

" NO. 2.—SHOWING THE QUANTITY OF PRODUCE CARRIED
THROUGH THE ERIE CANAL IN THE YEAR 1844:—

" Pork, 63,646 barrels ; beef, 7,699 barrels ; lard, 3,064,800 lbs. ; flour, 2,517,250 barrels ; wheat, 1,620,033 bushels ; corn, 35,803 bushels ; flax-seed, 8,303,960 lbs. ; ashes, 80,646 barrels.

" From the foregoing statements it will be seen that the quantity carried through the latter channel is enormous as compared with the former. It becomes then a question of vital importance whether a portion of this trade can be attracted through the St. Lawrence. We believe that it can, because the cheapest conveyance to the seaboard and to the manufacturing districts of New England must win the prize ; and who will deny that the securing of this prize is not worth both our best and united exertions?

" The cheapening of the means of transit is the great object to be obtained ; and our best practical authorities are firmly of opinion that the St. Lawrence will be made the cheapest route, as soon as our chain of inland improvements is rendered complete. They affirm that the cost of transporting a barrel of