

to build new Steamers for a daily line between Lake Michigan ports and Collingwood, in the place of tri-weekly. From Collingwood to Toronto, the connection is made by the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad, and from Toronto to Oswego a daily line of first class Steamers is established. The following table will show the time required for the transportation of freight, by this route, between the Atlantic and Chicago, when there is no unusual delay or obstruction:—

Chicago to Collingwood (48 hours).....	2 days.
Collingwood by railroad to Toronto.....	} 1 "
Daily steamers from Toronto to Oswego.....	
Oswego to New York by Canal.....	8 "

Say Chicago to New York, using canal from Oswego..... 12

Goods from New York to Chicago and other Lake Michigan ports *via* Canal to Oswego require the same time. Using the Railroad in place of the Canal, the time is as follows:—

Goods by railroad from New York or Boston to Oswego, require.....	2 days
Oswego to Collingwood (steam to Toronto and railroad thence to Collingwood).....	1 "
Collingwood to Chicago.....	2 "
Total time from New York or Boston to Chicago and other Lake Michigan ports .....	5 "

In case of failure to connect at places of transshipment, a day or two additional may be required, but the regular running time is as stated above.

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MOST OF THE ARTICLES SHIPPED BY CANAL AT OSWEGO FOR THREE SEASONS:

	1854.	1855.	1856.
Flour, bbls.....	303,276	398,987	395,523
Pork.....	43,912	5,883	30,155
Beef.....	2,979	1,600	2,702
Ashes.....	1,933	5,112	946
Wheat, bush.....	1,329,885	2,698,377	5,994,209
Corn.....	2,216,123	2,498,377	3,224,219
Rye.....	41,692	222,888	308,651
Barley.....	80,760	153,265	95,384
Oats.....	284,100	188,757	158,272
Peas and Beans.....	54,216	39,662	70,734
Domestic spirits, gals.....	41,164	11,466	4,725
Bacon, lbs.....	1,589,546	1,628,494	4,085,642
Butter.....	11,048	106,766	42,956
Lard.....	2,622,218	984,087	1,147,128
Wool.....	36,852	398,259	137,227
Hides.....	27,314	33,087	33,087
Bran and shipstuffs.....	8,490,633	17,673,898	17,533,236
Unmanufactured tobacco.....	62,411		
Clover and grass seed.....	8,570	17,990	
Flax seed.....	27,695		
Hemp.....		21,717	
Hoops.....	13,240	17,990	20,913
Oil cake, &c.....	8,891,608	4,651,085	7,573,664
Leather.....	260,802	29,666	135,432
Furniture.....	17,609	27,820	17,340