

## United States Tariff Program

The program of the Democratic government now in control of the United States House of Representatives, indicates that there will be sweeping revision of the customs tariff. Besides the reciprocity agreement, the passage of which through the House is assured at an early date, it is planned to put a large number of manufactured articles on the free list. The bill which will adopt the reciprocity part, as far as the U. S. is concerned, is along the same lines as the McCall bill passed last session, except that the new bill authorizes the president to continue negotiations with the Dominion in an effort to further increase the products, natural and manufactured, covered by the agreement.

The proposed additions to the free list are as follows: Flows, hammers, harvesters, rippers, agricultural drills and planters, mowers, horse rakes, cultivators, threshing machines, cotton gins, farm wagons, farm carts and all other agricultural implements, including repair parts.

### Boots and Shoes Free

Bagging for cotton, gunny cloth and fabrics suitable for baling cotton; burlaps and bags for sacking agricultural products; hoop or band, iron or steel for baling cotton; wire for baling hay, straw and other agricultural products; grain, leather, buff, split, rough or sole leather, bend or belting leather, boots and shoes, harness, saddles and saddlery and leather for manufactured articles, barbed wire fence, wire rods, wire strands or wire ropes, wire woven or manufactured for wire fencing.

Beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork and meats of all kinds, fresh, salted, pickled, dried, smoked, dressed or undressed, prepared or preserved in any manner; bacon, hams, shoulders, lard, lard compound and lard substitutes; sausage, buckwheat flour, corn meal, wheat and rye, flour, bran, middlings and other offals of grain, oatmeal and rolled oats, and all prepared cereal foods; biscuits, bread, wafers and similar articles not sweetened; timber, hewn, sided or squared, round timber, used for spars or in building wharves, shingles, laths, fencing posts, sawed boards, planks, deals and other lumber, rough or dressed, except ebony, mahogany, rosewood and all other cabinet woods. Sewing machines and salt.

### RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

A Washington dispatch of April 14 says, regarding the reciprocity bill: The Canadian reciprocity bill was formally laid before the House just before adjournment today, and after a general debate which will probably continue for three days, it will be passed. That this action will be taken is no longer a matter for speculation. The Democratic House in its conduct of the resolution providing for the direct election of senators which passed yesterday, and the bill providing for the publication of campaign contributions which passed today, has indicated beyond all doubts its ability to put through its legislative program.

Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, called up the Canadian bill at 5 o'clock. While no time was fixed for general debate a motion was adopted dividing whatever time was consumed by Mr. Underwood, who reported the bill, and Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, the Republican member of the ways and means committee, who will lead the opposition to the measure.

Mr. Underwood announced on the floor that he would yield five hours of his own time to Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, author of the reciprocity measure which passed the House last session. He also declared informally that the discussion of the measure should be concluded within three days.

Mr. Underwood will apportion the time he controls among Democratic friends of the Canadian agreement and Mr. McCall will apportion his five hours among the Republican friends of the measure.

Mr. Dalzell's portion will be used by opponents of the reciprocity agreement in both parties.

### Recommended by Committee

In the report of the ways and means committee recommending the passage of the bill, Chairman Underwood said: "There has been no delay or suggestion of delay on the part of the president in connection with this legislation pending

the collection of statistical data by the tariff board. On the contrary, the president has urged immediate and favorable action by the congress, naming reasons full in accord with long established Democratic principles.

"This reciprocity agreement is in the interest of the great majority of the people of the country and is in accord with the well established Democratic principle of guarding the welfare of the masses. The committee recommends the passage of the bill."

Uncertainty exists as to what course will be pursued in the Senate with reference to the Canadian reciprocity bill when it reaches the Senate, possibly next week.

### Will Seek Amendment

Senator Penrose, who will become the new chairman of the committee on finance, is friendly to the bill and will urge favorable action. The friends of the bill will also make a decided gain in the absence of Senator Hale from the committee.

The bill incorporating the Grain Growers' Grain Co. passed second reading in the House of Commons on Monday, April 10, without discussion.

He not only opposed the measure in committee, but obstructed it in the Senate. Senator Bailey, who moves up to the place of the senior minority member of the committee, is opposed to the bill, and will make an effort to have it amended. Senator Cummins, who probably will have one of the places to be assigned to the insurgents on the committee, also will seek to have the measure amended, but he will approach the subject from a friendly point of view. With the bill once before the Senate a fairly long contest is anticipated. It is generally believed that in the end it will pass, but it will not be without opposition.

### Ready for Senate Soon

The free list bill to be called up after the passage of the reciprocity bill also is a caucus measure and cannot be amended by the party in charge of it. Under the new rule adopted by the sixty-second congress, no general tariff amendments can be offered by the minority because each amendment must be germane to some particular item in the bill. Considerable debate is expected on this bill, but the Democratic leaders expect that both caucus measures will be ready for the Senate within two weeks.

