

THE TARIFF.

In the Dominion House of Commons, on March 27th ult., on motion of Sir John A. Macdonald the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means, and Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Customs, offered the following tariff resolutions which were adopted:—

1. Resolved that it is expedient to amend the Act, 49 Victoria, chapter 33, Revised Statutes, intituled "An Act respecting the duties of customs," as follows:

(1) By repealing section 1 of said Act, and substituting the following in lieu thereof: In this Act or in any other Act relating to the customs, unless the context otherwise requires.

(a) The expression or contraction "ad valorem" represents, and has the meaning of the words "ad valorem."

(b) The initials N.E.S. represent and have the meaning of the words "not elsewhere specified."

(c) The initials N.O.P. represent, and have the meaning of the words "not otherwise provided for."

(d) The initials F.O.B. represent, and have the meaning of the words "free on board."

(e) The expression "gallon" means an imperial gallon.

(f) The expression "ton" means two thousand pounds avoirdupois.

(g) The expression "proof" or "proof spirits," when applied to wines or spirits of any kind, means spirits of the strength of proof as ascertained by Sykes' hydrometer.

(h) The expression "gauge," when applied to metal sheets or plates or to wire, means the thickness as determined by Stubbs' standard gauge.

(i) The expression "in diameter," when applied to tubing, means the actual inside diameter measurement.

(j) The expression "sheet" or "sheets," when applied to metals, means sheets or plates of not exceeding three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness.

(k) The expression "plate" or "plates" when applied to metals, means plates or sheets of more than three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness.

(2) By enacting that the interpretation clauses comprised in section two of the Customs Act, 49 Victoria, chapter 32, (Revised Statutes) as amended shall, unless the context otherwise requires, apply to and form part of this Act, and that any power conferred upon the Governor-in-Council by the said Customs Act to transfer dutiable goods to the list of goods which may be imported free of duty, shall not be by this Act abrogated or impaired.

(3) By repealing sub section one of section five of said Act, and substituting the following in lieu thereof: The importation of any goods enumerated in schedule "D" is hereby prohibited, and any such goods if imported shall thereby become forfeited to the Crown, and shall be forthwith destroyed, and any person importing any such goods shall in each case incur a penalty of \$200.

(4) By enacting that all medicinal or toilet preparations imported for completing the manufacture thereof, or for the manufacture of any other article by the addition of any ingredient, or by mixing such preparations, or by putting up or labelling the same, alone or with other articles or compounds, under any proprietary or trade name, shall be, irrespective of cost, valued for duty and duly paid thereon at the ordinary value in the country from whence imported of the completed preparation, when put up and labelled under such proprietary or trade name, less the actual cost of labor and material used or expended in Canada in completing the manufacture thereof or putting up or of labelling the same.

(5) By enacting that regulations respecting the manner in which molasses and syrups shall be sampled and tested for the purpose of determining the classes to which they shall belong, with reference to the duty chargeable thereon, shall be made by the Minister of Customs, and the instruments and appliances necessary for such determination shall be designated by him and supplied to such officers as shall be by him charged with the duty of sampling and testing such molasses and syrups, and the decision of any officer (to whom is so assigned the testing of such articles) as to the duties to which they are subject under the tariff shall be final and conclusive, unless upon appeal to the Commissioner of Customs within thirty days from the rendering of such decision, such decision is with the approval of the Minister changed, and the decision of the commissioner with such approval shall be final.

(6) By enacting that any goods or packages being the growth, produce or manufacture of Canada, and having been exported therefrom and intended to be returned may be admitted free of duty on being re-imported to Canada, provided such goods or packages were

entered for exportation and branded or marked by a collector or proper officer of customs and fully identified by the collector or proper officer at the port or place where they are so re-imported, and further, provided that the property in such goods or packages has continued in the same person or persons by whom they were exported, and that such re-importation takes place within one year of the exportation thereof.

