

RAISE HOPPS

California Committee Wants It Put at 24 Cents.

IS NOW 12 CENTS A POUND

Large Importation of German Hops One Cause of the Depression In the Industry This Country.

The subcommittee on hops of the California state committee on tariff revision has prepared a report which will be submitted to the general committee at San Francisco October 25. The report recommends that the duty on foreign hops, which is now 12 cents, be raised to 24 cents a pound.

The committee finds that the production of American hops in the last three seasons was as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Pounds, Value. Data for 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910.

Because of the depression in the hop market, the American growers are practically on the eve of bankruptcy. The cause is largely the importation of so many foreign grown hops. A doubling of the tariff would keep down the imports and come under the classification of luxuries. The report says: "It is the well settled policy of this government to levy the heaviest rates on all luxuries imported into this country."

The committee consists of W. E. Lovell, Max Wolf and E. S. Woodward. They have delegated Herman Klaher, of this city, to take up the work in Oregon, and the matter will be laid before the hop-growers of this state for their endorsement.

Eight-cent offers for big crops. McLaughlin and Rose reject bids on their hops.

Offers of 8 cents have been made by Klaher, Wolf & Netter for the Rose and McLaughlin big crops, but they were declined. These are two of the largest lots in the state and aggregate 2500 bales.

McNee Bros. bought at Aurora the largest lot of hops in the state from McLaughlin and a lot from Mescher, in all about 1000 bales, at 7 1/2 c.

The following cables were received by Klaher, Wolf & Netter yesterday: "London—Market rather quiet; choice firm, other qualities weak."

"Nuremberg—Market continues very quiet. Hop market conditions in England were reported by the Kentish Observer of October 8 as follows:

The demand for hops is gradually increasing, but is confined to finer qualities, the supply of which in the present growth is somewhat limited, and maintain full quotations. The market is not so active as it was, but at prices that are a serious loss to the producer, and which will inevitably cause a further reduction in the acreage under culture. The quality and quantity of the Continental and American crop do not at present favor much trade in them on this market. The only large lots of choice East and Mid West from 12 1/2 to 14 1/2 per cent, especially choice, are 14 1/2; choice Sussex, 15; choice from 16 to 18 per cent. The latest London cable circulars say in part:

W.H. & H. La Mar: There is a good demand for the best samples at an advance in value. Trade in other grades continues very active, but at a better tone, generally prevailing on our market.

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Exchange and Hop Warehouses: There is considerably more activity upon the market in good bright samples, and a good quantity has been sold during the week, prices being well maintained. There is also a demand for the medium quality, but buying in these is slow, whilst lower and inferior qualities are untouched. Fluctuation in readings continues.

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