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WHEREAS, by the Protocol signed at London on the 16th of July, 1894, it was agreed between the Government of Her Britannic Majesty and the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan that the *ad valorem* duties of the Tariff annexed to the aforesaid Protocol should, so far as might be deemed practicable, be converted into specific duties by means of a Supplementary Convention, to be concluded between the two Governments within six months from the date of that Protocol ; and

Whereas this period was extended by subsequent arrangement :

The High Contracting Parties have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for this purpose, that is to say :

Her Britannic Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, Gerard Augustus Lowther, Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires ;

And His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Marquis Saïonzi Kimmochi, Junii, first class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, His Imperial Majesty's Minister of State for Education, and Acting Minister of State for Foreign Affairs ;

Who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

1. The Tariff annexed to this Convention shall be substituted for the *ad valorem* Tariff annexed to the aforesaid Protocol of the 16th of July, 1894 ; it shall be subject to all the stipulations contained in Article 1 of that Protocol, in so far as these are applicable, and it shall come into force one month after the exchange of the ratifications of this Convention.

2. The specific duties established by this Convention shall be subject to triennial readjustment. Such readjustment shall be based on the difference between the average of the two quarterly rates of exchange adopted by the Japanese Customs during the six months ending June 30th, 1894, and the average of the

rates of exchange adopted by the Japanese Customs for the four quarters preceding that in which each successive period of three years expires.

The Schedule of readjusted duties shall be published by the Japanese Government three months in advance, and shall take effect immediately upon the expiration of the said period.

It is understood between the High Contracting Parties that the operation of this stipulation shall be subject to the acceptance of a similar arrangement by the other Powers with whom Conventional Tariffs are now being negotiated by Japan.

3. The quarterly rates of exchange mentioned in the preceding Article are the rates determining the comparative values, as entered in the quarterly Tables published by the Japanese Department of Finance, of the present Japanese silver yen on the one hand, and of the English pound sterling on the other.

4. The present Convention shall have the same duration as the Treaty and Protocol concluded on the 16th of July, 1894, of which it is a complement.

5. The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Tôkiô as soon as possible, and not later than six months from the present date.

Done at Tôkiô, in duplicate, this 16th day of July, 1895.

(Signed) (L.S.) GERARD AUGUSTUS LOWTHER.

(L.S.) MARQUIS SAÏONZI.

## Annex.

### TARIFF.

No.	Articles.	Duty.
		Yen.
1	Caoutchouc, manufactures of .. .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
2	Cement, Portland .. .. 100 catties	0·065
3	Cotton yarns, plain or dyed.. .. "	4·180
	Cotton tissues—	
4	Drills .. .. square yard	0·016
5	Duck .. .. "	0·053
6	Handkerchiefs in the piece .. .. "	0·011
7	Prints .. .. "	0·012
8	Sateens, plain, figured or printed, brocades, Italians and figured shirtings .. .. "	0·017
9	Shirtings, dyed .. .. "	0·013
10	" grey .. .. "	0·006
11	" twilled .. .. "	0·011
12	" white or bleached .. .. "	0·010
13	T-cloths .. .. "	0·009
14	Turkey red cambrics .. .. "	0·012
15	Velvets or velveteens .. .. "	0·041
16	Victoria lawns .. .. "	0·006

No.	Articles.	Duty.
	Cotton tissues ( <i>continued</i> )—	Yen.
17	All other sorts of pure cotton tissues, and all tissues of cotton mixed with flax, hemp, or other fibre, including wool, the cotton, however, predominating in weight, not specially provided for in this Tariff .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
	NOTE.—It is expressly understood that ready-made clothing and other made-up articles are not included under the heading of Cotton Tissues.	
18	Glass, window, ordinary—	
	(a.) Uncoloured and unstained .. .. 100 sq. ft.	0·302
	(b.) Coloured, stained, and ground .. .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
19	Hats, including also hats of felt .. .. "	10 "
20	Indigo, dry .. .. 100 catties	12·953
	Iron and mild steel—	
21	Pig and ingot .. .. "	0·083
22	Bar and rod. exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch in diameter .. .. "	0·261
23	Nails, including spikes, sprigs, tacks, and brads :—	
	(a.) Plain .. .. "	0·573
	(b.) Galvanized .. .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
24	Pipes and tubes .. .. "	10 "
25	Plate and sheet .. .. 100 catties	0·296
26	Rails .. .. "	0·129
27	Screws, bolts, and nuts, plain and galvanized .. .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
28	Sheet, galvanized, both plain and corrugated. 100 catties	0·740
29	Tinned plates :—	
	(a.) Ordinary .. .. "	0·691
	(b.) Crystallized .. .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
30	Wire, and small rod not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch in diameter .. .. 100 catties	0·503
31	Wire, telegraph or galvanized .. .. "	0·256
	NOTE.—By the term "mild steel" as used in this Tariff is understood mild steel manufactured by the Siemens, Bessemer, Bassic, or similar processes, and approximating in value to iron of the same class in this Tariff.	
32	Lead, pig, ingot, and slab .. .. "	0·316
33	Leather—	
	(a.) Sole .. .. "	5·690
	(b.) Other kinds .. .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
34	Linen yarns, plain or dyed .. .. 100 catties	6·527
	Linen tissues—	
35	Canvas .. .. square yard	0·047
36	All other sorts.. .. <i>ad-valorem</i>	10 per cent.
	NOTE.—It is expressly understood that ready-made clothing and other made-up articles are not included under the heading of Linen Tissues.	
37	Mercury or quicksilver .. .. 100 catties	5·048
38	Milk, condensed or desiccated .. .. doz. 1 lb. tins and proportionately for tins of other weights	0·123
39	Oil, paraffin .. .. <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
40	Paint in oil .. .. 100 catties	1·304
41	Paper, printing .. .. "	1·163
42	Saltpetre (nitrate of potash) .. .. "	0·490

