

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NAVIGATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

The Canal which surmounts the Gallops rapids was opened to the trade on the 25th ult., on which day the mail steamer "Gildersleeve" passed through on her upward passage to Kingston. The short canal at Farren's Point will be opened in the spring, at the commencement of the navigation, and the remaining two canals, Rapides Platt and Point Iroquois, will be completed and thrown open very soon afterwards, thus completing the entire line of Canal Navigation from Lachine to Kingston, so that propellers and barges can return to Kingston by the direct route, instead of, as heretofore, by the circuitous one of the Ottawa River and Rideau Canal.

We are glad to learn that the entrance lock from the river at Montreal to the Lachine Canal is in such a state of forwardness as to ensure its completion early next summer. All the new locks from that point upwards are finished, with the exception of hanging some of the gates, which are all completed. The Basin, from the entrance lock at Lachine to the coffer dam, is finished, and the upper and east coffer dam is completed, so that the whole basin can be drained, and the work commenced early enough in the spring, it is hoped, to admit of a month or six weeks being devoted to the work before the usual time of opening the Canal arrives.

The Contractors and Engineers feel confident of completing the whole during the ensuing summer, so that the enlarged canal and basin may be used during the latter part of the business season next year. Both above and below this city, we believe, the most active and energetic efforts are making by the department of Public Works, not merely to complete the great chain of communication with the Lakes, which is hereafter, we trust, to be the leading instrument of the prosperity of the province, but to afford those lesser facilities essential to developing the resources of particular localities.—*Gazette*.

RATES OF COMMISSION

Recommended for general adoption, and allowed by the New-York Chamber of Commerce, when no agreement exists to the contrary.

ON FOREIGN BUSINESS.		Per Cent.
Sale of merchandise.....		5
Sale or purchase of stocks.....		1
Sale or purchase of specie.....		1/2
Purchase and shipment of merchandise with funds in hand; on the aggregate amount of costs and charges.....		2 1/2
Drawing or endorsing bills, in all cases.....		2 1/2
Vessels, selling or purchasing.....		2 1/2
Freight procuring.....		5
Collecting freight, or general average.....		2 1/2
Outfits or disbursements, with funds in hand.....		2 1/2
Effecting marine assurance in all cases, when the premium does not exceed 10 per cent, on the amount assured.....		1/2
Effecting marine assurance in all cases, when the premium exceeds 10 per cent; on the amount of premium.....		5
Collecting dividends on stock.....		1/2
Collecting delayed or litigated accounts.....		5
Adjusting and collecting insurance losses.....		2 1/2
Receiving and paying moneys, from which no other commission is derived.....		1
Remittances in bills, in all cases.....		1/2
Landing and reshipping goods, from vessels in distress; on the value.....		2 1/2
Receiving and forwarding goods, entered at the Custom-house; on the value.....		1 1/2
And on responsibilities incurred.....		2 1/2
ON INLAND BUSINESS.		
Sale of merchandise.....		2 1/2
Purchase and shipment of merchandise, or accepting for purchases, without funds or property in hand.....		2 1/2
Sale or purchase of stocks.....		1
Sale or purchase of specie.....		1/2
Sale or purchase of bills of exchange, without endorsing.....		1/2
Sale or purchase of bank notes, or drafts, not current.....		1/2
Selling and endorsing bills of exchange.....		2 1/2
Vessels, selling or purchasing.....		2 1/2
Chartering or proceeding to other ports to load.....		2 1/2
Procuring or collecting freight.....		2 1/2
Outfits or disbursements.....		2 1/2
Collecting, general average.....		2 1/2
Effecting marine insurance, in all cases, when the premium does not exceed 10 per cent; on the amount insured.....		1/2
Effecting marine insurance in all cases, when the premium exceeds 10 per cent; on the amount of premium.....		5
Adjusting and collecting insurance losses.....		2 1/2
Collecting dividends on stocks.....		1/2
Collecting bills, and paying over the amount, or receiving and paying moneys from which no other commission is derived.....		1
Receiving and forwarding goods; on the value.....		1/2
The same when entered for duty or debenture.....		1
Remittances, in all cases, in bills.....		1/2

The above commissions to be exclusive of the guaranty of debts for sales on credit, storage, brokerage, and every other charge usually incurred. The risk of loss by fire, unless insurance be ordered, and of robbery, theft, and other unavoidable occurrences, if the usual care be taken to secure the property, is in all cases to be borne by the proprietor of the goods. When

bills are remitted for collection, and are returned under protest, for non-acceptance or non-payment, the same commission to be charged as though they were duly honoured. On consignments of merchandise, withdrawn or re-shipped, full commission to be charged to the extent of advances or responsibilities incurred, and half commission on the residue of the value.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

By a revised law of the state of New York, the following damages on bills drawn or negotiated in this State, and protested for non-payment, are allowed, namely:—

Bills drawn on the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, or District of Columbia, three per cent.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, or Tennessee, five per cent.

