

the imperative necessity of the St. Lawrence and Champlain Canal, and the free navigation of the St. Lawrence, as well as endeavours to carry out with the United States the system of reciprocity.

Feeling assured it will have a beneficial effect on the commerce, as well as the agricultural interests of the Colony,

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed,)

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#### TRADE OF THE "FAR WEST."

We are indebted to a friend for the following concise history of the rise and progress of the export trade of Chicago. Who, we ask, with such evidence before him, can even suppose a limit to the inexhaustible productive resources of Western America? And who, on the other hand, when contemplating its progressive increase during the last few years, can believe that such a trade will or can be carried on by the Erie Canal, if our Lake and River channel to the ocean is open to it? With cheap and expeditious transport, it is abundantly evident that the "Far West" must become the great granary of the nations; and, but for the restrictions on our inland navigation, and the British shipowners, monopoly of our sea-going commerce, the whole, or, at all events, a vast proportion of this trade, would inevitably be carried on through our channels, and render our public works as productive as their most sanguine projectors ever contemplated. The Erie Canal, last year,