

New Brunswick it cost \$4 per ton, the same as in Quebec in 1877; \$3.46 in 1878; \$2.81 in 1880, when the duty was imposed; and \$3.70 in 1881. So that here you have the fact clearly established that the very moment the duty was imposed the parties who shipped their coals to Toronto and Quebec, put these places into a different category from what they were before, they made them competitive points and reduced the cost of coal to a larger extent than the amount of duty paid. It is impossible for any impartial mind to arrive at any other conclusion than that the imposition of a duty of 50 cents a ton has not only not increased the cost to the consumer, but it has lowered the cost to the consumer in Ontario. The following is the table from which I have been quoting:

Province.	Year.	Tons.	Total Cost.	Cost per Ton.
			\$	\$ cts.
Ontario.....	1877	261,895	1,163,944	4 45
	1878	266,434	1,022,816	85
	1880	335,794	1,022,055	3 04
	1881	357,524	1,522,375	4 25
Quebec.	1877	117,124	468,759	4 00
	1878	105,384	333,836	3 15
	1880	142,239	378,150	2 65
	1881	161,449	608,813	3 77
Nova Scotia.....	1877	11,877	44,560	3 74
	1878	10,592	31,169	2 93
	1880	12,513	32,467	2 58
	1881	15,969	54,661	3 70
New Brunswick	1877	23,223	92,823	4 00
	1878	21,240	73,555	3 46
	1880	24,232	68,095	2 81
	1881	28,243	104,807	3 70

It will be at once apparent that the price of coal in 1880 was less than in 1878, the first named year being the year after the imposition of the duty, and the second named year being the year immediately preceding it. So you here have that additional fact; in other words, there was a drop in the price as invoiced to Canadian dealers immediately after the National Policy was adopted, just as the Grand Trunk Railway puts its fare up when the St. Lawrence is closed, and puts its fare down when the St. Lawrence is open, simply because in one case they have to meet competition, and, in the other case, they have no competition. Bituminous coal followed the same rule, and the United States practically ceased sending any into the Dominion,