

even when enlarged, will be totally inadequate to such increased commerce—there cannot be a doubt but that the contemplated canal will be constantly adding to the value of its stock, in proportion to the increase of the population in the western and New England states and in the Canadas. By this single improvement steamers and vessels from all the upper and western lakes, as well as from the gulf of St. Lawrence, can reach Burlington, Whitehall and all the other ports on Lake Champlain without breaking bulk. The flour, pork, beef, coal, and all the products of the west can, by means of the rail-roads now in course of construction, be distributed in the interior, and also be landed at Boston, at a less expense, with less depreciation in value by transport, and in a shorter period, than by any other route. To prove this the committee submit the following comparative rates of freight furnished by Mr. Young of Montreal; which your committee believe will be found generally correct.

Average rate of freight for flour in 1848, on the Erie Canal, from	
Buffalo to Albany.....	58 cents.
Cleveland to Buffalo.....	6
Albany to New York.....	8—72 cts.
Average rate of freight, at present, from Cleveland to Montreal...	30 cents.
Montreal to New York.....	33—65 cts.
Difference in favor of Lake Champlain	7 cents.

The above rate of 30 cents is not the usual rate; 40 cents may be considered the average this and last season, from Cleveland, but there is now scarcely any back freight.

Cleveland to Boston.

Cleveland to Montreal.....	30 cents.
Montreal to Burlington.....	15
Burlington to Boston.....	30—75 cts.
Cleveland to Albany.....	64
Albany to Boston.....	30—94 cts.
Difference in favor of Lake Champlain	19 cents.

The above calculations are based on flour being transhipped at La-prairie, thence by rail-road 14 miles to St. Johns, and there again shipped in schooners to Burlington.

Comparison of the above, based on the canal to connect the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain being finished.

Cleveland to New York.

Cleveland to New York.....	72 cents.
Cleveland to Whitehall direct, probable rate.....	45
Whitehall to New York.....	17—62
In favor of Lake Champlain.....	10 cents.

Cleveland to Boston.

Cleveland to Albany.....	64
Albany to Boston.....	30—94
Cleveland to Whitehall or Burlington.....	45
Burlington to Boston.....	30—75
In favor of Lake Champlain.....	19 cents.