

TOTAL shipment of Flour and Grain from Ontario and Quebec to the Maritime Provinces, from 1872 to 1878. The grain shipments are converted in flour and meal by estimating five bushels to the barrel.

Years.	By River St. Lawrence.	By Grand Trunk Railway, Portland.	By Intercolonial.	By Boston.	Total.
1872.....	252,576	*131,600	.....	.....	384,176
1873.....	329,536	*131,380	.....	.....	463,916
1874.....	340,984	*140,656	.....	.....	491,640
1875.....	210,248	*107,040	.....	.....	317,288
1876.....	282,897	*90,000	.....	.....	372,897
1877.....	185,850	*12,000	304,852	.....	502,702
1878.....	165,489	*3,300	704,012	*15,570	888,371

*This, in the Trade and Navigation Returns is given as being American, which is an error, as it comes from Ontario *via* Portland and Boston.

The following is the coal shipments from Nova Scotia to Quebec and Ontario from 1872 to 1878:—

	Tons.
1872.....	94,519
1873.....	187,059
1874.....	162,269
1875.....	189,754
1876.....	117,303
1877.....	95,418
1878.....	89,710

It will be seen that during the seven years the flour imports to the Lower Provinces have increased nearly three hundred per cent., while the coal exports to the Upper Provinces show a falling off.

COAL Freights from Sydney to Quebec, Montreal and New York, by Vessel, from 1873 to 1878.

Year.	From Sydney to		
	Quebec.	Montreal.	New York.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1873.....	2 50	3 50	3 50
1874.....	2 25	2 75	2 75
1875.....	1 75	2 25	2 25
1876.....	1 50	1 90	1 80
1877.....	1 25	1 75	1 60
1878.....	1 00	1 45	1 50