

From our peculiar Geographical position,—from the relative and nearly balanced advantages possessed by the two rival communications with the Atlantic—the St. Lawrence and the Hudson Rivers,—from the magnitude of the object and the various interests involved, Your Committee have availed themselves of such statistical information as would enable them to comprehend the practical operation of the proposed Duty.

First, with regard to the protection of the English grower :—

From the Statement in Appendix No. 4, it appears that the cost of conveying a barrel of Flour from the Welland Canal to any Port in the United Kingdom by way of the St. Lawrence is 14s. 6d. It also appears that Wheat must command from 4s. to 5s. currency, or 4s. 6d. sterling, per bushel, to remunerate the Canadian grower. (See Appendix No. 6.)

After the completion of our communications a reduction will be made in the transit of 2s. 6d. per barrel. Flour must still command in Britain 33s. sterling, per barrel, to ensure our growers a remunerating price, which will afford ample protection to the English grower, and as it is entirely the result of natural causes it can only be effected by Imperial Legislation.

As it respects the admission into Canada of American products from the Western States, it appears that the freight of a barrel of Flour from Cleveland, Ohio, to Lake Ontario, is 1s. 6d. which added to the above, with the proposed Duty, will sufficiently protect the Home producer