

then, we have extensive manufactures in this city, which make and ship large quantities west, together with large supplies received from rail roads and other sources, of which no accounts are kept.

"I give the value of the imports via. the canal into this city, and, although all is not originally intended for the Western markets, the quantities of our own manufactures, and sales from our own stock, more than equal what is originally left here by the canal for Buffalo. The tonnage and valuation of property entering this city via. the Erie Canal, was in

	TONS.	VALUATION.
1845.....	144,413	\$16,888,382
1846.....	153,761	23,199,665

"I will now beg leave to call your attention to some reminiscences connected with the commerce of this port, which may not be altogether uninteresting to you.

"The following is a list of the number of arrivals and departures at this port, for the years stated :

NO. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

1815.....	64	1818.....	100
1816.....	80	1819.....	96
1817.....	100		

Whether the arrivals and departures at Black Rock are included in this list, I cannot, at this late day, say, but the probability is strong that they are ; as that place, lying as it does, at the entrance into the Niagara river, was the general shipping port and resort of almost all the vessels until 1819; when the mouth of Buffalo creek was improved so as to let them come in here. Before this improvement, nothing but the smallest kind of craft could enter this creek, except immediately after the spring freshets, when the bars at its mouth had been washed away by the