

THE DUTY ON MINING MACHINERY.

THE SECRETARY read the statement of the various classes and kinds of mining machinery manufactured in Canada which had been prepared by sub-committee at a meeting held in Sherbrooke on 12th May. It had been forwarded to the Mining Society of Nova Scotia who had added to it, and had returned it duly confirmed. The sub-committee recommended that the Association ask the Government to have the language of the Act changed to read: "That all machinery and appliances for mining, quarrying, smelting, concentrating, refining and treating ores or minerals of a class or kind not manufactured in Canada, be admitted free of duty." They would remember that the Act as at present worded restricted the free entry to machinery for mining purposes only. The committee was also of opinion that steel rails exceeding 25 lbs. in weight for use in mines and quarries should be admitted free of duty. At the meeting of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia, Mr. J. F. Stairs, M.P., had stated that all rails over 25 lbs. were admitted free of duty.

MR. MITCHELL—That is rails for railway purposes only; not tramways.

MR. BELL—I understood the Act read for railways and tramways.

MR. WOODWARD moved that the report of the sub-committee which met in Sherbrooke on 12th May be adopted, and that a copy of the resolution containing the clause relating to steel rails, be forwarded to the Minister of Customs.

MR. BLUE—I second Mr. Woodward's motion. The motion was carried.