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By Lachine Canal. Bushels.

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216,037 191,837 279,360 286,839 494,335 314,491

430,717 439,104 230,983 135,777 116,858 91,731

174,981 169,861 193,984 145,208 136,516 74,828

42,462 32,070 111,467 116,544 185,174 202,381

252,041 269,604 398,900 253,854 360,788 162,736

38,908

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550,376

The preceding Comparative Statement shows a very large decrease in Receipts of Wheat last year,—the Grand Trunk Railway figures being 215,425 bushels less than in 1862, and 648,688 bushels less than in 1861. The decrease by Lachine Canal was 2,809,628 bushels, as contrasted with the quantity received in 1862, and 1,580,277 bushels as compared with 1861. Including a small quantity by another route, the aggregate Receipts of 1863 were 5,509,143 bushels; while those of 1862 were 8,534,172 bushels, and of 1861, 7,738,084 bushels. The largest weekly receipts of Wheat last year were in week ending May 30; in 1862, during week corresponding with October 24; and in 1861, during week ending May 30.

The following is a Statement of Receipts of Grain and Flour in this city, vià Lachine Canal, during May and June of past Three Years:

| | 1863 | 1862 | 1861 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Wheatbushels | 2,462,778 | 2,636,191 | 2,883,703 |
| Peasbushels | 330,694 | 236,595 | 836,502 |
| Cornbushels | 509,409 | 317,799 | 104,275 |
| Barleybushels | 2,940 | 37,844 | 6,360 |
| Oatsbushels | 89,159 | 33,144 | 65,499 |
| Ryebushels | 2,065 | 14,074 | 3,835 |
| Flourbarrels | 392,619 | 309,988 | 370,252 |
| Oatmeal barrels | 309 | . 27 | 6,141 |

Rendering Flour into Wheat, the aggregates of these arrivals stand thus:-

| | 1863 | 1862 | 1861 |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bushels | 5,361,685 | 4,825,722 | 5,782,139 |

The aggregates show an increase on the two months specified equal to more than half-a-million bushels (say 535,963 bushels); and it is perhaps fair enough to assume that the ultimate decrease is attributable to low and declining prices in Europe,—See Tables of British averages on pages 27 and 28. The rates of Inland Freight ruling in 1863 (quoted on a subsequent page) seem to show that those engaged in the forwarding business were convinced that less Grain would be moved to the sea-board than in 1862.

Taking the whole season of 1863 in to account, the quantity of Flour received at Montreal by Lachine Canal was 5 per cent. less than in 1862,—the decrease in Wheat being 36 per cent, and in Maize 67½ per cent. The decrease in Flour passing through the Oswego Canal last year was 25 per cent., as contrasted with 1862,—decrease in Wheat 18 per cent., and in Corn 31½ per cent. The ratio of decrease in Flour and Wheat, via Oswego Canal for the whole season of 1863, appears to have been greater than by the Lachine Canal.