

A further similar comparison of the respective percentages of total exports of New York City and of the other North Atlantic ports, including Montreal, shows even more clearly that no effort can be spared if New York is to keep her present supremacy.

The percentages only are given, as the fluctuations of yearly quantities, with the varying supply and demand, are less readily compared.

COMPARISON of Grain and Flour Exports from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Montreal, showing the percentage of their sum total which each city exports:

GRAIN, BUSHELS. PERCENTAGE OF SUM TOTAL.

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
New York.....	49 $\frac{3}{4}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	53	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	56	49
Boston.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
Philadelphia.....	13	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltimore.....	21	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montreal.....	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	11 $\frac{3}{4}$

FLOUR, BARRELS. PERCENTAGE OF SUM TOTAL.

	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
New York.....	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	57	45	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 $\frac{1}{2}$
Boston.....	16	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	20	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltimore.....	7	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	14	20	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montreal.....	11	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

It has been objected that the proposed 20-foot Niagara Ship Canal would pass the great upper-lake steamers to Lake Ontario, only to see their cargoes go down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, instead of through the Oswego and Erie Canal to New York.

As has already been stated, the navigable depth of the St. Lawrence River and canals, to Montreal, is now limited to 9 feet, with an ultimate proposed depth of 14 feet, to which