

the St. Lawrence, a provision which will be more particularly noticed in another place.

There are other articles in the same category with wheat, such as butter, cheese, lard, smoked and salted meats, animals of all kinds, hides, coal, wool, pelts, building stone, and lumber, &c. All of these come into direct and injurious competition with our own products of the same kind.

These we would not altogether exclude, but they are all of them of such a character as to justify the imposition of a duty of at least twenty or twenty-five per cent., and they will still be sent to our markets, and come into sufficiently formidable competition with our own products of the same kind. Those of our own people who labor under the disadvantage of remoteness from market, and the payment of a higher price for labor, have also heavy taxes to pay out of such profits as they are able to make, and it is right and proper that duties should be levied upon similar articles imported of such amount, at least, as will not exclude them from our markets. A duty of twenty to twenty-five per cent may be levied and collected on nearly every article enumerated in the free list, articles which, as stated, move only one way, from the provinces into the states, and they would still continue to enter into a fair competition with our own products of the same kind in our own markets.

The article of free stone for building is one which will bear full thirty or thirty-five per cent duty, and it is one in which there is no reciprocation, not a single load having been sent from the states into the provinces, while during the last ten years of free trade in that article, large quantities have been sent from New Brunswick to our markets. Previous to the formation of the reciprocity treaty large sums had been invested in free stone quarries in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. In these quarries alone on the bank of the Connecticut, over eight hundred thousand dollars were actually invested. The naked and barren rocks of the shores of the Bay of Fundy and its islands are composed in good part of free stone easily quarried and being accessible by large vessels, the stone is conveyed at less cost in conse-