The articles designated by this bill for the free list would make a difference as compared with the present duties and revenue, of less than a million and a half dollars.

A Washington dispatch of April 16 says: So far in the extra session of congress it has been plain sailing for the well-organized Democratic majority in the House, but in the view of a strong and healthy minority, there are breakers ahead.

The Democratic leaders refer with pride to the achievement of passing the bill for the popular election of United States senators and the campaign publicity bill in two legislative days, and to bring before the House the Canadian reciprocity agreement with assurances of its ratification by an overwhelming majority by the middle of this week. To all features of the legislative program, however, there has been little opposition.

But in what is to follow—the free list bill approved by the Democratic caucus and favorably reported by the new committee on ways and means—the rapid pace of the smoothly-running Democratic machine is expected to receive a sudden check.

The reciprocity discussion begun Saturday, furnishes an opportunity for the minority leaders to flash a signal of their intentions and to make it clear that the bill placing on the free list manufactured articles in demand by the farmers of the country will be fought stubbornly. Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, intends to submit to the House the committee's report on the free list bill on the concluding day of the reciprocity debate, so that it may be over and be called up the following day.

### Will Assail Bill

The tariff debate, it is expected, will begin at once, and it is the hope of the

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Democrats that the bill can be put upon its passage within two weeks. The determination of the minority leaders to assail it from every angle doubtless will result in keeping the measure before the House for a much longer time.

The minority members, in considering the proposed free list, voted solidly against maintaining that it was a hastily-framed measure, ill-advised and not sufficiently backed up with information relating to the revenues concerned. Furthermore, it was pointed out, that the tariff board had not been consulted.

That Mr. Mann, the minority leader, will conduct a stirring fusillade or argument against the bill is beyond all question, and Mr. Payne, who was chairman of the old ways and means committee, will be allied with him in directing the attack.

This will be but the beginning of tariff excitement, as the Democrats already are preparing revised wool and cotton schedules to be presented as soon as possible, and later on in the session the agricultural schedule will be tackled and then will come again the controversy over the high cost of living. With all this in prospect, not to mention the proposed Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill and injunction legislation reapportionment and appropriation bills, the present outlook is that the House will be kept busy until well into the summer.

### Debate Opens

Opening arguments for and against the Canadian reciprocity bill were made in the House yesterday in two striking speeches. Claud Kitchen, of North Carolina, one of the leading Democratic speakers, addressed the House for three hours in favor of the measure, arraigning the Republican argument for protection for the farmer and characterizing it "As humbug." Following him, Asher C. Hinds, of Maine, for 16 years parliamentary clerk of the House, made his first speech as a new member of that body and aligned himself in opposition to the treaty in an address devoted to the support of protection for the farmers of the nation. The reciprocity treaty, he said, threatened national prosperity, in threatening to take away from the farming communities the protection to their products necessary to their continued prosperity and development.

### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT ILL

London, April 14.—The Duke of Connaught, brother of the late King Edward, is suffering from a bronchial affection similar to that which terminated in the death of King Edward. Much anxiety is felt for the duke, as his serious illness at this time would interfere with the plans for the coronation. The Duke of Connaught has been appointed governor-general of Canada and is slated to take up

his residence in the Dominion in September.

### COAST MARKET CONDITIONS

Vancouver, B.C., April 15.—The several cars of wheat, oats and barley which arrived here some days ago have been stored. It is thought by the owners that the prices are inclined to get better later in the season, and that it would pay to hold for a while rather than dispose of the grain at once. The arrival of the grain here has not disturbed the market. Fifteen carloads of potatoes are being brought from Ontario to supply the market here. It is not likely that the stringency in this line will be lessened until the new crop comes in. Farmers are holding hay in the hope of getting a higher price. It is \$18 now, which is considered a little above the average, but even at that figure some are loath to sell. It has had the effect of considerable hay being brought in from the other side. The duty is \$4 a ton, but even with this handicap the American farmer has been able to ship in and still make money. If reciprocity goes into effect, this holding of a commodity will have to stop, for, with easy access to this market, hay may come from the other side of the line if it is not moving freely here.

### PAY OF CENSUS TAKERS

Ottawa, April 16.—The table of rates and allowances for census commissioners and enumerators has been made public, the rates varying according to the district in which the work is to be done. In census districts where one commissioner is appointed, a special allowance will be given to each commissioner in addition to one cent per name. In Alberta the rate will vary from \$250 in Calgary to \$600 in Victoria a constituency; in Manitoba from \$75 in Winnipeg to \$400 in Dauphin; in Saskatchewan from \$250 in Saskatoon to \$600 in Battleford; and in British Columbia from \$125 in Victoria city to \$900 in Yale-Cariboo. In Provencher, Man., two commissioners will be named, who will receive a special allowance of \$187 each.

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