7. By enacting that any person who sends or brings into Canada, or who being in Canada has in his possession any bill heading or other paper appearing to be a heading or blank capable of being filled up and used as an invoice and bearing any certificate purporting to show, or which may be used to show, that the invoice which may be made from such bill heading or blank is correct or authentic, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a penalty of \$500 or to imprisonment to a term not exceeding twelve months, or both, in the discretion of the court, and the goods which may be entered under any invoice made from any such bill heading or blank shall be forfeited.

8. By striking out from schedule "A" to said Act the following headings, viz: The words "agricultural implements, viz.," which immediately precede item 7 in said schedule. The words "books, etc.," which immediately precede item 33 in said schedule. The words "breadstuffs, viz.," which immediately precede item 52 in said schedule. The word "carriages," which immediately precedes item 83 in said schedule. The words "cotton manufacturers of, viz.," which immediately precede item 121 in said schedule. The words "fruits (dried)," which immediately precede item 162 in said schedule. The words "fruit (green)," which immediately precede item 165 in the said schedule. The word "furs," which immediately precedes item 174 in said schedule. The words "glass and manufactures," which immediately precede item 181 in said schedule. The words "gunpowder and other explosives," which immediately precede item 193 in said schedule. The words "iron and manufactures of, viz.," which precede item 213 in said schedule. The words "piano fortes, viz.," which immediately precede item 344 in said schedule. The words "steel and manufactures of, viz.," which immediately precede item 403 in said schedule. The words "stone, viz.," which immediately precede item 414 in said schedule. The words "sugars, syrups and molasses," which immediately precede item 419 in said schedule. The word "tobacco," which immediately precedes item 438 in said schedule. The words "trees, fruit trees," which immediately precede item 441 in said schedule. The words "vegetables, viz.," which immediately precede item 455 in said schedule. The words "wools and woollens, viz.," which immediately precede item 473 in said schedule.

2. Resolved that it is expedient to repeal certain items in schedules A, B and C to the Act, respecting the duties of customs, viz.,

Schedule "A" items numbered 2, 5, 6, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 40, 45, 47, 49, 58, 67, 81, 87, 98, 99, 100, 109, 110, 115, 117, 118, 119, 123, 134, 149, 153, 157, 166, 177, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 193, 205, 206, 208, 209, 258, 262, 264, 265, 268, 269, 271, 274, 277, 283, 286, 288, 294, 295, 297, 298, 301, 305, 311, 312, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 335, 336, 340, 341, 342, 358, 361, 363, 370, 372, 376, 379, 385, 387, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 402, 408, 412, 413, 415, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 432, 435, 437, 438, 448, 451, 452, 457, 459, 460, 461, 463, 467, 468, 473, 476, 481, 482.

Schedule "B" items numbered 489, 490.

Schedule "C" items numbered 506, 507, 508, 509, 512, 513, 515, 518, 522, 523, 524, 526, 527, 529, 538, 539, 542, 544, 545, 550, 553, 554, 555, 564, 566, 568, 570, 571, 576, 577, 580, 581, 586, 587, 591, 594, 597, 601, 603, 604, 605, 608, 612, 613, 616, 620, 624, 628, 630, 632, 637, 643, 658, 665, 674, 677, 681, 682, 684, 686, 688, 697, 698, 699, 700, 703, 709, 710, 711, 712, 714, 725, 726, 728, 734, 737, 738, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 751, 756, 760, 762, 763, 764, 765, 769, 774, 778, 782, 793, 796, 801, 803, 804, 809, 810, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof by adding to such respective schedules as follows:

SCHEDULE "A."

1. Acid, acetic and pyroligneous, N.E.S., and vinegar, a specific duty of 15 cents for each gallon of any strength not exceeding a strength of proof, and for each degree of strength in excess of the strength of proof an additional duty of one cent.

2. Acid, acetic and pyroligneous of any strength, when imported by dyers, calico printers, manufacturers of acetates or colors, for exclusive use in dyeing, or printing, or for the manufacture of such acetates or colors in their own factories, a duty of 25 cents per gallon and 20 per cent. ad valorem.

3. Acid phosphate, 3 cents per pound.

4. Precious stones, polished but not set or otherwise manufactured, and imitations thereof, 10 per cent. ad valorem.