

On the trade of the County, and its exports and imports generally your Committee do not propose to dwell at much length, as their extent importance and rapid increase, must be patent to the most cursory observer. In attempting to obtain statistics of the traffic and travel on this River they have met unexpected obstacles. The following figures, however, may be relied upon as coming as near the mark as necessary for practical purposes :

Importation of goods into Woodstock for retail trade, say	\$350,000 00
Freight paid on goods upwards from Fredericton, by steamer and towboat, say	50,000 00
Passengers fare on same route, both ways, say	25,000 00
The imports into port of Woodstock, (as given by Deputy Treasurer) for year ending 31st December, 1863, were	147,123 69
The exports from same port for 1862 were	50,617 87
While for the year 1863 they had increased to	122,069 60

Of course these amounts are but what appears on the Custom House books ; but they convey some notion of the extent of the business now done at this port.

An important export from Carleton is that of Cattle and Sheep for the United States markets. Large numbers of cattle and immense flocks of sheep and lambs, are collected by drovers who pass through the County, from farm to farm. These are now driven over the Road to Bangor, and thence forward to the Brighton and other markets. Sheep in droves of from one to five hundred pass through Woodstock during the summer. This trade has existed for many years, and is on the increase. In 1863 probably some 7,000 sheep were thus exported ; Notwithstanding this great and regular annual exportation such has been the production that while the increase of sheep in the whole Province, from 1851 to 1861, was about 27 per centum, the increase in Carleton was over 36 per centum. Were there a communication the whole distance by Railway, the whole of these sheep and cattle would be sent thus to market ; and their freight would form an important item in the receipts of a Railway. Put the rate from Woodstock to St. Stephen at 25 cents each ; and the 7000 sheep would produce annually for the Road \$1,750. Cheapness and facility of transport would increase the business ; and with the proposed Railway extension the export would be doubled in a few years.