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**C**IRCULAR of the Director-General of the French Customs, received from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris :—

(Translation.)

Paris, December 30, 1878.

**LAPSE OF THE TREATY OF COMMERCE WITH AUSTRIA.**

A TELEGRAM from our Ambassador at Vienna informs the French Government to-day that the negotiations entered upon with Austria-Hungary for the prolongation of the Treaty of Commerce of December 11, 1866, have not been successful.

In default of this extension, our commercial relations with that country will revert from the 1st of January next to the footing of the common law. The products of Austria-Hungary will, in consequence, be subject to the conditions of the general tariff.

The other contracting States will, moreover, cease, on the same date, to enjoy the especial advantages which had been conceded to Austria, and which they only enjoyed in virtue of the clause guaranteeing to them the treatment of the most favoured nation. Their products will then be again placed in the situation in which they were

previously to the Treaty of the 11th December, 1866. This provision applies in particular to sea-going ships, which will in future pay instead of the uniform duty of two francs per ton, the rates specified in the Treaty of 1860 with England. It refers also to the raw materials and manufactured articles employed in the building of merchant ships. The Treaty of the 11th December, 1866, had extended to them the benefits of the law of the 19th May previous. The régime in question, repealed in principle by the law of the 30th January, 1872, was only applicable to arrivals from the contracting countries in virtue of the Franco-Austrian Treaty. It will therefore cease from the 1st of January to be applicable, as far as importation is concerned. For previous importations, the application of the articles to the construction and fitting out of ships will continue to be carried out until the expiration of the periods specified in the tenders.

The table annexed gives the names of the articles on which the rates will be altered.

The Directors are requested to communicate the present Circular without delay to the authorities and the trade.

(Signed) The Councillor of State,  
Director-General of the Customs,  
AME.

**TABLE of the Products of Contracting States on which the Scale of Duties is modified in consequence of the lapse of the Franco-Austrian Treaty.**

Articles.	Duties fixed in the Franco-Austrian Treaty.	Duties applicable from January 1, 1879.
Feathers for bedding of all kinds ... ..	3f. 50c. per 100 kilos. ...	50f. per 100 kilos.
Barks, medicinal, not specified ... ..	Free ... ..	2f. per 100 kilos.
Herbs, leaves, and flowers, medicinal, not specified	Free ... ..	2f. per 100 kilos.
Hops ... ..	12f. 50c. per 100 kilos.	20f. per 100 kilos.
Slates, plain or framed, specially intended for writing or drawing purposes	3f. 75c. per 100 kilos, or 5 per cent.	Classification abolished*
Steel :—		
In bars and hoops ... ..	9f. per 100 kilos. ...	13f. per 100 kilos.
In brown sheets or bands, hot rolled, more than ½ millimètre thick	11f. 25c. per 100 kilos,	18f. per 100 kilos.
½ millimètre or less ... ..	15f. per 100 kilos. ...	25f. per 100 kilos.
In white sheets or bands, cold rolled, of all sizes }		
Steel wire, including instrument strings ... ..	20f. per 100 kilos. ...	25f. per 100 kilos.

\* Will in future be classed both in the General and Conventional Tariff as Common Mercury!