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Flood Relief Customs Surtax.

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The following notice appeared in the daily press in connection with the imposition of a customs surtax of 10% of the present duties under the following stipulations:

"Article 1.-- All Import and Export Duties provided for by the Customs Import and Export Tariffs, with the exception of those specified in Article 3, shall be subject to a Flood Relief Surtax.

"Article 2.-- The rate of the Flood Relief Surtax shall be 10 per cent of the Customs duty during the period from December 1, 1931 to July 30, 1932, the entire proceeds from which shall be devoted to relief purposes; and 5 per cent of the Customs duty from August 1, 1932 until the date of the complete liquidation of the American Wheat loan, the proceeds from which shall be applied to the payment of interest and redemption of principal on the said loan.

"Article 3.-- Articles listed under the following numbers in the Customs Import Tariff promulgated by the National Government on the 29th of December, 1930, shall be exempt from the Surtax:--

- 1--9; 12; 14-16; 21-23; 25-31; 37; 39; 41; 43; 44; 46; 51;
- 59-61; 64; 249 (a) & (b); 250; 252; 255; 256; 262; 265-267;
- and 305 (a).

"Article 4.-- The entire proceeds from the Flood Relief Surtax shall be appropriated by the National Flood Relief Commission.

"Article 5.-- The present Regulations shall become operative upon the date of promulgation.-- ~~and so on.~~"

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For ready reference, the items as appearing in article 3 above are as follows:

1--9, Cotton Piece Goods, Grey.

1 - Shirtings and Sheetings, Grey, not over 40 ins. by 41 yds.

2 - Shirtings and Sheetings, Grey, not over 40 ins. by 41 yds.

and with more than 110 threads per square inch.

3 - Shirtings and Sheetings, Grey, not over 40 ins. by 41 yds.

and with 110 threads or less per square inch.

4 - Drills and Jeans, Grey (3 or 4 shaft only), not over

31 ins. by 31 yds.

5 - Drills and Jeans, Grey (3 or 4 shaft only), not over 31

ins. by 41 yds.

6 - T-Cloths, Grey, not over 34 ins. by 25 yds.

7 - T-Cloths, Grey, over 34 ins. but not over 37 ins. by 25 yds.

8 - Imitation Native Cotton Cloth (including Machine-made),

Grey, not over 34 ins. wide and with not more than 115

threads per square inch.

9 - Cotton Flannel, or Flannelette, of Plain or Twill Weave,

Grey, not over 35 ins. by 35 yds.

12 + 14-16; 21-23; 25-31 - Cotton Piece Goods, White or Dyed.

12 - Shirtings and Sheetings, White, Plain.

14 - Drills and Jeans, White (3 or 4 shaft only), not over

31 ins. by 32 yds.

15 - Drills and Jeans, White (3 or 4 shaft only), not over

31 ins. by 42 yds.

16 - T-Cloths, White, and Mexicans.

21 - Shirtings, Sheetings, and Pongees, Dyed, Plain.

- 22 - Drills and Jeans (3 or 4 shaft only), Dyed, Plain.
- 23 - Dyed T-Cloths, Embossed Catecons, Alpacianos, and Real and Imitation Turkey Reds, not over 32 ins. by 25 yds.
- 25 - Oatmeal Grapes, White or Dyed, Plain or Figured, not over 33 ins. by 33 yds.
- 26 - Cotton Grape (not including Oatmeal Grapes), Grey, Bleached, Dyed, or Yarn-dyed.
- 27 - Lastings, Satteens, Italians, Imitation (West-faced) Venetians, Tientsin Twills, Beatrice Twills, Diagonal Twills, Herringbone Twills, Serges, Ribs, Cords (not including Poplins), Repps, and Moreens, White or Dyed, Plain or Figured, not over 33 ins. by 33 yds.
- 28 - Sateen Drills (5 shaft), Warp-faced Sateens (not exceeding 5 shaft), and Sateen Stripes, White or Dyed, Plain or Figured, not over 33 ins. by 33 yds.
- 29 - Poplins (including Poplin Taffetas) and Venetians, White or Dyed, Plain, not over 33 ins. by 33 yds.
- 30 - Poplins (including Poplin Taffetas) and Venetians, White or Dyed, Figured, not over 33 ins. by 33 yds.
- 31 - Cotton Flannel, or Flannelette, of Plain or Twill Weave.
- 37;- 39; 41; 43 - Cotton Piece Goods, Printed.
- 37 - Printed Cambrics, Printed Lawns, Printed Muslins, Printed Shirtings, Printed Sheetings, Printed T-Cloths (including those known as Blue and White Printed T-Cloths), Printed Drills, Printed Jeans, Printed Diagonal Twills, Twill Cretomes, Printed Silesias, and Printed Repps (not including Repp Cretomes)

