

The only articles of which our exports largely exceed our imports, are, lumber, wheat, flour and oats; and even in these articles we are large importers in some parts of the country. The following statement will show the imports from, and exports to the United States of the articles enumerated, during the past year:—

<i>Articles.</i>	<i>Imports.</i>			<i>Exports.</i>		
Wheat, value	....	£423522	13 4	....	£1744460	13 7
Flour, “	....	202184	7 2	....	1502452	3 8
Oats, “	....	31336	11 1	....	114355	16 6
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		£657,043	11 7		£3,361,268	13 9

In examining these tables more minutely, we find that the greater part of the wheat and flour is exported from Canada West, while that section of the country is much the largest importer of meats, fruits, and vegetables, thus showing that the cultivation of these is very much neglected. In Toronto alone the imports of the following articles were as under, while the exports were so small as not to be mentioned separately in the returns; nor can it be said that these articles might have been shipped by the St. Lawrence, for it is well known that large quantities of oats, potatoes, and other articles have been shipped from Montreal and other eastern ports for Toronto and Hamilton.

IMPORTS AT TORONTO. (EXPORTS NOT RETURNED.)

Hay	.. .. .	£633	6 4
Oats	.. .. .	8526	6 10
Indian Corn	.. .. .	17351	7 9
Cheese	.. .. .	9141	16 2
Butter	.. .. .	3171	14 9
Oxen	.. .. .	3617	0 3
Meats	.. .. .	20490	3 3
Tallow	.. .. .	20249	1 1
Lard	.. .. .	1523	6 9
Fruit (Green)	.. .. .	6944	0 4
Hops	.. .. .	806	0 10
Sheep	.. .. .	776	15 0
Horses	.. .. .	6208	10 0

£99,439 9 4

If to this is added the entries at Windsor for cattle consigned to this market, we shall have a total of nearly £150,000, imported to supply the wants of Toronto alone! Does the old-country farmer, who meditates emigrating to this country, need any better proof that he will find in Canada a ready market for the fruits of his industry?—a market which should withdraw a much larger amount of Home industry from our crowded marts of business and our struggling manufactures?—a market which cannot be overstocked, as the whole cities of the United States are open to us?

It is true, that to men of great energy of character and business capacity, agriculture may not offer such a tempting field for acquiring a fortune as commerce or manufactures; but there is a certainty of acquiring a competency in agricultural employment, and an unlimited field for its operations; so