

CANADA.

Why should Canada be thus limited to the use of British vessels? What equivalent in trade does England now afford to compensate her for such injurious restrictions? None, absolutely none.

But your memorialists, averse to employing unsupported assertions, or creating odium against these laws by mere general objections, will select a few instances to prove the fact which they assert, that they are highly injurious to the commerce and welfare of this colony. First, as regards external commerce: on instituting a comparison between the average rates of freight current between New York and Liverpool, where British and American ships meet in open competition, and Montreal and the latter port, in which case British vessels alone are permitted to engage in the carrying trade, the difference operating against Canadian interests is of sufficient magnitude to excite well founded alarm for the permanence of our prosperity, if those oppressive laws are persevered in. The following Tables show the current and average rates of freight at New York and Montreal respectively for the past three years, showing an average excess of charge against Canada of 3s. 3d. currency per brl. of flour, and 7d. currency per bushel of wheat.

RATES of FREIGHT current from Montreal to Liverpool, in the Years

	1844.		1845.		1846.	
	Flour.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wheat.
	Per brl.	Per qr.	Per brl.	Per qr.	Per brl.	Per qr.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
13 May - - -	4 6	8 0	4 6	8 3	4 3	8 3
27 — - - -	4 6	8 0	4 0	8 0	4 3	8 3
11 June - - -	4 9	9 0	3 9	6 6	5 3	9 3
26 — - - -	5 0	10 0	4 0	6 6	6 0	10 0
11 July - - -	5 0	8 9	3 6	6 6	6 0	10 0
26 — - - -	4 6	8 3	4 0	6 6	5 9	10 0
10 August - - -	4 6	8 0	4 3	6 6	—	—
27 — - - -	4 0	8 0	4 6	7 0	—	—
11 September - - -	4 0	8 0	4 6	7 0	—	—
26 — - - -	3 9	—	4 6	7 0	—	—
11 October - - -	3 9	—	5 3	9 0	—	—
26 — - - -	5 0	8 0	6 9	12 0	—	—
9 November - - -	5 0	9 0	7 0	14 0	—	—
Average - - -	4 6½	8 5½	7 0½	8 0½	5 1½	9 3½
	per bushel 1 0½		per bushel 1 0		per bushel 1 2½	

RATES of FREIGHT current from New York to Liverpool, in the Years

	1844.		1845.		1846.	
	Flour.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wheat.
	Per brl.	Per bush.	Per brl.	Per bush.	Per brl.	Per bush.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
13 May - - -	2 6	0 8	1 6	0 6	2 3	0 8
27 — - - -	2 0	0 7½	1 6	0 6	3 0	0 9
15 June - - -	2 0	0 7½	1 6	0 6	3 0	0 9
29 — - - -	1 6	0 6	1 6	0 6	2 0	0 8
13 July - - -	1 6	0 6½	1 6	0 6	2 3	0 8
27 — - - -	1 6	0 6	1 6	0 6½	2 3	0 8
14 August - - -	1 6	0 6	2 6	0 8	—	—
28 — - - -	1 6	0 6	2 3	0 7½	—	—
14 September - - -	1 6	0 6	2 3	0 7½	—	—
28 — - - -	1 6	0 6	2 0	0 7½	—	—
16 October - - -	1 6	0 6	2 6	0 7½	—	—
30 — - - -	1 6	0 6	2 6	0 8	—	—
13 November - - -	1 6	0 6	3 9	0 10	—	—
Average - - -	1 7½	0 6½	2 0½	0 7	2 6½	0 8½

Note.—These averages are subject to an addition of 5 per cent. primage.