

per quarter, the transit of Western Flour will be diverted through the Erie Canal, and it follows that unless prices in England steadily range from 55s. to 61s. per quarter, our growers cannot benefit by the Home Market, and our carrying trade will become so uncertain, that few, if any, will embark in it, and the vessels and craft now engaged must be continued at a hazard of employment.

By reference to the Despatch, it will be seen that the loss of this trade has never been contemplated by the Home Government: its preservation and encouragement must then become a subject of both Imperial and Colonial Legislation.

It is most desirable to place this branch of Commerce on a certain and permanent footing, which, in the opinion of your Committee, can be effectually accomplished, as far as this Legislature is concerned, by allowing a drawback at Quebec or Montreal, whenever the price of Flour exceeds 30s., sterling, per barrel, at the Ports of Quebec and Montreal, which, by adding the price of transportation, will bring the average in Britain, at 77s. 11d., per quarter.* By this arrangement both the English and Canadian grower will be effectually protected without hazard, loss or injury to any other interest.

* NOTE.—The Imperial Quarter is equal to 9 bushels and 20lbs. Wheat, at 60lbs. to the bushel.

The barrel of Flour of 5 bushels in Montreal or Quebec.....	£1 10 0
Freight thence to England.....	0 7 11
Would bring the barrel to.....	£1 17 11
or £3 10 9 Sterling, per quarter of Wheat.	

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