

branches, we may form a conception of the enormous volume of the days' transactions in a great New York bank. To judge by this statement, and from other sources of information we should say there must be some \$10,000,000 passing over the counter, in receipts and payments every day. This, of course is in the depreciated currency of the United States. The Bank of Commerce it will be observed owes a large sum to other banks. These are banks for whom it acts as agents, and whose balances are held at call, the item therefore, does not, as in the case of banks here, indicate a drawing on foreign credits.

The respective strength of the two institutions is an interesting subject of comparison. The Bank of Montreal has in available means about 42 per cent. of its liabilities, the Bank of Commerce about 41 per cent. The last of course is inclusive of government securities, which, in the case of the New York institution, are as available as any other of its assets, from the fact that they can be sold in Wall street at any hour.

INAUGURATION OF THE BLUE LINE.

THE completion of the third rail of the Great Western Railway, whereby passengers and freight can be carried from the Atlantic to the Missouri without change of cars, is an event of great importance indirectly to Canada—directly to the States lying to the East and to the West of her. The benefit, however, of this new line of uniform gauge will be chiefly to the great North-West, for the carrying of freight to and from which it will be mainly used.

The completion of the undertaking was duly celebrated at Hamilton last week, when a number of gentlemen from Chicago and Detroit were hospitably received and entertained by the officers of the Great Western Railway and the Hamilton Board of Trade. An address of welcome from that Board was read, and speeches were made and toasts drunk in honor of the guests, of the Great Western, and its manager, Mr. Swinyard, &c. &c. Everything passed off very pleasantly and cordially, good wishes being freely interchanged between the Hamiltonians and their guests from the West.

We trust the "Blue Line" will prove a great success, and that the Great Western Railway Company may reap all the benefits they deserve for their enterprise and energy in planning and carrying to a successful termination so important an undertaking.

British Exports

The following statement shows the value of British and Irish produce and manufactures exported from the United Kingdom during the three first quarters of the years 1855 and '56, with the countries to which they have been chiefly exported.

	1855.	1856.
Russia	2,355,131	2,435,676
Prussia	1,632,658	1,341,629
Hanse Towns	11,127,923	9,672,517
Holland	5,743,008	6,557,199
Belgium	2,088,510	2,125,294
France	6,721,284	8,598,242
Portugal	1,519,388	1,519,112
Spain	1,639,233	1,582,218
Italy	1,131,577	3,999,571
Turkey, European	3,431,741	4,545,371
Egypt	3,919,153	5,726,871
China	3,711,611	5,539,825
West Indies	3,949,188	4,100,922
United States	12,333,326	22,065,231
Mexico	15,155,1	1,016,429
New Granada	1,755,831	2,272,41
Chili	1,258,956	1,133,568
Brazil	4,606,613	5,424,836
Argentine Confederation	1,476,224	1,588,472
Gibraltar, Malta & Gozo	1,375,151	1,337,595
British Provinces in Africa	2,189,637	1,572,625
India	11,330,691	14,754,779
Singapore & Eastern Straits	1,163,562	1,463,562
Australia and New Zealand	9,165,197	9,656,415
British North America	4,922,198	6,317,622
Other Countries	12,782,988	11,816,164
Total	111,717,377	141,536,895

The total exports to British possessions in various parts of the world are:—

	1855.	1856.
To British Possessions	£ 36,500,637	£ 40,611,655
To Foreign Countries	83,297,720	101,222,243
Total	£119,717,377	£141,936,898

The exports to the United States show by far the greatest increase in 1856, amounting to over £10,000,000. British North America, France and Egypt, figure next in order, as increased importers of British produce and manufactures.

EXPORTS OF MONTREAL.

Comparative Statement of the Quantity and Value of Exports at the Port of Montreal, being the Growth, Produce and Manufacture of Canada for the years 1855 and 1856, from official sources.

