

and wholesomeness of the atmosphere, atones, on the one hand, for its severity, whilst the abundance of snow that falls in winter, contributes, on the other, to the vigour of vegetation in summer.

The general features of the country are bold and imposing. The St. Lawrence, in its greatest amplitude, flows majestically through the heart of the province, receiving, on both its banks, the ample waters of many a fine river, opening convenient natural avenues to the collateral parts of the country. Upon a rocky and commanding eminence, 400 miles from the Gulf and about 650 from the sea, stands Quebec, the capital of those colonies and the key of the country, with a seaport calculated to harbour first-rate line-of-battle ships; 180 miles further up the St. Lawrence is the flourishing city of Montreal, which yields to Quebec in the strength of position, only. It enjoys an excellent seaport, also, and, being the emporium of the American and Upper Canada trade with the province, is rapidly increasing in commercial opulence and population. The following statement of the recent imports and exports at Quebec, much of the latter of which had passed through Montreal, will convey some idea of the activity of commercial business at the principal seaport in the province.

Imports for 1830 and 1831.

Date.	Fumcheens.			Hhds.	Muscovado sugar.			Pans.	Coffee.	Bags.	Coals.		Hhds.	Tons.
	Hum.	Gals.	Brandy.		Dogheads.	Barrels.	Tierces.				E. I. sugar.	Tons.		
August 12, 1830	7416	237	459	294	1027	1055	332	401	190	13	8	1991	3636	160
August 9, 1831	5692	456	204	605	1669	3237	456	267	190	34	16	2504	3433	447
Increase		219		311	642	2182	124			16	8	513		287
Decrease	1554		255					134				503		

Exports for 1830 and 1831.

Date.	Pot and pearl ashes.						Flour.			Beet.	Pork.	Wheat.
	Liverpool.	London.	Glasgow.	Ireland.	Out-ports.	Total.	England.	W. Indies.	other ports.			
August 12, 1830	12552	5506	2332	2020	3428	25638	24648	6108	49167	2634	8062	325763
August 9, 1831	6288	5734	3078	811	4157	20068	27305	2069	15554	1713	7445	1187008
Increase		228	746		729		2657					1561245
Decrease	6264			1209		5770		3239	33613	921	617	

To agriculture and commerce, by which the importance of the province may be estimated, emigration may be superadded as a consideration of no insignificant moment, when we reflect that nearly 50,000 emigrants from the United Kingdom were, in the course of this year (1831), landed on the wharfs at Quebec. Pre-