

in the bushel by Customs, and made recommendations; and also gave evidence on the question of a duty on imported horses.

Michael Cook, of M. Cook and Son, glassworkers, Freeman's Bay, asked for an increased duty to 25 per cent. on imported jam-jars.

G. Gregory and J. R. Hanna, attending as a deputation from Auckland photographers, agreed with the representations of photographers in other parts of the colony dealing with mounts sensitized paper, &c.

J. J. Craig, carrier and general agent, gave evidence, asking that cement be freed from duty, and against the imposition of any duty on imported coal.

V. E. Rice, H. C. Tewsley, and E. H. Queree attended as a deputation from the congregation of the Church of England, and asked that metal furniture and appliances for church purposes be admitted duty-free.

James Park, manager, Onehunga Woollen-mills, asked for an increased duty on imported shoddy goods, and also that certain articles used by woollen-mills be admitted free of duty.

H. P. Taylor, representing John Burns and Co., gave evidence on discrepancies in the tariff, and handed in a written list of same.

Robert Dorlow, president of the Auckland Bootmakers' Union; H. Dymock, secretary; W. Murray and W. Long, members, gave evidence in support of the request of the manufacturers given yesterday against any further increase in the duty on boots.

William Thompson, of the Auckland Fruit-growers' Union; Rev. Mr. McCallum, John Tonar, George A. Green, and Henry Flewellyn, of the Birkenhead and Northcote Fruit-growers' Association; Edwin Porter and William Edward Lippiat, representing the Otahuhu fruit-growers, attended and gave evidence on the question of an increased duty on fruit, and spoke in favour of such duty.

Robert Fenwick, manager for T. and S. Morrin and Co., gave evidence on the question of cement.

Henry Hartnell, principal salesman for L. and D. Nathan and Co., advocated the removal of the duty of 25 per cent. on sheep-drenches.

James Wiseman and James W. Wiseman, of Wiseman and Sons, and W. S. Jones, saddlers, pointed out certain anomalies in the tariff affecting materials used in their trade.

William Service, cardboard-box maker, asked for an extra duty of 5 per cent. on cardboard cut and shaped.

Robert Rose, managing director, Waihi Gold-mining Company, asked that low-grade oil imported for fuel purposes only be admitted free, or, as an alternative, a remission of duty on certificate of use.

W. Crosher, manufacturing electrician, asked that terminals for electrical purposes should be admitted free.

The Commission adjourned at 5 p.m. till Monday at 10 a.m.

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#### AUCKLAND, MONDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1895.

The Commission met at 10 a.m.

*Present*: Hon. Major Steward (Chairman), Mr. Tanner, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Hutchison.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

William John W. Philson, manager of the Colonial Sugar-refining Company (Limited), gave evidence on the question of sugar, and asked for an increased duty on imported sugar.

Graves Aickin, president of Employers' Association, and F. G. Ewington, secretary, complained of the mode of calculating duty on goods imported from America, particularly chairs.

J. M. Mennie, jam-manufacturer, objected to any additional duty on glass or earthenware jars, and to any increased duty on fruit.

C. J. Shaw (Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co.), T. H. Ellis (Sharland and Co.), and Graves Aickin, of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce, submitted a printed statement prepared by the Chamber of Commerce as to the duty on drugs and chemicals, and made suggestions thereon, and also asked for an increase of duty on imported proprietary medicines.

Frederick Wilmett, organ-builder, asked that certain materials used in the manufacture of organs and musical instruments be admitted free.

Reuben Martin, farmer, objected to the system of Customs duties altogether, and suggested instead direct taxation.

On the motion of Mr. Tanner, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman of the Harbour Board for granting the use of the offices to the Commission, and a similar vote to Mr. A. Rose, Collector of Customs, for fixing the hours of attendance of witnesses, &c.

The Commission adjourned at 1 p.m. till to-morrow at 7 p.m., at the Thames.

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#### THAMES, TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1895.

The Commission met at the Borough Council Chambers, Thames, at 7 p.m.

*Present*: Hon. Major Steward (Chairman), Mr. Tanner, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. McGowan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

H. C. Harford, sauce-manufacturer; R. N. Smith, farmer; James B. Steedman, farmer and fruit-grower; Francis McCormick, farmer and fruit-grower; James Paterson, manufacturer of paints; Frederick Dean, manufacturer of paints; Arthur Iles, photographer, gave evidence.

On the motion of Mr. McGowan, *Resolved*, That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to his Worship the Mayor for granting the use of the Council Chambers to the Commission during its stay at the Thames.

The Commission adjourned, at 10 p.m., till Thursday next, at 10 a.m., at Hamilton.