No.	Articles.	Duty.
43	Silk-faced cotton satins .. .. . <i>ad valorem</i>	Yen. 15 per cent.
	NOTE.—It is expressly understood that all other mixed tissues of cotton and silk, and of wool and silk, where the cotton or wool predominates in weight, are to be classed for duty under Nos. 17 and 61 of this Tariff respectively.	
	Steel (other than mild steel)—	
44	Ingot .. .. . "	5 "
45	Bar, rod, plate, and sheet .. .. . "	7½ "
46	Wire, and small rod not exceeding ¼-inch in diameter .. .. . 100 catties	1·819
47	Sugar, refined—	
	(a.) No. 15 to No. 20, inclusive, Dutch standard in colour .. .. . "	0·748
	(b.) Above No. 20 Dutch standard in colour .. .. . "	0·827
	Tin—	
48	Block, pig, and slab .. .. . "	1·992
49	Plates .. .. . <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
50	Wax, paraffin .. .. . 100 catties	0·544
51	Woollen and worsted yarns, plain or dyed .. .. . "	9·169
	Woollen and worsted tissues, pure or mixed with other material—	
52	Alpacas .. .. . square yard	0·075
53	Blanketing and whipped blankets in plain weave .. .. . 100 catties	7·458
54	Buntings .. .. . square yard	0·031
55	Cloth—	
	(a.) Wholly of woollen or worsted yarn, or of woollen and worsted yarns, such as broad, narrow, and army cloth, cassimeres, tweeds and worsted coatings .. .. . "	0·093
	(b.) In part of woollen or worsted yarn and in part of cotton yarn, such as pilot, president, and union cloth .. .. . "	0·039
56	Flannels .. .. . "	0·044
57	Italian cloth .. .. . "	0·029
58	Long ells .. .. . "	0·036
59	Mousseline de laine .. .. . "	0·021
60	Serges—	
	(a.) Where the warp is worsted and the weft woollen .. .. . "	0·056
	(b.) All other kinds .. .. . <i>ad valorem</i>	10 per cent.
61	All other sorts, pure or mixed with other material, the wool, however, predominating in weight, not specially provided for in this Tariff .. .. . "	10 "
	NOTE.—It is expressly understood that ready-made clothing and other made-up articles are not included under the heading of Woollen and Worsted Tissues.	
62	Yarns, all sorts, not specially provided for in this Tariff .. .. . "	10 "
	Zinc—	
63	Block, pig, and slab .. .. . 100 catties	0·451
64	Sheet .. .. . "	0·928

## WEIGHTS, MEASURES, AND COINS.

The catty mentioned in this Tariff is the Japanese weight. It is equal to 600 grammes of the metric system of weights, or 1.32277 lbs. English avoirdupois weight.

The pound is the English avoirdupois weight.

The square yard and square foot are the English Imperial surface measures.

The yen is the present Japanese silver yen of 900 fineness and 416 grains in weight.

RULE FOR CALCULATING *ad valorem* DUTIES.

Import duties payable *ad valorem* under this Tariff shall be calculated on the actual cost of the articles at the place of purchase, production, or fabrication, with the addition of the cost of insurance and transportation from the place of purchase, production, or fabrication, to the port of discharge, as well as commission, if any exists.

## RULE FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF TISSUES.

In determining the dutiable width of any tissue the Customs shall discard all fractions of an inch not exceeding half-an-inch, and shall count as a full inch all fractions exceeding half-an-inch.

**NOTE.**—It is understood that selvages shall not be included in the measurement of tissues.