

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

SHOWING THE NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF

THE ST. LAWRENCE AND CHAMPLAIN CANAL.

THE following statements from John Egan, Esq., Representative of the County of Ottawa, in the Provincial Parliament, respecting the state of the Lumber Trade in Canada, are worthy of the serious consideration, not only of the United States, but the Canadian Government. Mr. Egan, being extensively engaged in the lumbering business, is enabled to speak positively upon the subject :—

Sir,

In answer to your letter, I have taken some trouble to make an estimate of the quantity of Sawed Lumber on the Ottawa, above Montreal, cut in the different Milling Establishments, a large portion of which will naturally find its way to the American markets as soon as the Canal to Lake Champlain is constructed. A quantity of Square Lumber would also find its way to your market, consequent upon the demand in the American ports. To carry out which, reciprocity on the part of your Government, is necessary. A large trade is now being carried on *via* the Chambly Canal, both in Sawed Lumber and Square Timber ; notwithstanding the great difficulties caused by the want of the proper means of export. Our Government, it is to be hoped, will endeavour to afford every facility to the natural resources of the Colony, and it is impossible to form any calculation as to the mutual interests that would be derived by both Governments, from the adoption of a more liberal