

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I did not say corn meal.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—My hon. friend said that bread was not made any dearer by the tax on flour.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Your leader in this House took the same view, in a speech which he made a few days previous to mine.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—I have not observed it. I differ altogether from my hon. friends, and I differ from the Minister of Finance, and I think the Minister of Finance differs from both of us, because he admitted in his speech of last year, and his speech of the year before, that the duty did increase the cost of flour, but only in a limited way.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—The hon. member from Ottawa thought differently.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—I have not been able to find any statement of that kind from him ; but from my own experience—and I have been somewhat connected with the flour business—I know that the effect it has on flour is very peculiar. There are generally two or three periods in the year when we can buy very much cheaper than at other times. There is a drop in the price of flour, and having a class of small vessels running, we can buy flour cheaper in New York than in Canada. The effect of this duty is to remove from us largely that option, or, if it does not deprive us of it, we are taxed more by having to pay the duty.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—If you get the flour in Canada, you have no duty to pay on it. You can get Canada flour in the United States.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—But we are virtually compelled to pay duty on imports.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—No.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—I have a statement in my hand showing the duty collected on flour, corn meal, etc., at different ports in the Maritime Provinces.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Separate the flour.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—I will separate it ; the statement is as follows :—

DUTY COLLECTED on Indian Corn, Corn Meal and Wheat Flour, 30th June to December 31, 1884.

PORTS.	INDIAN CORN.	CORN MEAL.	WHEAT FLOUR.
Amherst	\$ 15 90	\$ 232 00	\$ 338 50
Annapolis	12 45	786 60	1,288 50
Antigonish		186 00	87 50
Anchat		180 40	860 00
Baddeck		16 80	145 00
Barrington	83	513 80	1,693 65
Bridgetown	2 41	110 00	347 00
Cornwallis	3 38	384 00	1,257 60
Digby	7 50	729 00	709 25
Guysboro		78 20	334 50
Halifax	4,268 90	1,475 20	6,876 50
Liverpool	1 05	994 80	1,637 00
Lockeport	2 55	562 80	801 50
Londonderry	15 00	231 60	605 00
Lunenburg		1,422 40	2,919 00
Margaretville		42 00	301 75
North Sydney		787 60	1,907 50
Parrsborough	15 30	526 00	413 00
Pictou		431 60	406 50
Port Hawkesbury		168 00	1,108 50
Port Hood			5 50
Hort Medway		43 60	114 00
Shelburne	68	284 80	631 00
Sydney		455 20	658 80
Truro		230 00	658 50
Weymouth	2 78	1,592 80	2,062 50
Windsor	90	1,442 80	2,428 75
Yarmouth	25 50	3,799 20	4,160 50
	\$4,375 05	\$17,707 20	\$34,088 50
Wheat Flour.....	\$34,088 50		
Corn Meal.....	17,707 20		
Indian Corn.....	4,375 05		
	\$56,170 75		

Therefore, my hon. friend will see that he is mistaken in the statement which he made.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I say I am not mistaken, because when there is a surplus of flour in the United States, and it is very cheap, they go and buy there.

HON. MR. POWER—Order ! Order !

THE SPEAKER—While the gentleman who has the floor is not displeased with any interruptions, no question of order can be raised ; but if an hon. gentleman, when speaking, objects to an interruption, of course I must rule on the question of order.

HON. MR. McCLELAN—The hon. gentleman from Lunenburg in his speech remarked that the excuse made by the War Department in England for sending to America for their pumps for the Soudan was that they could get them more quickly