

4.—*Statement from Mr. Carfrae, Collector of Customs, Toronto.*

The following statement of the expense of forwarding Wheat and Flour from hence to Montreal, I have received from Mr. Thorne, and from the "forwarders." I have taken it at the summer rates. The charges are all increased when forwarded late in the fall; but as only a small portion is sent down at that period, I have taken no notice of it.

Charges on 100 bushels of Wheat from Toronto to Montreal.

Lake freight	-	-	per bushel	4½d.
River ditto	-	-	"	7½d.
Storage and shipping	-	-	"	3d.
Insurance	-	-	"	0½d.

100 bushels at 1s. 3½d. is £6 9 2

Supposing 100 bushels of Wheat to make 23 barrels of flour, the charge will be,—

Lake freight	-	-	per barrel	1s. 0d.
River ditto	-	-	"	2s. 0d.
Insurance	-	-	"	0s. 2d.
Storage	-	-	"	0s. 4d.

23 barrels at 3s. 6d. is 4 0 6

£2 8 8

Thus leaving a balance in favour of Flour of £2 8 8 upon every 100 bushel of Wheat. The bean and shorts cover the expense of barrelling.

The average price of Wheat has been 4s. 0½d., and of Flour 21s. 3d.

Custom-House, Toronto, 23rd March, 1841.

5.—*The following is a Statement of the Average Prices of Wheat and Flour in Montreal.*

Wheat.	Flour.
1837, 6s. 0d. — 8s. 0d. per bushel	40s. 0d. — 43s. 9d. per barrel.
1838, 9s. 0d. — 5s. 0d. "	50s. 0d. — 33s. 9d. "
1839, 8s. 0d. — 7s. 0d. "	40s. 0d. — 35s. 0d. "
1840, 5s. 0d. — 6s. 6d. "	33s. 9d. — 26s. 3d. "

In 1837 the wheat crop was a failure throughout the United States, and partially so in Upper Canada; and there were large importations of grain from England.

In 1838 the importations were still larger, from the same cause; therefore these years must be considered as anomalous in relation to the trade springing directly from the Country or States adjoining, and the effect must also have been felt in the year following.

6.—*Extract of a Letter from Chicago, dated 6th March, 1841.*

"It is only four years since the first shipment of Wheat was made on Lake Michigan. In 1840, 800,000 bushels (in Wheat and Flour) were shipped. This year there will not be more than half that quantity, owing to the destruction of the harvest by rust. The export next year, if the crop is good, will exceed a million of bushels. The average price paid to the farmer has been 2s. 6d. The downfall of American stocks, and the "tinkering" of currency by 26 States, and unwise Legislation here, have effectually put a stop to the Illinois and Michigan Canal, now more than half completed. It is a sad blow to this place, and blasts the hopes of many persons.