

and Ireland, or of any British colony or possession entitled to the benefits of this preferential tariff under section seventeen, the duties mentioned in Schedule "A" shall be reduced as follows:—The reduction shall be one-fourth of the duty mentioned in Schedule "A," and the duty to be levied, collected and paid shall be three-fourths of the duty mentioned in Schedule "A."

Provided, however, that this reduction shall not apply to any of the following articles, and that such articles shall in all cases be subject to the duties mentioned in Schedule "A," viz.: wines, malt liquors, spirits spirituous liquors, liquid medicines and articles containing alcohol; tobaccos, cigars and cigarettes.

Provided further that the reduction shall apply only to refined sugar when evidence satisfactory to the Minister of Customs is furnished that such refined sugar has been manufactured wholly from raw sugar produced in the British colonies or possessions.

5. That it is expedient to repeal items 435 and 436 of schedule "A" to "The Customs Tariff, 1897," and to substitute the following therefor:—

435. All sugar above number sixteen Dutch standard in colour, and all refined sugars of whatever kinds, grades or standards, testing not more than eighty-eight degrees by the polariscope, one dollar and eight cents per one hundred pounds, and for each additional degree one and one-half cents per one hundred pounds. Fractions of five-tenths of a degree less not to be subject to duty, and fractions of more than five-tenths to be dutiable as a degree.

436. Sugar, n.e.s., not above number sixteen Dutch standard in colour, sugar drainings or pumpings drained in transit, melado or concentrated melado, tank bottoms and sugar concrete, testing not more than seventy-five degrees by the polariscope, forty cents per one hundred pounds, and for each additional degree one and one-half cents per one hundred pounds. Fractions of five-tenths of a degree or less not to be subject to duty, and fractions of more than five-tenths to be dutiable as a degree. The usual packages in which imported to be free.

6. That it is expedient to provide that items 445 and 446 of Schedule "A" to "The Customs Tariff Act, 1897," shall be repealed on and after the first day of July in the present year, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

7. That it is expedient to provide that on and after the first day of July, in the present year, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the following items shall be added to Schedule "B" to "The Customs Tariff, 1897":—

636. Tobacco, unmanufactured, for excise purposes, under conditions of the Inland Revenue Act.

8. That it is expedient to provide that on and after the first day of July, in the present year, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, in addition to the excise duties at present levied on manufactured tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, there shall be levied and collected the following excise duties, that is to say:—

(a.) On all foreign raw leaf tobacco, unstemmed, taken out of warehouse for manufacture, in any cigar or tobacco manufactory, ten cents per pound.

(b.) On all foreign raw leaf tobacco, stemmed, taken out of warehouse for manufacture, in any

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cigar or tobacco manufactory, fourteen cents per pound.

Provided that the weight upon which such duty shall be computed shall be with reference to the standard mentioned in paragraph (c) of section 247 of the Inland Revenue Act.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. I have been asked by the hon. member for York (Mr. Foster), who is suffering from rather severe indisposition, to move the adjournment of the debate. I have already mentioned the subject to the hon. gentleman who is leading the Government, and he has been kind enough to agree to this course being taken, as for obvious reasons it would be inconvenient to break the order of debate which usually takes place when the ex-Finance Minister discusses the features of the Budget as exposed by the Minister of Finance. In his behalf, I beg to move the adjournment of the debate.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). There is no objection to this motion. We regret the cause very much, we regret the indisposition of the hon. member, but as arranged with my hon. friend, there will be no objection to adjourning the debate.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I suppose if my hon. friends opposite have received as much information as they can very well digest, even though it may have been somewhat sweetened by the concluding paragraphs of my hon. friend's speech, and under those circumstances I would best consult their wishes and the views of my friends behind me by moving that the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, 6th April, 1898.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Mr. SUTHERLAND moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 113) to incorporate a Subsidiary Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. SPEAKER. I understand that the 49th Rule was suspended in this case by a previous motion.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.