

TARIFF AS RELATES TO MANITOBA AND N. W. TERRITORIES.

An Act of last Session, Cap. 39, extends until May 12th, 1874, the time under which the old tariff of Manitoba shall remain in operation, and during which the tariff of Canada shall not apply. But from the 12th of May, 1873, the same duties shall be chargeable on "all spirits and strong waters," all beer or porter, and all vinous or fermented liquors imported within the Province of Manitoba, or taken out of bond "for consumption therein," as are chargeable in any other Province of the Dominion. The importation of spirits of any kind into the North West Territories is absolutely prohibited, under penalty of forfeiture. The mode of proceeding against offenders is made very stringent.

TARIFF AS RELATES TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Act of last Session, Cap 40, provides that if after the admission of Prince Edward Island into the Dominion, there be brought from it into any other Province of Canada, any article of commerce, not being the produce of the Island or of Canada, and liable to any duty of Customs when imported into Canada from any foreign country, or any such article produced in the Island, and liable to a duty of Excise if produced in Canada for consumption therein, then if such Canadian duty of Customs or

Excise be greater than the duty of Customs of Excise paid on such article in the Island, the difference between the Canadian duty and the duty paid in the Island, shall be payable on such article when brought from the said Island into any other Province of Canada: and such difference shall be collected under such regulations as the Governor in Council may, from time to time, make in that behalf; and any such difference of duty payable under this section, shall be a duty of Customs within the meaning of the Acts respecting the Customs hereby extended to the said Island,—all the provisions whereof, (including those respecting warehousing) and the penalties for contravention of such provisions shall apply to such difference of duty.

Prince Edward Island, having been admitted into the Canadian Union, this provision of law is, therefore, now in force, and remains until the now next session of the Parliament of Canada.

EXPORT OF DUTIES ON LUMBER IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Act of last Session, Cap. 41, provides that, in consequence of Article XXX., of the Treaty of Washington, it shall be lawful for the Dominion to pay the Province of New Brunswick an additional subsidy of \$150,000 for the repeal of the export duties on lumber, which fall principally on lumber cut in the State of Maine, and floated down the River St John.

Excise Duties.

At the last session of Parliament the Excise Duties after the 1st of May, 1874, were fixed to be as follows:

"On every wine gallon of spirits of the strength of proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater or less strength than the strength of proof, and for any less quantity than a gallon, seventy-five cents."

"On Cavendish Tobacco and Snuff, and on manufactured Tobacco of all kinds, except Cigars and common Canada Twist, on every pound or less quantity than a pound, twenty cents."

"On common Canada Twist, otherwise called *tabac blanc en torquette*, being the unpressed leaf, rolled and twisted, and made wholly from raw tobacco, the growth of Canada, for every pound or less quantity than a pound, ten cents."

"On Cigars, for every pound or less quantity than a pound, forty cents: subject to an abatement or allowance for moisture in calculating the weight for duty, to be fixed from time to time by regulations to be made by the Governor in Council."

Dominion Lands.

The work of subdividing the Townships in Manitoba was pursued with energy. 24 miles were completed in block surveys. It was expected that by the close of the year a large number of townships westerly towards Fort Ellice would be surveyed and subdivided, and steps were about to be taken for the survey of the Indian reserves. The reports as to the character of the land

west and south-west, show a very large extent of valuable agricultural country. No less than 24 new settlements have been formed, and two of them have been incorporated into municipalities. 46 Patents were issued during the month of June 1873, representing 12,553 acres. After the 30th June, this branch of office was removed to the Department of the Interior.