

The Export of Flour in sea-going vessels was 71,322 brls. less in 1863 than in 1862, and 79,787 brls. less than in 1861. Shipments by other routes are also given, which will afford data for more extended comparison next year,—the first sum in Montreal and Champlain Railroad column being from January 1 to May 2. The Shipments *via* Portland in ocean steamers in 1863 amounted to 54,531 brls.; and by sailing vessels in early part of the year, 18,876 brls. There were also 124,767 barrels carried out of the city by Grand Trunk Railway during 1863,—from which should be deducted the foregoing quantities *via* Portland, still leaving 51,360 barrels to be added to actual exports. Including 22,527 brls. dispatched in barges and schooners, and 26,037 brls. by Lachine Canal, the entire Shipments of Flour from this city foot up to 789,352 brls.; and, in 1862, 692,219 brls. The largest quantity entered outward *via* the St. Lawrence, in a single week of 1863, was in that ending June 20. For the different Ports to which Flour was shipped last year, see page 14.

Statement of Flour Inspected in past Three Years.

GRADES.	1863	1862	1861
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.
Superior Extra.....	2,638	10,517	5,869
Extra Superfine.....	50,977	41,506	22,941
Fancy Superfine.....	16,098	38,921	12,074
Superfine.....	388,903	439,338	505,139
Superfine No. 2.....	51,055	36,106	42,731
Fine.....	32,511	10,461	12,155
Middlings.....	12,913	7,053	7,813
Pollards.....	5,045	2,609	2,647
Sour.....	32,384	20,298	25,215
Rejected.....	25,973	19,511	14,601
Rye.....	3	371	647
TOTALS.....	618,520	626,691	651,837

These figures show a somewhat decreased inspection of Flour last year, as contrasted with preceding years; viz., 8,171 brls. less than in 1862, and 33,317 brls. less than in 1861. The quantity of Flour inspected in 1863 was about 41½ per cent. of the aggregate quantities (1,487,427 brls.) received and manufactured in this city.

In connection with the very high prices of Flour which prevailed in 1859, as shown in the following Table, it must be borne in mind, that the Wheat crop of Canada in 1858 was almost a total failure. On 19th May, 1859, French Flour (Extra) in bags and barrels was offering in Montreal at the rate of \$9.50 per 196 lbs. A few days later (May 26), the same kind of Flour was sold at auction, and brought \$7.62½ to \$8 per 196 lbs.; and, on June 2nd, a transaction was quoted at \$8 per 200 lbs. The first shipment of Flour from this port that year to Great Britain was made per the "John Bell," on the 23rd June, and consisted of 2,000 brls.

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