

In reference to the above returns, Mr. Coote, of Rouse's Point, writing to the Montreal *Herald*, says :—

“There is an increase of Exports since the Reciprocity Treaty took effect, but not to the enormous amount shown in the U. S. reports, which are not worth a straw. Their returns of Exports to Canada are no better than guess work, while their returns of Imports from Canada show an immense increase of late—which is more in figures than in fact—because the actual value has greatly increased, and the value given in *free* entries is much higher than would be given if duty was still payable.

“Then the real trade is larger than the *bona fide* amount of produce would give if there was no interchange of the same article back and forth across the line. For instance, we have the last year carried flour, hides and provisions both ways across the line here, and one Canal boat, loaded to New York with pork, actually carried pork on its return trip. So closely are the fluctuations of the market watched, so free and easy is the course of trade when left to find its own level.

Harbour Master's Report of Imports at the Port of Toronto for 1856.

Meal - - - - -	Barrels - - -	280
Pork, tallow and fish - - - - -	“ - - -	1,847
Fruit and cider - - - - -	“ - - -	6,314
Lime and plaster - - - - -	“ - - -	10,890
Potatoes - - - - -	“ - - -	10,187
Oysters - - - - -	“ - - -	473
Salt - - - - -	“ - - -	20,046
Whiskey - - - - -	“ - - -	1,985
Ashes - - - - -	“ - - -	125
Indian-corn and oats - - - - -	Bushels - - -	302,095
Pails - - - - -	Dozen - - -	174
Bricks - - - - -	M. - - -	10,300
Laths - - - - -	M. - - -	1,757,500
Lumber - - - - -	Ft., B. M. - - -	4,845,117
Wood - - - - -	Cords - - -	22,394
Stone - - - - -	Toise - - -	2,836½
Sheep, pigs, and calves - - - - -	- - -	380
Horses and carriages - - - - -	- - -	565
Hay - - - - -	Tons - - -	78
Bridge and R. R. iron - - - - -	“ - - -	195
Coals - - - - -	“ - - -	30,014
Merchandise - - - - -	“ - - -	22,736