

The average price of freight from Quebec to Liverpool has been 10d. per foot, or 41s. 8d, per load of 50 feet, to which you may add, for shipping charges, insurance, &c., 1d. more, making 11d.

A foot of timber can be taken to New York for 4½ cents, or at the outside 5 cents.

This includes all charges, say, canal tolls, &c., to which add 6d. freight from New York to Liverpool making a total of 9d.

The freight from New York to Liverpool has been on an average 25s. per load, say, 6d. per foot.

Under the blessings of reciprocity with the United States there is little doubt but a prosperous trade could be carried on to the mutual interest of both countries, whereas the British ship owner reaps the benefit, to the prejudice of the Colonial manufacturer. I would here remark that the above quantity of deals has no reference to what are cut below Montreal and Quebec, to Matane, which, I should say, are at least three times as many.

(Signed,)

JOHN EGAN.

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Mr. Egan's statements are endorsed by two gentlemen well known in the Province, who also speak from a practical knowledge of the Timber and Lumber Trade.

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MONTREAL, October 19, 1848.

DEAR SIR,

We have perused your Statistical Estimate of the deal business on the Ottawa, and from our knowledge of the trade and the markets at Quebec, we have no hesitation in saying your views are correct.

We recommend you to lay the facts before the Government, as we are sure it will have their attention, and shew