

Minister's Decisions under Customs Duties Act.

Customs Department, Wellington, 12th January, 1916.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Hon. the Minister of Customs has decided to interpret the Customs Duties Act in relation to the undermentioned articles as follows:—

NOTE.—“Not otherwise enumerated” appears as n.o.e.; “other kinds” as o.k.; “articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Dominion” as a. & m.s. Articles marked thus † are revised decisions.

Record.	Goods.	Classification under Tariff, Item No.	Rate of Duty.	
			General Tariff.	Preferential Surtax on Foreign Goods.
3/212 11/19	A. & m.s., viz. :— Aluminium sheets, perforated .. Motor-cycle side-car fittings—namely, unfinished castings (bored but not otherwise machined) and bent tubes in the rough	As a. & m.s. (482) ..	Free.	
5/59 3/40/5	Braids, tubular, not exceeding ½ in. in width Chains for driving cycles and motor-cycles	As tailors' trimmings (299) .. As belting for driving machinery (443)	Free. Free	10 per cent.
2/139	Engineers', &c., machine and hand tools, viz. :— Box-nailing machine, suitable for use in a woodware factory	As woodworkers' machine tool (379)	Free.	
2/134/2	Machines, embossing, viz. :— “Graphotypes” (for embossing metal plates used in “addressographs”)	As embossing-machines (166) ..	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
2/134/2	Machines, printing, viz. :— “Addressographs,” including blank or embossed metal plates peculiar thereto (NOTE.—The addressograph cabinet is dutiable as “cabinetware n.o.e.,” tariff item 111.)	As printing-machines (166) ..	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
11/32/2	Motor-car cover-sheets when imported with the cars to which they belong	As parts of motor-cars (194A) ..	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
11/19	Motor-cycle side-car fittings, viz. :— Front clips, adjusting-clips, rear clips, and tube clips, being partly finished and machined	As parts of side-cars (170) ..	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
6/68	Paper baking cases for cakes ..	As paper cut or shaped for wrappers or other receptacles (150)	25 per cent.	12½ per cent.
20/10/10 11/32/2	Scientific apparatus, viz. :— Periscopes, portable pocket .. Traction-engine tarpaulins when imported with the traction-engines to which they belong	As scientific apparatus (280) .. As parts of traction engines (411) ..	Free. Free	10 per cent.

Minister's Order D. 15.

W. B. MONTGOMERY,
Comptroller of Customs.

The Census and Statistics Act, 1910.—Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

Census and Statistics Office, Wellington, 11th January, 1916.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Census and Statistics Act, 1910, the Department of Agriculture collected through the post returns of the areas under grain (for threshing only) and root crops in the various districts for the current season (1915-16), and the following table gives the results of the compilation made therefrom. The figures may be taken as a fairly accurate estimate of the areas under the respective crops.

MALCOLM FRASER,
Government Statistician.

GRAIN, ROOT, AND OTHER CROPS SOWN OR INTENDED TO BE SOWN THIS SEASON, 1915-16.—SUMMARY OF PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS.—RETURNS COLLECTED OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER, 1915.

District.	For Threshing only.					Intended to be cut for Seed.						Sown or intended to be sown this Season.			
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	• ye-grass.	Cocks-foot.	Red Clover.	White Clover.	Other Clover.	Chewings Fescue.	Potatoes.	Turnips.	Mangolds.	Rape.
Auckland ..	Acres. 3,008	Acres. 14,614	Acres. 2,008	Acres. 6,461	Acres. 966	Acres. 7,079	Acres. 5,139	Acres. 332	Acres. 292	Acres. 493	Acres. 133	Acres. 5,465	Acres. 100,951	Acres. 1,519	Acres. 20,739
Taranaki ..	1,226	3,286	679	34	51	197	255	..	..	..	..	671	28,481	1,520	5,666
Hawke's Bay ..	1,441	7,514	2,661	629	62	6,286	497	5	63	3	..	495	18,156	437	20,639
Wellington ..	10,938	17,721	1,548	65	431	3,017	1,283	184	39	10	..	2,157	35,453	1,093	28,205
Marlborough ..	5,502	6,244	7,738	1	2,670	464	293	421	44	40	..	483	4,573	477	5,755
Nelson ..	8,306	8,933	1,887	20	357	409	671	200	18	3	78	1,105	15,265	312	8,867
Westland ..	..	153	..	..	..	46	215	10	55	4	..	131	2,395	2	209
Canterbury ..	245,555	165,689	8,419	19	5,663	11,648	10,332	1,274	545	51	301	10,073	146,552	4,634	80,555
Otago—															
Otago portion ..	48,462	73,384	4,456	..	412	8,878	574	138	42	7	30	3,257	114,299	1,423	22,082
Southland portion ..	8,795	82,331	407	..	29	17,124	704	3	4	..	..	1,994	108,078	17	10,564
Totals ..	333,233	379,869	29,803	7,229	10,041	55,148	19,963	2,567	1,102	615	542	25,831	574,203	11,434	203,281
Totals 1914-15	229,600	287,561	18,347	5,477	13,304	50,533	17,551	5,702	1,458	860	7,158	21,887	514,105	9,691	197,114