

consumption in the Western States, sufficiently indicate that the St. Lawrence route is the cheapest and most expeditious for the transportation thither of European products, and the inference is that under fair conditions the trade will increase.

It was stated by Mr. McGiverin, before the Committee on Transit, appointed by the Detroit Commercial Convention, that, on the 10th of September, 1861, 16,000 bushels of Wheat were purchased at Chicago; and that 10,000 bushels of it were shipped via the River St. Lawrence, while 6,000 bushels were sent via New York, with the following result:—

COMPARISON OF TIME.

ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE.		NEW YORK ROUTE.	
	DAYS.		DAYS.
Shipped at Chicago, 13th September,		Shipped at Chicago, 13th September,	
arrived at Port Colborne 18th.....	5	arrived at Port Colborne 18th.....	5
Passed over Welland Railway same		Passed over Welland Railway, same	
day; shipped at Port Dalhousie 19th		day; shipped at Port Dalhousie, 25th	
September, arrived at Montreal on		September, arrived at Oswego on the	
22nd	2	26th September.....	1
Detained one day at Port Dalhousie..	1	Detained at Port Dalhousie six days..	6
Shipped at Montreal, per steamer, 22nd,		Shipped at Oswego, 26th September,	
and from Quebec 29th, arrived at		arrived at New York 6th October... 10	
Liverpool on 8th October.....	10	Shipped at New York, 10th October,	
	18	arrived at Liverpool 3rd December. 54	
Detained between Quebec and Montreal.	8	Detention.....	70
In all.....	26		10
		In all.....	80

COMPARISON OF CHARGES.

CENTS. CENTS.		CENTS. CENTS.	
Freight to Port Colborne.....	16	Chicago to Port Colborne.....	16
Welland Railway.....	2	Welland Railway.....	2
Port Dalhousie to Montreal....	8	Port Dalhousie to Oswego.....	4
Montreal to Liverpool.....	26	Oswego to New York.....	11
	52	New York to Liverpool.....	25½
Insurance from Chicago to Montreal..	2½	Insurance from Chicago to New	
Insurance from Montreal to Liverpool.	1½	York	2½
Charges at Liverpool and Commission.	11	Insurance from New York to	
	—	Liverpool.....	2½
Per bushel.....	67		5½
		Charges in New York.....	3
		Charges and Commission in Liv-	
		erpool	11
			14
		Per bushel.....	78

The average rates of freight for Wheat in the four years, 1862 to 1865, were very nearly as follows:—

Chicago to Kingston.....	10	cts. per bushel.
Kingston to Montreal.....	4	" "
Montreal to Liverpool or Glasgow, average about 6s. 6d. Stg., per		
quarter, or say.....	20	" "
Total.....	34	" "