ARTICLES.	Quan.	By Sea.	By Rail.	Total.	Quan.	By Sea.	By Rail.	Total.
THE MINE.								
Copper Ore, tons	40	550	550	1114	34720	12437	47167	47167
Iron, tons	110	690	1842	1542	154	2663	2663	2663
Pig & Scrap Iron, tons	88	291	291	582	369	390	759	759
Mineral Oil, gals.	519	891	282	3283	85080	14895	49976	49976
Total	757	1932	3283	6147	104959	18725	51492	166476
THE FISHERIES.								
Fish, pickled, bris.	2513	250	10768	13531	1831	1329	9329	9329
Fish Oil, gals.	2672	1239	149	2388	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	5185	1489	11917	13466	1831	1329	9329	1329
THE FOREST.								
Pot Ashes, bris.	15435	62169	20411	72583	15361	463269	7769	630318
Pearl	4437	1156	1662	1156	47324	22295	6619	6619
Standard Staves	70	13234	13234	11	2319	2319	2319	2319
Other	167	9063	9063	9063	133	7325	7325	7325
Deals	2003	2003	2003	2003	2705	2705	2705	2705
Plank and Boards	46	7782	18692	16414	22171	35568	58639	58639
Spars	No	173	173	173	12	12	12	12
Shingles	519	69	551	611	83	1199	1199	1199
Sleepers	No.	14760	216	216	10000	10000	10000	10000
Oars	1687	1513	1513	1513	916	916	916	916
Other Woods	2109	6103	8203	8203	3116	11467	14673	14673
Total	677795	235732	913530	649447	147608	697655	697655	697655
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.								
Horses, number	6350	415598	415598	426	387467	387467	387467	387467
Horned Cattle, number	2465	8634	8634	1742	7762	7762	7762	7762
Swine	2533	2302	2302	746	6780	6780	6780	6780
Sheep	10657	31688	31688	906	1913	1913	1913	1913
Poultry	6069	17010	17010	.....	32885	32885	32885	32885
Bacon and Hams, cwt	6069	80613	80613	6204	88	6063	6063	6063
Bees' Wax, lbs.	635	5592	5592	463	37652	37652	37652	37652
Butter, lbs.	471444	716738	337502	104831	867807	202890	113497	113497
Cheese, lbs.	63524	72829	6683	7822	135148	169397	16259	171933
Eggs, doz.	921414	128667	128087	666270	.....	76259	76259	76259
Furs	14892	8767	16659	.....	182773	14520	197293	197293
Hides, cwt	1771	4882	3359	1022	1403	2743	4146	4146
Horns and Hoofs, cwt	64	38	308	39	163	163	163	163
Lard, cwt	5595	481	62	546	47145	7061	32	7033
Pork, cwt	2054	23274	6171	29425	8883	48743	3706	86748
Sheep's Pelts, number	12522	4464	4464	10851	.....	6893	6893	6893
Tallow, lbs.	283	21	21	21	140	140	140	140
Wool, lbs.	107488	476	48987	49462	74182	18972	93154	93154
Total	1648838	1122690	217348	1444949	946283	239237	239237	239237
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.								
Balsam	1276	1276	1276	716	561	1277	1277	1277
Barley and Rye, bush	97390	2219	61512	63762	317955	216464	16531	236985
Barley, pot and pearl, bris	379	379	379	37	37	37	37	37
Beans, bush	16443	9911	9911	2712	3317	3317	3317	3317
Bran, cwt	943	993	1846	153	2089	2089	2089	2089
Flax, cwt	40	3916	3956	384	6750	6750	6750	6750
Flax Seed, bush	4068	724	724	4613	7886	7886	7886	7886
Flour, bris	19566	93327	116044	1019371	163471	924569	142386	1067555
Fruit, green, bris	1807	6151	1232	7403	2922	7813	2237	10060
Hay, tons	75	384	384	344	1924	1924	1924	1924
Hops, lbs.	15775	400	1829	21963	263	6639	6407	6407
Indian Corn, bush	7652	489	6299	6770	1339	798	798	798
Malt, bush	543	42	42	1198	628	628	628	628
Maple Sugar, lbs.	54	1434	9935	23789	36880	159670	10661	169731
Mead, lbs.	60557	88934	145146	237781	3159385	112643	87276	1213319
Oats, bush	9337	376	12529	1286	14439	2567	28992	32169
Other Seeds, bush	61697	51651	17893	533341	182797	926062	6613	932756
Peas,	2599	70	430	600	4273	216	216	216
Tobacco, lb.	3379	3379	3379	3778	210	191	490	490
Vegetables	26673	23747	153	25250	25165	490	28919	28919
Wheat, bush	159933	405527	196550	3370902	316876	3716778	3716778	3716778
Total	159933	405527	196550	3370902	316876	3716778	3716778	3716778
MANUFACTURES.								
Books	265	2075	2075	1543	3458	5001	5001	5001
B-cuits	1662	1662	1662	1799	1799	1799	1799	1799
Candles, lbs.	81	81	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carrriages, number	173	159	1880	555	823	823	823	823
Cottons	1146	1146	1146	2725	2838	5583	5583	5583
Furs	793	169	169	3398	235	2353	2353	2353
Glass	169	284	1150	1388	4667	6485	6485	6485
Ground Plaster and Lime	1113	7	1150	238	65	353	353	353
Hardware	8735	100	8845	2030	4164	24184	24184	24184
India Rubber	46	16322	16728	9279	200	9479	9479	9479
Leather	88387	14302	102660	99192	36338	139685	139685	139685
Machinery	21691	690	32280	14765	4946	19710	19710	19710
Musical Instruments	259	259	259	.....	1990	1990	1990	1990
Oil Cakes	48221	48221	48221	41061	41061	41061	41061	41061
Rags	1661	10511	12372	1481	9066	10487	10487	10487
Soap, lbs.	649	166	815	657	4	661	661	661
Starch, lbs.	5618	5618	5618	2227	2227	2227	2227	2227
Straw	17	661	678	.....	4181	4181	4181	4181
Sugar Boxes, number	14759	5463	48598	14144	14144	14144	14144	14144
Tobacco, lbs.	83393	12993	13689	245600	44144	859	43294	43294
Wood	100	671	9672	18226	724	18950	18950	18950
Woolens	605	1003	16698	80	11312	16322	16322	16322
Other articles	13115	15999	15999	18636	34697	63993	63993	63993
Liquors, Ale Beer &c, gals	889	287	287	1367	127	416	416	416
Whisky, gals	2544	940	940	403	12	415	415	415
Other Spirits, gals	3290	4459	4459	4387	7472	7472	7472	7472
Total	225929	66978	29297	297196	129318	423504	423504	423504
RECAPITULATION.								
Produce of the Mines	891	2392	3283	25080	14895	49976	49976	49976
" of the Fisheries	1489	11917	13466	54947	147608	697655	697655	697655
" of the Forest	677795	235732	913530	144949	945283	239237	239237	239237
Animals and their Products	1493838	1122690	2172498	1444949	945283	239237	239237	239237
Agricultural	159933	405527	196550	3370902	316876	3716778	3716778	3716778
Manufactures	225929	66978	29297	297196	129318	423504	423504	423504
Total	3516978	184626	5361184	5697664	1689314	7286378	7286378	7286378