a great effect on the development of this industry in Canada. Reductions have been made under all tariffs on machinery for making clay products, which industry now is being developed in western Canada. This will be of great importance to the brick and tile industry; no one will deny that. In addition, reductions under all tariffs and free listing under the British preference have been effected on all unspecified machinery, the importations of which amount to millions of dollars. Some of the machinery affected includes air compressing machinery, cranes and derricks, icing and refrigerating machinery, metal working machinery, pulp and paper mill machinery, power pumps and parts, steam and other shovels, steam boilers, internal combustion engines, steam engines, switches and switch boards, spark plugs and magnetos, rheostats, controllers and motors, fuses and fuse plugs and so on. We have also free listing from Great Britain and reductions under all tariffs on electrical apparatus of a class not made in Canada, including electric light fixtures, electric light bulbs, lamp shades.

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