

**Brief Exhibit of the growth and Commerce of the City
of Buffalo.**

Buffalo was founded in 1801 by the Holland Land Company, but for a long period it made but little progress.

In 1814 it was burned, at which time, out of two hundred dwellings one solitary tenement remained to point out the site of the infant city. Its growth was scarcely perceptible, until the year 1825, which was signalized by the opening of the Erie Canal, thus forming a great commercial waterway from Lake Erie to the Hudson River.

Since that period, its prosperity has been unbounded, and its rise in the scale of importance as a commercial city has been such as its original founders could never have dreamed of.

The following will show the prospective growth of Buffalo, compared with the past twenty years.

POPULATION.	ESTIMATED
1830.....8,668	1860.....110,000
1835.....19,715	1865.....130,000
1840.....21,838	1870.....180,000
1845.....34,656	1875.....250,000
1850.....49,764	1880.....300,000
1855.....74,214	

The present population is estimated at 100,000.

The following will show the valuation of the real and personal estate in the city of Buffalo, during the past five years.

1853.....	\$22,837,300
1854.....	29,973,509
1855.....	33,037,711
1856.....	35,488,746
1857.....	37,487,061

The general city tax now amounts to about \$300,000 annually. The total city debt is now \$532,160.

The city of Buffalo is unquestionably one of the best paved, sewered, and lighted cities in the Union. For the large expenditure for local improvements, amounting for several years past to