

system. It is scarcely necessary to add that an important boon would also be conferred upon the manufacturer and agriculturist, by fostering their energies in securing a market for their surplus productions.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN EGAN.

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*Estimate of the Actual Quantity of Deals cut in the different
Saw Mill Establishments, on the Ottawa and Tributaries,
—say, 94,800,000 feet, Board measure.*

Deals for the last five years (taking the average of quality, say, firsts, seconds, thirds, and culls, &c.) have averaged £6 per "Quebec Standard;" 3,792,000 pieces at that average would produce \$910,000, and it is a well known fact that many manufacturers who shipped their own deals have not even realized the above price, after deducting freight and other charges. The average price for Boards in the New York Market, for the same length of time, has been \$16. 94,800,000 feet at that price would produce \$1,516,800, shewing a difference in favor of the American against the Quebec and English Markets, of \$606,720. The same argument can be used in favor of Square Timber.

Square White Pine for the last three years has averaged in the New York Market from 15 to 18 cents, whereas in the Quebec Market, during the same time, it has only averaged 3½d. to 4d.

For the last four years a foot of Timber could be laid down in Liverpool cheaper by the way of the Chambly Canal and New York (with all its inconveniences and expense) than by Quebec.