

doubtedly be affected by this change; that is to say, they might have to pay more for the materials which they use in making the bridges.

Mr. MURPHY: That was what I had in mind when I asked the question.

Mr. WHITE: No representations have been made, but it is quite probable that they will be made. If so, we shall have ample time to take them up and consider them.

Mr. McCREA: If there is any doubt in the minds of any hon. members as to who pays for this encouragement of the steel industry, I will give a little personal experience. The company with which I am connected is engaged in the construction of a paper-mill, and we have asked for prices on a large quantity of steel. Some of the orders were placed before the new tariff came in, and some were not. As regards the latter, the firms simply withdrew their prices and raised them the amount of the duty.

Mr. OLIVER: Is the surtax in provision (b) new or is it a continuation of what prevailed before, with the same variation as my hon. friend has in subsection 1?

Mr. WHITE: Subsection (b) is entirely new.

Resolution agreed to.

3. Resolved, that schedule A to the Customs Tariff, 1907, as amended by chapter 15 of the Acts of 1913, and by Orders in Council be further amended by striking thereout tariff items:—113, 184, 208, 210a, 296, 306, 315, 361, 375, 398, 404, 410, 411, 445, 446a, 460, 471, 486, 542, 543, 545, 546, 575, 577, sections (a) and (d) of the Orders in Council dated 11th August, 1908, designated as items 717 and 720 of the Customs tariff, the several enumerations of goods respectively, and the several rates of duties of Customs, if any, set opposite each of said items, and to provide that the following items, enumerations and rates of duties be inserted in said schedule A.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: I desire to ask a question at this stage. The hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald), who was obliged to leave the House a short time ago, desires to offer some remarks to the committee at a later stage. The hon. member for Northumberland, N.B. (Mr. Loggie), also desires to offer an amendment a little later on, and I think the hon. member for Westmorland (Mr. Emmerson) wishes to do so also. Might we have this understanding that an amendment might be moved to-morrow? We can take up as

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many items of this schedule as we can to-night.

Mr. WHITE: I would like to facilitate my hon. friend. I am not sure that it is possible in committee to move amendments. We might ask the chairman to consider the matter. With regard to any item under consideration, an amendment may be moved to reduce the tariff.

Mr. MACLEAN: It could be arranged that the House go into Committee of Ways and Means to-morrow or on some other day in order that these gentlemen might have an opportunity to move their amendment.

Mr. WHITE: Subject to its being an order, I am entirely agreeable.

Mr. EMMERSON: It seems to me the proceeding is to move amendments on the second reading of a Bill, or in committee or on the third reading. This resolution has been approved by His Royal Highness, to whom it was submitted, so that I do not think we can amend it.

Mr. WHITE: We will see as to that.

Mr. CARVELL: When the Tariff Bill of 1907 was being put through the 11 p.m. House, we amended the resolutions only in so far as we reduced taxation, but we did not increase it. That is where the distinction was drawn.

Mr. GRAHAM: The procedure is the same as in Committee of Supply. We can move to reduce but we can not move to increase or to divert the money from the object for which it was intended.

Mr. WHITE: There is probably no difference of view respecting this matter. With regard to any of the resolutions under consideration, my view is that a motion may be brought forward to reduce the duty, but not to increase it; but I have some doubt as to whether a motion may be moved by a member with respect to some article or item that is not before the committee for consideration.

Mr. CARVELL: The third resolution is a resolution that schedule A be amended by doing certain things with it. I think it is quite in order to extend that amendment by affecting some other items

Mr. WHITE: That is probably so. We will see.

Mr. OLIVER: What are these items that are struck out in a general way?