

our Boards of Agriculture or Trade in an endeavor to obtain a more full and complete set from official sources, and extended, at least, from the period of the union of the Provinces to the present time. The tables are numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4.

At page 260 of the Journal, the value of the exports from the farm are represented as \$14,259,225 in 1860, and \$18,244,631 in 1861.* These figures in the official tables represent the value of agricultural produce, viz., grain and seeds exported in these years; but, to show the net surplus, must be lessened nearly one-half by imports of the same articles—the net surplus for 1861 being \$11,284,944.

In commenting on the exports of butter, beef, pork and cheese, on the same page, you have been misled by trusting to the tables.* The Province has exported butter for years, the annual value of which has lately increased very fast. Of salt beef and pork the import has always been large until 1861, when an export of \$23,431 appears to contrast with an import of \$1,219,437 in 1856. Table No. 2 shows this export of meats of all kinds as exceeded by that of poultry, and that is not one-fourth the value of the eggs exported in the same year. The import of cheese has always been large, and rather increased than otherwise. The fact that the import of hides and horns exceeds the value of the exports of cattle, sheep and pigs by \$36,065 is curious, but rather in favor of the industry of the Province than otherwise.

The observations on the Cultivation of Wheat in Canada (p.257), and the comparisons made, further show the necessity of a more extensive statistical return, to confer on them the value to the enquirer into the true state of the agriculture of the Province which they might possess. The census for both Provinces was taken in 1851 and in 1860; both were years of most bountiful crops in Upper Canada; the returns must therefore be looked upon as accidental, and form no criterion of the produce of the wheat crops for each of the intermediate years. The deductions to be drawn from the return of the census must be checked by that of the annual export of each year within the series, and as I had previously arranged such a table from the official reports, I subjoin a copy, No. 4. From this, the risks attending this crop, and the uncertainty of the product will be evident; and the small increase of surplus between the years 1853 and 1861 must be far from satisfactory to either the agricultural or commercial men of the Province. The great falling off in the exports of 1857, 1858

and 1859, from whatever cause it had arisen, evidently led to the extensive substitution of spring for fall wheat, as the general crop throughout the country. In contrasting my table No. 4 with the table of wheat exports from Lower Canada at page 257 of the Journal, the peculiar fact is disclosed that the wheat exported from Lower Canada in 1852 exceeded the quantity exported from both Provinces in 1859.

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No. 1.

Abstract Statement of the Trade of the Province for 1861.

IMPORTS.

	\$	\$
<i>Imports for Consumption:</i>		
Goods paying duties	25,086,735	
“ free	3,980,389	29,067,124
<i>Imports for Exportation, or to set free an equivalent of Canadian products:</i>		
Products of Fisheries	472,210	
“ Forest	23,473	
Animals and their Products	2,354,804	
Agricultural Products	6,953,532	9,804,019
<i>Casual Imports:</i>		
Coin and Bullion	3,304,675	
Military Stores	879,018	4,183,693
<i>Imports by the St. Lawrence in transitu for the United States</i>	<i>522,514</i>	<i>522,514</i>
Total Import Trade		43,577,350

EXPORTS.

	\$	\$
<i>The Produce or Manufacture of the Province:</i>		
Produce of the Mine	454,963	
Mineral Oil	8,155	
Produce of the Fisheries	191,499	
“ “ Forest	9,549,172	
Animals and their Products	1,326,664	
Agricultural Products	11,282,944	26,565,663
Manufactures	289,130	
Other Articles	154,718	
Val. of Ships b'lt at Quebec	1,411,480	
Estimated am't of Exports returned short at Inland Ports	1,806,947	
<i>Re-Exports:</i>		
Produce of the Fisheries	472,210	
“ “ Forest	23,473	
Animals and their Products	2,354,804	
Agricultural Products	6,953,532	9,804,019
<i>Casual Exports:</i>		
Coin and Bullion	244,513	244,513
<i>Exports by the St. Lawrence from the United States, in transitu to the sea-board</i>	<i>3,505,511</i>	<i>3,505,511</i>
Total Export Trade		40,119,706

* NOTE.—Our correspondent cannot have perused the “comments” to which he refers, with attention, otherwise he would find that the increase in the production and exportation of butter is shown in the tables.—(Ed.)