

The Total quantities of Local Flour and Grain carried have been :—

	1863.	1862.	Increase.
Flour (in barrels.....)	71,775	62,441	8,334
Grain (in bushels)	791,793	566,010	225,783

The Receipts at Toronto of the following articles have been :—

	1863.	1862.	Increase.	Decrease.
Flour (in barrels)....	71,090	62,307	8,783	
Wheat (in bushels ...)	724,338	532,758	191,580	
Sawed Lumber (B. M.)	25,916,000	27,626,000		1,720,000
Square Timber “	21,164,100	17,988,000	3,176,100	
Rafting do. “	4,436,000	1,374,000	3,062,000	

The Tonnage transported (Local and Through) has been :—

	1863.	1862.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ordinary Freight : }				
1st., 2nd and 3rd class }	15,216 ¹⁸²¹	13,414 ¹⁰⁶⁰	1,802 ⁷⁶¹	
Flour.....	7,751 ⁴⁰⁰	6,743 ¹³¹¹	1,007 ¹⁰⁸⁹	
Grain.....	23,328 ¹⁵²²	16,832 ⁵⁷⁶	6,496 ⁹⁴⁶	
Timber and Lumber	99,697 ⁶¹⁷	72,347	27,350 ⁶¹⁷	
Total Local Tonnage.	145,994 ²⁶⁰	109,337 ⁹⁴⁷	36,656 ¹⁴¹³	
“ Through “	11,313 ⁹⁰⁷	65,007 ¹²⁵⁹		53,694 ³⁵²
Gross Tonnage of year	157,307 ¹²⁶⁷	174,345 ²⁰⁶		17,037 ⁹³⁹

Thus it will be seen that the past year has shown a general increase in the Local business of the road, due in part to the development of the territory which it serves, but also to the bountiful harvest and the buoyancy of the timber trade of the season. The lumber trade, although in the early part of the year embarrassed by the heavy discount on American currency, became active towards the fall, and in that as well as the timber trade there is the prospect of unusual activity during the current year.

The important increase in the business of the Collingwood Station (see Appendices Nos. 4 and 9) evinces the fact, heretofore not sufficiently appreciated, that this Line affords, as well for freight as passengers, the best outlet that can be offered to the Counties of Grey, Huron and Bruce, a fact which the Directors in the early part of the year took the necessary steps to bring into prominent notice in those localities.

Although the Traffic has not been operated with the same absolute immunity from casualties that marked all previous years, it has