- 39 - Printed Cotton Crapes.
- 41 - Printed Satteens and Satinets, Printed Brocades (including Printed Fancy Woven Stripes or Checks), Printed Italians, Printed Damasks, Printed Venetians, Printed Lastings, Printed Beatrice Twills, Printed Cords, Printed Poplins, and Printed Moreens, not over 32 ins. by 30 yds.
- 43 - Cotton Piece Goods, Printed, n.o.p.f. (including Duplex or Reversible Prints not provided for in Nos. 31 and 42).
- 44;-46 - Cotton Piece Goods, Miscellaneous.
- 44 - Cotton Piece Goods, Yarn-dyed, n.p.p.f.
- 45 - Cotton Piece Goods, n.o.p.f.
- 51; 59-61; 64; - Cotton, Raw; Cotton Thread, Cotton Yarn, and Manufactures of Cotton, n.o.p.f.
- 51 - Grey Yarn (irrespective of fold).
- 59 - Stockinet or Knitted Tissue.
- 60 - Knitted Clothing, Raised.
- 61 - Singlets or Drawers, not Raised.
- 64 - Ankle-bands, Plain or Decorated.
- 249 (a) & (b); 250; 252; 255; 256; 262; 265-267;
- 249 (a) Awabi (in bulk) (b) (Canned)
- 250 Bicho de Mar.
- 252 Compo
- 255 Codfish, Dried (including boneless)
- 256 Cuttle fish.
- 262 Salt fish, n.o.p.f.
- 265 Prawns and Shrimps, Dried, in bulk.
- 266 Seaweed, Cut

267 - Long seaweed.

305 (a) Flour, wheat.

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The Hon. Secy. of State, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
Dear Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. regarding the matter of the wheat flour and seaweed. I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. Secy. of State has been advised of the same and will be in a position to advise you further in due course. I have the honor to remain, Sir, your obedient servant.

1. Inasmuch as both consumers and producers of products which are made in Canada are entitled to the same protection as is afforded to the people of other countries, all manufacturers of such products in this kind of quantity should be exempt from the duties imposed on the same in the case of goods which are principally in nature cloth, though dealing also in other kinds of commodities, provided that the duties are to be granted by the action of their local or provincial laws.

2. In the case of manufacturers or other persons or other bodies of production, which, in the opinion of the Hon. Secy. of State, are of principal importance, should either be granted or continued, appropriate exemptions from the duties imposed on them by the Hon. Secy. of State by the Provincial or Municipal authorities in their own territories, should be reported to the Ministry of Finance for review.

3. Manufacturers of or dealers in articles of high quality as well as (flour or wheat) which are sold in bulk or in small quantities, should be granted exemptions from the duties imposed on them by the Hon. Secy. of State by the Provincial or Municipal authorities in their own territories, should be reported to the Ministry of Finance for review.

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Proposed Business Tax.

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The Kuo Min News Agency, December 2, contains the following news item in connection with the business tax:

"At the 47th meeting of the Kuo-Fu-Hui-I (State Council) held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. T. V. Soong, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, a set of measures providing for reduction of or exemption from the Business Tax was adopted. These measures are briefly as follows:--

"1. Inasmuch as both consumers and producers of handmade native cloth are people of comparatively poor means, all manufacturers of and dealers in this kind of commodity should be exempt from the Business Tax. In the case of shops which deal principally in native cloth, though dealing also in other kinds of commodities, exemption from the Business Tax should be granted to the extent of their trade in handmade cloth.

"2. In the case of manufacture or sale of machines or other tools of production, which, in the opinion of the Central, Provincial or Municipal Authorities, should either be promoted or protected, appropriate exemptions from the Business Tax should be granted. Exemptions granted by the Provincial or Municipal Authorities on their own initiative, should be reported to the Ministry of Finance for record.

"3. Manufacturers of or dealers in articles of daily necessity as well as (flood or famine) relief supplies may, at the discretion of the Central, Provincial or Municipal Authorities, be granted exemptions

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from the Tax within a certain specified period and in special areas to be designated by such Authorities. Exemptions granted by the local Authorities on their own initiative should be reported to the Ministry of Finance for record.

4. Manufacturers of or dealers in the staple products of the country or hand-woven articles may, where special considerations of foreign trade necessitate, be granted exemptions from or reductions of the Business Tax. Where such preferential treatment has been granted by the Provincial or Municipal Authorities, they should report to the Ministry of Finance for record.--~~the same~~".

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The Bureau of Finance...

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