

g Years.

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By Lachine
Canal.
Bushels.

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216,037
191,837
279,360
286,839
494,335
314,49
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
308,900
253,854
360,788
162,736
38,908

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550,376

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

	1863	1862	1861
Wheat.....bushels	2,462,778	2,636,191	2,883,703
Peasbushels	330,694	236,595	836,502
Cornbushels	509,409	317,799	104,275
Barley.....bushels	2,940	37,844	6,360
Oats.....bushels	89,159	33,144	65,499
Ryebushels	2,065	14,074	3,835
Flour.....barrels	392,619	309,988	370,252
Oatmealbarrels	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.