

to bud and blossom as the rose," and become the granary of the Union.

It is now my purpose to exhibit facts to show that the mighty West is not a mere poetical phrase, but is a substantial country, rich in resources, and possessed by an enterprising population, who are successfully developing them more rapidly than the history of the world can anywhere else present.

To make the change which has taken place in the West, within a few short years, more striking, I will present some comparative statements of their exports at different periods:

In 1835, the whole exports from the West, came principally from the Northern or Lake portion of Ohio. The amount which passed through this city to tide water, via the Erie Canal, of the principal articles, consisted of the following:

Flour.....bbls	*86,233	Provisions.....bbls	6,562
Wheat.....bu	*98,071	Ashes.....casks	4,419
Staves.....lbs	2,565,272	Wool.....lbs	140,911
Corn.....bu	14,579	But., Cheese & Lard,..	1,030,632

*Equivalent to 543,815 bushels of Grain.

The tolls collected at the Buffalo office that year amounted to \$106,213 35; the total number of tons of all articles, from all sources, cleared at Buffalo that year was 49,478; the valuation of property I have not for that year, but in the year 1837, the value of all the property sent towards tide water on the Erie Canal from Buffalo, was \$3,280,128.

In 1845 and 1846, Ohio and the other States around these Lakes, sent to Eastern markets, through the same channel the following articles: