

British evidence.

1861--1866 (during Reciprocity.)

P. 424, A. H. Crowe,	No. 1	\$13.12	No. 2,	\$8.75	No. 3,	\$6.65
P. 419, Lawson & Harrington,	No. 1	12.78	"	7.98	"	6.73
P. 425, Young, Hart & Co.,	No. 1	12.66	"	8.54	"	6.04
Average prices,		\$12.85	"	8.42	"	6.47

1866--1873 (dutiable period.)

P. 424, A. H. Crowe,	No. 1	\$13.05	No. 2,	\$9.43	No. 3,	\$6.55
P. 419, Lawson & Harrington,	No. 1	13.30	"	9.83	"	6.63
P. 425, Young, Hart & Co.,	No. 1	14.46	"	10.62	"	6.28
Average prices,		\$13.60	"	9.96	"	6.49

1873--1877 (during Washington Treaty.)

P. 424, A. H. Crowe,	No. 1	\$12.37	No. 2,	\$10.00	No. 3,	\$8.00
P. 419, Lawson & Harrington,	No. 1	12.25	"	8.62	"	7.46
P. 425, Young, Hart & Co.,	No. 1	12.81	"	9.39	"	7.18
Average prices,		\$12.47	"	9.33	"	7.55

It will be observed, then, that the Halifax merchants had to submit to no decline in price from 1866 to 1873.

The evidence adduced on behalf of the United States proves the prices at which mackerel caught by United States vessels in the Bay of St. Lawrence during these same periods were valued, on settling with the crews (exclusive of the cost and profits of packing, which would have increased the prices by \$2.00 per barrel), to have been as follows:—

YEAR.	J. O. Proctor. as per page 208a U. S. Evidence.	Sylvanus Smith. page 330, U. S. Evidence.	Geo. Steele. page 402, U. S. Evidence.
1857	7.80	—	—
1858	12.00	—	10.98
1859	12.30	—	12.85
1860	11.90	—	10.87
1861	5.20	—	5.77
1862	7.60	—	7.62
1863	10.96	—	10.84
1864	11.13	—	12.21
1865	14.20	—	12.93
	9)93.09		8)84.07
	Average \$10.34		Average \$10.51
1866	15.74	—	15.35
1867	12.22	—	14.12
1868	18.45	16.00	18.85
1869	17.80	16.00	17.31
1870	11.90	13.00	—
1871	—	8.00	—
1872	9.86	14.00	8.22
	6)85.97	5)67.00	5)73.85
	Average \$14.33	\$13.40	\$14.77
1873	9.85	9.25	10.46
1874	5.52	6.00	6.25
1875	14.46	11.33	14.18
1876	11.05	10.20	11.60
	4)40.88	4)36.75	4)42.49
	Average \$10.22	\$9.19	\$10.62

These prices produce the following result:—

	1857 to '65 During operation of Reciprocity Treaty.	1866-'73 Dutiable period.	1873 to '76. During Washington Treaty.
J. O. Proctor	\$10.34	\$14.33	\$10.22
S. Smith	Nil.	13.40	9.19
Geo. Steele	10.51	14.77	10.62
Average price in U. S. Currency	\$10.42	\$14.17	\$10.01
Approximate Gold prices*	\$9.17	\$11.33	\$9.00

* Average price of Currency 1857 to '65, 88c.; 1866 to '73, 80c.; 1873 to '76, 90c.