

when I read to this House the effect of the Tariff introduced by the hon. member opposite, and of the Tariff introduced by this Government, with reference to malt, and show the rate of duty that was collected upon malt when the change took place, you will see what grounds the hon. member had for making the statement he did at Lennox. Under Mr. Cartwright's Tariff of 1878—this is for part of the year—42,232 lbs. were imported, the value was \$1,388, duty \$1,055.77, or 78 per cent. In 1879, that is, under the Tariff submitted by this Government, the imports were 129,634 lbs. value \$3,346, duty collected \$2,592.65 or 77½ per cent., a fraction under that collected in 1878. In 1881 the duty was changed, as the hon. member knows, and malt was put in the same position exactly as barley, the duty being 15 cents per bushel Customs, and 1 cent per pound Excise. That has been the law from 1881 to the present time. That was the law that was in force when the change took place in Congress. In 1881, we that year imported 10,553 bushels, value \$10,270, duty collected \$5,171, or a fraction over 50 per cent., against 89 per cent. that the hon. member imposed. In 1882-83, we imported 15,979 bushels, value \$15,099, duty paid \$7,509.93, or a little less than 50 per cent., and yet the hon. member told them at Lennox on the eve of an election—I will not say that it was at all to affect it, but only to show what an outrageous Government this was and that they should not send any one here to support it—that we had deprived producers of that section of the country of selling their barley to the maltsters, and that their interests were sacrificed, when the duty, from 1881 to 1883, was 30 per cent. less than the hon. member himself imposed in 1878. Yet, he said we were responsible for that change, and, as that is one of the charges which I thought might possibly be brought to-night, though I do not know that it will, I thought it just as well to spike that gun at once. There is another charge, and a very general one, made all over the country, to the effect that we have imposed a duty of 35 per cent. upon imports to Canada. That is the general statement. There are a few articles that pay 35 per cent., but we know that last year the average duty on the whole imports was something like 19 per cent. I had the pleasure of addressing a meeting at Strathroy, which was referred to by the hon. member opposite the other night, and the member for Brant was present on that occasion, and he took that exception to the Tariff policy of the Government. He said to the audience, imagine your sending to Germany and importing a certain article, and, when it reached the borders of Canada, you are charged 35 per cent. duty on it, what an outrage that is.