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Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, June 18, 1885.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, transmitting a translation of a Decision of the Imperial Russian Council, confirmed by His Majesty the Czar on the ^{20th May} 3rd June, 1885, in virtue of which the classification of the Russian Tariff and the rates of import duty hitherto levied on certain articles have been revised as follows :—

Paragraph of Tariff	Classification of Articles.	Old Rates of Duty.	New Rates of Duty.	
			Tariff Rates.	English Equivalents.
		rbl. cop.	rbl. cop.	£ s. d.
14	Metallic and mineral ores : 1. Of all kinds, excepting those below specified, graphite or plumbago in pieces, copper scoriae and iron in powder 2. Zinc ore, imported at the Custom Houses of the Kingdom of Poland ... <i>Observation.</i> —Iron pyrites shall be admitted free.	poud 0 02 free	poud 0 04 " 0 02	cwt. 0 0 4½ " 0 0 2¼
94	Cast iron in pigs, bars, and scrap : From 1st March, 1885 From 1st March, 1886 <i>Observation.</i> —Iron shavings are to be cleared under this paragraph ...	poud 0 12 " 0 15 " 0 06	" 0 12 " 0 15 " 0 12 " 0 15	" 0 1 2 " 0 1 6 " 0 1 2 " 0 1 6
95	Iron : 1. In bars, and assorted of all kinds excepting the undermentioned, as also in blooms, puddled blooms, and mill bars Scrap 2. Iron rails 3. Sheet iron of all kinds, and in plates, having a breadth exceeding 18 inches, and every kind of assorted iron 7 inches in thickness or diameter and upwards, as also of fine sorts, having a breadth or diameter of from ¼ inch to ½ inch inclusive <i>Observation.</i> —Iron having a breadth or diameter of ¼ inch and less shall be taken as wire.	" 0 40 " 0 22 " 0 50 " 0 55	" 0 40 " 0 40 " 0 50 " 0 60	" 0 3 11 " 0 3 11 " 0 4 11 " 0 5 11
97	Steel : 1. In bars, and assorted of all kinds, except the undermentioned, as also in blooms Scrap 2. Steel rails 3. In sheets of every kind, and in plates having a breadth of more than 18 inches, and assorted steel of every kind having a thickness or diameter of 7 inches and upwards, as also steel of fine sorts having a breadth or diameter from ¼ inch to ½ inch inclusive	" 0 40 " 0 22 " 0 50 " 0 55	" 0 40 " 0 40 " 0 50 " 0 60	" 0 3 11 " 0 3 11 " 0 4 11 " 0 5 11
98	Copper and brass, metallic alloys, such as : pinchbeck, Prince's metal, Argentine (called German silver, or new silver), Britannia metal, &c., as also nickel, cobalt, bismuth, cadmium, aluminium, and alloys of them 1. In pigs, ingots, shavings, filings, and scrap 2. In sheets, bars, and rods <i>Observation.</i> —Copper and alloys of copper, rolled and drawn, having a thickness and breadth or a diameter of ½-inch or less, shall pay duty under ¶ 167, § 2 (see below)	" 0 66 " 1 00	" 1 50 " 2 00	" 0 14 9 " 0 19 8
161	Manufacturers of copper and brass (except those specially mentioned), as also all domestic utensils of copper and brass in com-			