

and 593 who had become free by servitude or pardon, these, with fourteen other emigrants, made a total of 1,318 souls. The vessels entered inwards and cleared outwards, in the year ending 5th January, 1847, as compared with the previous year, was as follows:—

1846.	Inwards.	Outwards.
Number . . .	222	220
Tons	28,970	27,295
Men	2,136	1,943

1845.	Inwards.	Outwards.
Number . . .	178	185
Tons	22,106	22,470
Men	1,669	1,763

Revenue for the Port—

Year ending Jan. 1847 . .	£26,718 15
Ditto ditto 1846 . .	24,918 7

Total Imports and Exports for the Port of Launceston, for the year ending 5th January, 1847, compared with the year ending 5th January, 1846:—

	Imports.	Expts.
1847.	£	£
Brit. goods from United Kingd.	85,320	378
Other goods from ditto	15,289	141,299
Brit. goods from other places . .	8,573	27,109
Other goods from ditto	60,171	134,185
	£170,344	£302,971
1846.	£	£
Brit. goods from United Kingd.	116,554	170
Other goods from ditto	17,413	102,371
Brit. goods from other places . .	6,333	22,520
Other goods from ditto	61,695	73,005
	£201,995	£198,066

Produce of the Colony exported in the year ending 5th January, 1847, as compared with the year ending 5th January, 1846.

	1847.	1846.
Bark tons	361½	386
Flour „	1,981	1,414
Hay „	519½	67
Grain—Wheat . . bushels	367,421	181,124
Oats 7,763½	38,604	41,251
Barley 30,841½	18,374	1,104
Bran „	1,529½	488
Potatoes tons	614	74
Oil (Whale) tons	13	43
Whalebone tons	6,841	5,929
Wool bales	£1,175	£2,841
Skins & Leather, value of	77	40
Live stock—No. horn cat.	1,073	1,006
Horses No. of	568	659
Sheep „	£3,632	£2,404
Timber value of		

A rumour was current in the Colony that the Legislative Council would not be again called together, as the boon of an elective Legislature was confidently expected. A public meeting was held at

Hobart-town, on the 30th Jan., to present Mr. Charles McLachlan with an address in acknowledgment of his exertions in favour of Colonial interests during his residence in England.

Mercantile.—Various changes in our mercantile community are mentioned, Messrs. Kerr, Bogle & Co., withdraw from Launceston, and confine their business to Hobart-town. Mr. Ducroz, the resident partner of William Jackson and Co., will shortly take possession of Messrs. Kerr's stores, and their present place of business will be occupied in future by Mr. Marriott. Mr. Potts, in conjunction with Mr. Swanston, junior, are about to remove to Launceston, where they will establish themselves as merchants and agents.

MAURITIUS.

We have papers from this Island to the 18th March. The quantity of sugar of this year's crop shipped to 28th Feb. was 107,043,213 lbs., about 13 million pounds more had arrived in town, up to the date of our last advices.

The following statement shows the quantity produced by each district compared with last crop:—

	Crop 1845-6.	Crop 1846-7.
	lbs.	lbs.
South Pamplemousses	8,000,000	10,500,000
North Pamplemousses	18,000,000	20,800,000
Rivière du Rempart..	24,000,000	31,000,000
Flacq	20,000,000	24,000,000
Grand Port	14,000,000	16,000,000
Savanne	10,000,000	18,000,000
Black River	1,800,000	2,600,000
Plain Wilhems	6,000,000	8,800,000
Mocha	550,000	300,000
	102,350,000	127,000,000

For last year the consumption was not taken into consideration, but from the quantity this year, from four to five millions may be deducted for that purpose. The increase in the production is general. The two districts that are to be remarked are the fertile Rivière du Rempart, an increase of nearly one-third and the distant and once neglected Savanne producing nearly a fourth more than the previous crop.

The papers were complaining of a want of accommodation by the banks to merchants in their exchange operations, and to traders by moderate credits with good securities, and this too in a port where produce to the value of a million and a half of dollars is shipped in one month.