Any other State or Territory of the United States, or any other place on or adjacent to this continent, and north of the Equator, or any British or other foreign possessions in the West Indies, or elsewhere on the Western Atlantic Ocean, or any port or place in Europe, ten per cent.

THE MARKETS.

MONTREAL. Friday Evening, 4th Dec.

Business of all kinds is about over for the season. We omit our Prices Current for this week, and shall hereafter occasionally do so, when we have a press of original matter.

Boats continue to arrive by the river, from Kingston, to winter here; but after to-day, they will not come below Lachine, from which place their cargoes will have to be brought by sleighs.

Some small sales of Flour have been made since our last, at 27s. 6d. for fine; and a parcel of Wheat, of middling quality, at 6s.

Nothing doing in Salted Provisions. Hogs in carcase begin to come in freely; and Hogs of 200 lbs. average command \$5, and 250 lbs. \$5 50 per 100 lbs.

NEW YORK, 28th November, 1846.

Flour,—in consequence of cold weather, had advanced to \$5 25 to \$5 37 1/2 for best brands.

GRAIN.—Very little change since our last report. Best samples of wheat bring \$1 03 to \$1 09; Corn, 64 to 73 cts.; Barley, 59 to 61 cts.; Oats, 35 to 39 cts.

PROVISIONS—are dull. Stock of Pork, 40,000 brls. Ohio Mess, nominal at \$9 75; Prime, \$7 1/2 to \$8; Mess Beef, \$8; Prime, \$6, and dull; Lard, 7 1/2 cts.

TALLOW continues scarce, and sells on arrival at 9 to 9 1/2 cts. FREIGHTS to England continue brisk: Flour, 5s.; Wheat & Corn 15d. to 16d. in bulk. To Glasgow, 5s. 6d. for Flour has been paid.

CANALS OF NEW YORK.—FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The aggregate receipts of Flour, Wheat, Corn and Barley, at tide water, from the commencement of navigation in 1845 and 1846, to and including the third week in November, have been as follows:—

	FLOUR. Brls.	WHEAT. Bush.	CORN. Bush.	BARLEY. Bush.
1846, . . . . .	2,858,600	2,800,005	1,514,113	1,379,852
1845, . . . . .	2,308,237	1,384,223	32,274	1,071,888
Increase, . . . . .	550,363	1,416,682	1,511,839	307,964

By reducing the wheat to flour, the quantity left at tide water this year compared with the corresponding period of the last year, shows an excess equal to 888,689 brls of flour.

BUFFALO. 25th November, 1846.

We have been visited with a regular old fashioned North East snow storm, and no boat has arrived or departed since yesterday. Very little can be said in relation to the produce market. Holders of Wheat and Flour generally speaking are sanguine of an improvement in the Eastern markets after the close of the canal, which this cold snap and fall of snow must as a matter of course facilitate, and 75 cents for prime quality Cleveland, 73 for Milan and Sandusky, 72 for Wabash, 70 for Wisconsin, and \$4 for good common brands of Flour is about what the market may be quoted. Corn of late has come to hand a little more freely than was anticipated, and the stock now in store must be in the neighbourhood of 50,000 bushels. Buyers for perhaps 20,000 bushels could be found at 30, but dealers are asking 35c., and failing to procure this price are engaged in storing.

Lake Imports, Third Week in November.—The imports have been pretty large during the past week, but were confined principally to a few leading articles. The table below embraces the aggregate of Flour, &c, landed from 15th to 23rd, inclusive:

Flour. . . . .	bbls. 93,932	Wheat. . . . .	bush. 227,298
Beef. . . . .	935	Corn. . . . .	59,674
Pork. . . . .	295	Hides. . . . .	1,970
Ashes. . . . .	342	Seed. . . . .	1,410

Butter, Cheese, Lard, &c, have much diminished, and can now only be expected in small invoices. The receipt of Flour as above exceeds that of any former week this month, making an aggregate import for the first three weeks of Nov., of 215,000 bbls.—*Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*.