

"A greater increase in the number and tonnage of the various description of vessels used, is now under construction around these lakes, this winter, than has ever taken place in any one year before. Large quantities of grain of last year's crop, remain on hand to go to market next spring; and the high prices which all kinds of agricultural products bare, will carry every thing of that kind forward; and will furnish the means to largely increase the return Commerce.

"The quantity of land under cultivation is much greater than formerly, and so far as I can get information, the crops in the ground, look and promise well. Should we have a favorable season we may safely believe a much greater cultivation of summer crops will be made than has heretofore been done. Corn has become an established article of food and commerce with the Old World, and the price it will bring in market, will furnish strong inducements to extend its culture, large as it is, in the Western States. The population around these lakes has swelled to that number, and are so well supplied with all that is necessary to aid them, they work to better advantage than during their early and more dependant condition. All these things combined, must continue to augment this commerce, but at what rate per cent I will not undertake to say.

"My knowledge of the commerce of the Western rivers is not personal, but is gathered altogether from the published statements I see in the newspapers. That it is now very large, and increasing very rapidly, giving employment to capital and labor, is clearly shown in the statements of it, made from year to year. That it will continue to increase, and very greatly too, must, from the