

system of barter—an absolute necessity in all new countries—has died out, and our farmers now sell for cash and buy with cash.

In the matter of prices, the New Brunswick farmer has a decided advantage over the farmers of the Western States and those of Canada. In the Western States, owing to the great distance from the great markets on the seaboard, the prices of grain are much lower than in our Province. Compared to the farmer of Wisconsin, Minnesota, or even Iowa or Illinois, the New Brunswick farmer may be said to live beside his market. And so of Western Canada. If the New Brunswick farmer can supply only his home markets with produce, certainly the Far West cannot compete with him at his own door; if he can produce more than is required for home consumption, and therefore raises crops to send beyond the seas, or into the older States of the Republic, he lives as it were, on the coast; his competitors live away in the interior, hundreds of miles behind him, and with all the disadvantages which attend distant transportation of bulky matter. But at present it is not necessary for our farmers to seek a foreign market. They do not supply our own. The imports of the Province show that every year Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, which cannot compare with our Province for richness of soil, furnish a considerable portion of the farm products which we consume. We do not yet supply our own wants; and until we do that it is unnecessary to look abroad for markets.

I shall conclude these remarks by quoting from Johnston a comparison of our prices with those of the State of Ohio and Canada West. I regret that I have at hand no later information; these prices being those for 1848 and 1849.

| | Upper Canada. | State of Ohio. | New Brunswick. |
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| | <i>Price per Quarter.</i> | <i>Price per Quarter.</i> | <i>Price per Quarter.</i> |
| Wheat, | 28s. | 31s. | 60s. |
| Barley, | 18s. | 14s. 8d. | 34s. |
| Oats, | 10s. | 8s. | 16s. |
| Rye, | 18s. | 16s. | 38s. 8d. |
| Maize, | 20s. | 10s. 8d. | 37s. 4d. |
| Buckwheat, | 32s. | 14s. 4d. | 30s. |
| Potatoes, | 1s. 6d. per bush. | 1s. 10½d. | 1s. 11d. |
| Hay, | 23s. 9d. per ton. | — | 49s. |