

manufacture, sends the flower of the colony to other lands, and annually exports hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling to be expended for wages in foreign countries, while our own wage-earners are crying out in vain for employment.

The Conference, in analysing the tariff, have only dealt with those articles which they conceive are connected directly, or indirectly, with the industries of the colony. Their conclusions as to the lines which should be admitted free, or bear varying degrees of duty, are based upon the accumulated mass of opinion from those engaged in the various manufactures and industries of the colony, always having due regard to the personal considerations which are apt, more or less, to unduly affect the minds of those largely interested in special directions.

The Conference believe that, if the changes proposed by them in the Tariff and their suggestions and recommendations are given practical effect to, it will stimulate every existing industry, increase the home production, give a larger wage-earning power to the community, and be the means of establishing new industries likely to prove of great economic importance.

7. The following are the proposed changes in the tariff:—

Changes in the Customs Tariff recommended by the Delegates appointed from the various Industrial and Protection Associations of the Colony of New Zealand, in Conference assembled, at Wellington, 28th March, 1888.

Account books	25% ad val.	Bottles containing pickles	3d. $\frac{1}{2}$ doz.
Acid, acetic	3d. $\frac{1}{2}$ pint or lb.	Bottles, all other kinds	25% ad val.
Apparel and slops, except hosiery,—		Brassware, builders' and cabinetmakers' castings and furnishings	15% "
Whether wholly or partly made up from woollen piece-goods, being vestings, trouserings, coatings, and shirtings containing wool, broad-cloth, witeyns, naps, flannels, mantle-cloths, cloakings, and ulsterings	30% ad val.	Brass manufactures, not otherwise enumerated	25% "
Whether wholly or partly made up (except articles just mentioned), viz., aprons, breeches, coats, capes, cloaks, costumes, collars, cuffs, sleeve and sets, crinolines, camisoles, dresses, furs made up, frocks, fronts, infants' hoods and hats, infants' swathes and bibs, jackets, knickerbocker suits or portions of suits, leggings, mantles, muslin and net scarves, nightdresses, pants, pelisses, petticoats, pinafores, ruffles, robes, shirts of all kinds, skirts, stays, shawls, trousers, tunics, vests, wristbands; men's, women's, and children's underclothing; ties, scarves, neckerchiefs; and all articles used for like purposes	25% "	Brooms and handles	25% "
Apples, dried	2d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Brushware, manufactured wholly or in parts, excepting wire-brushes, artists' and painters' brushes	25% "
Axes and hatchets	15% ad val.	Buckets and tubs, wood or iron	25% "
Axles, axle-arms and -boxes other than patent, axle-blocks	25% "	Butter	2d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Bags made up of calico, hessian, linen, and foifar	25% "	Candles, all kinds	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. "
Baking-powder	25% "	Capers	20% ad val.
Baskets and wickerware	25% "	Caps, apparel	25% "
Bellows	25% "	Cardboard, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and under ..	25% "
Blacking	25% "	Carpets and druggets	25% "
Blankets	25% "	Carriages, carts, drays, and wagons (including second-hand), all carts and wagons without springs, spring-carts and spring - drays with two wheels	20% "
Blue	2d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Tilburies, dog-carts, gigs, Boston chaises, and other two-wheeled vehicles on springs or thoroughbraces	£10 each.
Boiled sugars	3d. "	Express wagons, wagons for carrying goods, single and double-seated wagons, and four-wheeled buggies without tops, mounted on springs or thoroughbraces	£15 each.
Bolts and nuts—		Hansom safety-cabs, single and double-seated wagons, wagonettes, and four-wheeled buggies with tops	£20 each.
$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. and over, except blank nuts and bolt-ends	25% ad val.	Omnibuses and coaches for carrying mails or passengers	£40 each.
Under $\frac{1}{2}$ -in., excepting blank nuts	20% "	Barouches, broughams, mail phaetons, drags, and other carriages not otherwise enumerated	£50 each.
Bonnets, except straw, chip, willow, tape, and braid, untrimmed	40% "	Railway-carriages and tram-cars	25% ad val.
Boots and shoes, present English size to be the standard, except children's No. 3, viz.—		Raw material for building railway-carriages and tram-cars, and patent fittings	Free.
Men's Nos. 6 and upwards	33/ $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. prs.	Manufactured parts of carriages not otherwise enumerated	25% ad val.
Youths' Nos. 2 to 5	21/ "	Carriage material, carriage- and cart-wheels, carriage springs, carriage and buggy cart shafts (bent), dressed spokes, felloes, and naves ..	25% "
Boys' Nos. 7 to 1	17/6 "	Elm hubs, rough spokes and felloes, shafts and poles, in the rough, if unbent and unplained	Free.
Women's Nos. 3 and upwards	19/6 "	Catsup	4/ $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. pints.
Girls' Nos. 11 to 12	16/ "	Cement	2/ $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel.
7 to 10	11/6 "	Chaff	30/ $\frac{1}{2}$ ton.
Children's Nos. 4 to 6, and slippers ..	6/ "	Cheese	2d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Women's lasting and stuff boots, without military heels	13/ "	Chocolate and cocoa	5d.
Goloshes of all kinds	4/ "	Churns	25% ad val.
Slippers, men's, women's, and children's, Nos. 7 and upwards	9/ "	Clocks—Chimes, steeple, turret, and any finished parts thereof	15% "
Gum boots to be exempt.		Clogs and pattens	25% ad val.
Boot and shoe vamps and uppers	25% ad val.	Coffee, roast	6d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Bottles of all kinds (empty)	3d. $\frac{1}{2}$ doz.	Confectionery, not otherwise enumerated	30% ad val.
Bottles, of glass or stone, containing a reputed quart, or any less quantity, of spirits, not perfumed; wine, ale, porter, and other beer; aerated, or mineral waters	6d. $\frac{1}{2}$ doz.	Cordage, viz. :—	
		Coir rope	5/ $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.
		Hemp and other cordage (except galvanised and other iron and steel cordage), including all housing and seizing line and spun yarn	11/3 "
		White lines and other descriptions of cordage not otherwise specified, except coir yarn	28