Hitherto I have confined my remarks exclusively to the American commerce, done on these Lakes. I will now, for future reference, introduce a few facts in regard to British commerce on the same channels.

## THE WELLAND CANAL

connects Lakes Erie and Ontario, by running across the Peninsula of Canada West, [late Upper Canada]—is 26 miles long, with locks 150 feet long, 26 1-2 feet wide, 8 1-2 feet deep on mitre sills. Since the year 1844, this work has passed into the hands of the Government, and no report of property passing it, since that time, has been published. In 1844, the following statements were published:

American Ports to American Ports, up.

(That is, from American ports on Lake Ontario to American ports on the Upper Lakes.)

30 bbls. beet and pork, 196,050 " salt, 1,197 " iron " " " 452 tons coal c 2240 lbs. 30 " grindstones. " " 8,521 " merchandise of 2240 lbs., equal 9528 tons of 2000 lbs.

American to American Ports, down.

296,765 feet boards, 133,130 pipe-staves, 16,347 bbls. pork and beef, 279,621 W. I. staves, 90,925 bbls. flour, 2558 " ashes, 780 " 1,629,544 bush, wheat, whiskey, 10,789 " 175 tons coal, corn, 100 tons rail road iron, castings, 9 ... 82 " grindstones, tobacco. 127 " merchandise.

American to British Ports, up.

84 tons merchandise, 5,865 bbls. salt, 50 " coal,

American to British Ports, down.

39,204 feet boards. 3,090 pipe staves. 331.592 W. I. " 22,820 barrels pork and beef. 97 harrels ashes. 44.839flour. 299,305 bushels wheat. 609 1,000 tons coal. 62,10418 tons eastings. 19 " iron. 90 merchandise. 38 " grindstones.