

Amendment agreed to, and section as amended agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS— BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.

The House again in Committee of Ways and Means—Sir Henry Drayton (Minister of Finance) —Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

CUSTOMS.

Resolved that it is expedient to amend Schedule A to the Customs Tariff, 1907, and to strike thereout tariff items 172 and 483, the several enumerations of goods respectively, and the several rates of duties of Customs, if any, set opposite each of the said items, and to provide that the following items, enumerations and rates of duties be inserted in said Schedule A.:

Tariff Items		British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
172	Books, viz.:—Books on the application of science to industries of all kinds, including books on agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fish and fishing, mining, metallurgy, architecture, electric and other engineering, carpentry, shipbuilding, mechanism, dyeing, bleaching, tanning, weaving and other mechanic arts, and similar industrial books; bibles, prayer-books, psalm and hymn-books, religious tracts, and Sunday school lesson pictures.	Free.	Free.	Free.
483	Stereotypes, electrotypes and celluloids of books, and bases and matrices and copper shells for the same, whether composed wholly or in part of metal or celluloid.	Free.	Free.	Free.
698a	Typewriters and writing appliances specially adapted for use only by the blind, under regulations prescribed by the Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue.	Free.	Free.	Free.

2. Resolved that it is expedient to amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1915 and Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1919, and to strike thereout section 3 of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1915 and sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 1919.

3. Resolved that it is expedient to provide that the provisions of the foregoing resolutions shall be deemed to have come into operation on the nineteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and to apply and to have applied to all goods mentioned in the foregoing resolutions imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption on and after that day, and to have also applied to such goods previously imported for which no entry for consumption was made before that day.

Mr. FIELDING: What is the effect of clause 2?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The effect of that is to repeal entirely the 7½ per cent war tax.

Mr. JACOBS: Were the articles mentioned in items 172, 483 and 698a not on the free list before?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No. The old section putting articles on the free list gave a preference to books and printed material in languages other than English and French. We are doing away with that preference and putting all the languages on the same footing.

[Mr. Tolmie.]

Mr. JACOBS: It puts them all on the free list.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: It puts them all on the same footing. Everything you have on that list is absolutely free. The old section read:

also including books printed in any language other than the English and French languages or in any two languages not being English or French or in any three or more languages.

The effect of this change is to limit the list of absolutely free articles in such a way as to place all publications in any language other than French or English on same basis as those printed in English or French.

Mr. FIELDING: You want to admit the German language.

Mr. JACOBS: The war must be over.

Mr. BUREAU: If I may digress for a moment; before the Minister of Finance came into the House I asked a question of the Prime Minister the reply to which I had been requested to send by telegraph or otherwise to a correspondent. My question was whether electricity and gas would be regarded as manufactured products. There are men engaged in the business of supplying electric light and electricity for domestic purposes, and this being the end of the