

THE LOWER PORT TRADE.

This branch of business has been of great value to Quebec, which, until within the last five years, has always enjoyed a complete monopoly both of the Import and Export Trade. The following is a Statement of the principal articles of Export for the year 1866, to the Free Port of Gaspé and the Maritime Provinces:

FREE PORT OF GASPÉ.			MARITIME PROVINCES.		
ARTICLES.	Quantity.	Value.	ARTICLES.	Quantity.	Value.
Ale and Beer, galls.....	3359	\$1120	Beef, brls.....	307	\$2722
Pot Barley, lbs.....	17396	432	Bread and Biscuit, cwt.....	2916	14635
Beef, brls.....	182	3199	Butter, lbs.....	106319	18915
Boots and Shoes.....	4213	7951	Cheese, lbs.....	37881	4199
Bread, &c., bags.....	63973	18698	Dry Goods.....	500	308457
Butter, lbs.....	21705	10866	Flour, brls.....	43458	1933
Candles, lbs.....	39718	3201	Fruits—Green, brls.....	430	3555
Deals and Boards.....	27698	2595	Furs and Skins.....	.....	473
Dry Goods.....	215695	2167	Hardware.....	4231	18016
Fishing Supplies.....	30609	7299	Corn and Oatmeal, brls.....	.....	15408
Flour, brls.....	21239	1832	Leather.....	3402	46492
Gin, galls.....	.....	7227	Cabinet Ware.....	224	2012
Glass and Earthenware.....	.....	4423	Pork, brls.....	39190	7477
Hardware.....	.....	5147	Staves, M.....	6256	1206
Lard, lbs.....	.....	3447	Tobacco.....	4798	1564
Leather.....	.....	4462	Lard.....	.....	293
Cabinet Manufactures.....	.....	3112	Beer.....	.....	940
Molasses galls.....	11612	45908	Elm.....	.....	1392
Oatmeal and Cornmeal, brls.....	946	6710	Oak.....	.....	1940
Peas and Beans, bus.....	2483	3752	Red Pine.....	.....	.....
Pork, brls.....	1816	10327	Boards.....	.....	.....
Salt, brls.....	25304	8067	Total value.....	.....	\$465504
Sugar, lbs.....	68042	1529			
Tes, lbs.....	27670	.....			
Tobacco, lbs.....	56916	.....			
Whiskey, galls.....	1789	.....			
Total v. lu.....	.....	\$408587			

In the list of exports from Quebec, for want of space, we have omitted a number of articles, so that they do not show the total business done. The following figures, however, represent the gross value of the exports from Quebec to Gaspé and the Lower Provinces for 1866:—

To the Maritime Provinces.....	\$492,632
To the Free Port of Gaspé.....	443,250
	\$925,782

It will be observed by this statement that Gaspé, with its small population, received from Quebec within forty thousand dollars as much as all the Maritime Provinces put together, a proof of the immense extent to which the trade with these sister Colonies is carried on.