

STATISTICS.

The consumption of copper in this country in ordinary years is about 25,000,000 pounds. Last year it was nearly forty millions of pounds. The home consumption in other countries is estimated as follows, viz. : —

England	60,000,000 lbs.
France	30,000,000 “
Germany	40,000,000 “

Total amount consumed by the four nations, annually, say 160 millions of pounds. Estimated product of Lake Superior likely to reach market this year, 12,000,000 lbs., which is less than half the amount we consume annually.

The average price for refined ingot copper during the past twelve years has been as follows, per pound (from actual results) : —

1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855
20 cts.	20 $\frac{1}{4}$ cts.	21 $\frac{1}{4}$ cts.	28 cts.	26 $\frac{3}{4}$ cts.	27 cts.
1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
25 $\frac{3}{8}$ cts.	26 $\frac{5}{8}$ cts.	22 $\frac{5}{8}$ cts.	22 cts.	21 cts.	20 $\frac{1}{4}$ cts.

and in 1862, 27 cents.

At present, with gold at 148 $\frac{1}{2}$, job lots command 31 cents, 32 cents for Lake Superior ingot.

All estimates in the foregoing reports are based on 20 cents in specie.