

Statement of the quantity of the following articles passed through the Welland Canal during the years 1854 & 1855—

		1854.	1855.
Wheat,	Tons,	76,961	166,520
Corn,	"	113,453	115,148
Flour,	"	40,022	27,828
Oats,	"	10,371	5,775
Total,.....		240,697	315,271
Total traffic....		767,210	849,333

Statement of the quantity, in bushels of Wheat and Flour shipped at Buffalo and Oswego by Canal, from 1835 to 1855, inclusive, the Flour being reckoned at five bushels to the barrel.

Year.	Buffalo.	Oswego.	Total.
1835.....	672,427	669,067	1,341,393
1836.....	999,980	585,559	1,585,538
1837.....	1,084,475	340,035	1,424,510
1838.....	2,321,217	440,200	2,761,417
1839.....	2,405,849	658,160	3,064,000
1840.....	4,081,235	665,389	4,746,604
1841.....	4,450,565	735,249	5,185,814
1842.....	4,500,265	643,157	5,143,422
1843.....	6,104,064	1,154,909	7,258,973
1844.....	6,042,004	1,895,494	7,937,498
1845.....	4,946,451	2,016,487	6,980,928
1846.....	10,069,734	2,790,036	12,859,770
1847.....	15,533,117	3,766,001	19,099,118
1848.....	10,182,790	3,874,430	14,057,270
1849.....	9,115,040	5,104,997	14,057,270
1850.....	8,226,847	5,575,742	13,802,589
1851.....	9,199,762	6,116,868	15,317,533
1852.....	9,554,851	7,315,424	16,870,275
1853.....	8,250,638	8,783,293	17,033,931
1854.....	4,252,307	1,861,265	7,113,572
1855.....	7,633,531	4,691,662	12,325,193

It is only a few years since the enlargement of the Welland Canal was completed. At that time it was supposed that its capacity for business was such as to meet the increasing wants of the Western trade, for half a century. This capacity it has already been ascertained, is unequal to the demand for transit, and both the Welland and Erie Canals, with the two great lines of Railway through the State of New York, are taxed very nearly to their utmost. In view of these facts, it is evident that, as the transit