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To an ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 16th April, 1883;—For Copies of all correspondence between the Governments of Ontario and of Canada as to the sale of *La Cloche Island*, near the Georgian Bay, or the Duck Islands, and as to the claims of the respective Governments with reference to Islands in that neighbourhood; also, of all Correspondence and Papers with reference to the sales of any such Islands; with a Statement of the particulars of any sales made including dates, names and prices.

By Command,

J. A. CHAPLEAU,

Secretary of State.

Department of the Secretary of State,
25th May, 1883.

Statement showing what Islands have been sold in Lake Huron in the vicinity of the Great Manitoulin Island, the names of purchasers, date of sale and the price at which they were sold.

NAME OF ISLAND.	NAME OF PURCHASER.	DATE OF SALE.	PRICE.
Strawberry Island.....	Peter Gow and Robt. Melville.	October 25th, 1879	\$1,000 00
Goat Island.....	Bryan McKay.....	July 7th, 1880.....	100 00
La cloche Island.....	S. W. Buchner.....	July 7th, 1881.....	2,500 00
Picnic Island.....	Peter McLean Campbell.....	August 11th, 1881	100 00
Great and Outer Duck Islands	C. H. Gauthier	October 4th, 1881.	1,835 00
Beauty Island.....	Alex. B. Petrie.....	March 17th, 1882.	210 00
Fitzwilliam Island.....	Joseph Cozens.....	June 12th, 1882...	2,500 00

Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, 17th May, 1883.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY STATE, OTTAWA, 30th May, 1882.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that a despatch has been received at this Department from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, stating that he understands that it has recently been mentioned in the public journals that the Government of the Dominion have assumed to sell, for a nominal consideration, the Island known as "La Cloche," situated near the north shore of Georgian Bay, between Manitoulin Island and the Mainland, upon the claim that the Island of "La Cloche" was vested in that Government in trust for the Indians.