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STATEMENTS

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RELATIVE TO THE

PRICES OF WHEAT AND FLOUR,

AND

PROVISIONS,

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AND ALSO IN

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

TOGETHER WITH

TABLES OF THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF WHEAT AND
FLOUR INTO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES,
AND INTO AND FROM BRITISH
NORTH AMERICA.

*Presented to both Houses of Parliament, by Command of Her Majesty,
February, 1842.*

LONDON:

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No. 1.

EXPORTS of Flour and Wheat from the United States, arranged from various Returns of the United States' Government.

Years.	Bushels of Wheat Exported.	Barrels of Flour Exported.	Average Price	Average Price	Quantity of Flour shipped to England.	Exports of Flour from Canada.
			of Flour per Barrel each year in Philadelphia.	of Flour per Barrel each year in British Currency		
			Dols.	£ s. d.	Barrels.	Barrels.
1790	1,124,458	724,623	5-56	1 4 6	- -	- -
1791	1,018,339	619,681	5-22	1 2 7	- -	- -
1792	853,790	824,464	5-25	1 2 9	- -	- -
1793	1,450,575	1,074,639	5-90	1 5 6	- -	10,900
1794	693,797	846,010	6-90	1 9 10	- -	13,700
1795	141,273	687,369	10-60	2 5 11	- -	18,000
1796	31,226	725,194	12-50	2 14 2	- -	4,300
1797	15,655	515,633	8-91	1 18 7	- -	14,000
1798	15,021	567,558	8-20	1 15 6	- -	9,500
1799	10,056	519,265	9-66	2 1 10	- -	14,400
1800	26,853	653,052	9-86	2 2 8	172,815	20,000
1801	239,929	1,102,444	10-40	2 5 0	479,720	38,000
1802	280,281	1,156,248	6-90	1 9 10	208,744	28,200
1803	686,415	1,311,853	6-73	1 9 1	203,127	15,432
1804	127,024	810,008	8-23	1 15 7	7,140	14,067
1805	18,041	777,513	9-70	2 2 0	36,752	18,590
1806	86,784	782,724	7-30	1 11 7	127,619	10,997
1807	776,814	1,249,819	7-17	1 11 0	323,968	20,442
1808	87,330	263,813	5-69	1 4 7	2,922	42,462
1809	393,889	846,247	6-91	1 9 11	159,741	19,476
1810	325,924	798,431	9-37	2 0 7	92,136	12,519
1811	216,833	1,445,012	9-95	2 3 1	38,183	10,340
1812	53,832	1,443,492	9-83	2 2 7	28,429	37,625
1813	288,535	1,260,942	8-92	1 18 7	- -	517
1814	- -	193,274	8-60	1 17 3	- -	1,217
1815	17,634	862,739	8-71	1 17 8	104,885	1,920
1816	62,321	729,053	9-78	2 2 4	5,572	1,135
1817	96,407	1,479,198	11-69	2 11 5	706,601	38,047
1818	196,808	1,157,697	9-96	2 3 1	389,530	30,543
1819	82,065	750,660	7-11	1 10 9	51,847	12,085
1820	22,137	1,177,036	4-72	1 0 5	171,772	45,369
1821	25,821	1,056,119	4-78	1 0 8	94,541	22,635
1822	4,418	827,865	6-58	1 8 4	12,096	47,247
1823	4,272	756,702	6-82	1 9 6	4,252	46,250
1824	20,373	996,792	5-62	1 4 4	70,873	41,901
1825	17,990	813,906	5-10	1 2 1	27,272	40,003
1826	45,166	857,820	4-65	1 0 1	18,355	33,640
1827	22,182	868,496	5-23	1 2 7	53,129	54,023
1828	8,906	860,809	5-60	1 4 3	23,258	35,720
1829	4,007	837,385	6-33	1 7 5	221,176	11,783
1830	45,289	1,227,434	4-83	1 0 11	326,182	71,749
1831	408,910	1,806,529	5-67	1 4 6	879,430	- -
1832	88,304	864,919	5-72	1 4 9	95,958	31,419
1833	32,421	955,768	5-63	1 4 4	22,207	51,435
1834	36,948	835,352	5-17	1 2 4	19,687	26,812
1835	47,762	779,396	5-88	1 5 5	5,376	16,976
1836	2,062	505,400	7-99	1 14 7	161	- -
1837	17,303	318,719	9-37	2 0 7	- -	- -
1838	6,291	448,161	7-79	1 13 9	8,295	- -

REMARKS.

The preceding Table exhibits a general view of the Flour and Wheat Trade of the United States for forty-nine years. The first column shows the Exports of Wheat, which, in 1790, amounted to 1,124,458 bushels, and, in 1838, to only 6291 bushels. The following Statement shows the same, divided into periods of Ten Years, and their Annual Average :-

	Bushels.	Bushels per Annum.
1790 to 1799	5,359,190	535,919
1800 to 1809	2,723,360	272,336
1810 to 1819	1,340,359	134,035
1820 to 1829	175,272	17,527
1830 to 1838	685,290	76,143

Total - - - 10,283,471 bushels.

Being a Yearly Average of 209,666 bushels.

No. 2.

STATEMENT exhibiting the quantity of the undermentioned descriptions of Grain and other Agricultural Produce raised in the United States during the Year 1840, as returned by the Marshals appointed for taking the Sixth Census.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Bushels of Wheat.	Bushels of Barley.	Bushels of Oats.	Bushels of Rye.	Bushels of Buck-wheat.	Bushels of Indian Corn.	Bushels of Potatoes.	Tons of Hay.
Maine ..	848,166	355,161	1,076,409	137,941	51,543	930,528	10,392,380	691,053
New Hampshire ..	442,954	121,400	1,198,989	395,530	115,463	1,252,572	6,234,901	496,647
Vermont ..	652,293	55,635	2,342,497	447,318	158,509	1,047,601	8,206,784	734,047
Massachusetts ..	158,923½	166,419	1,899,530	541,956	87,010	1,809,395	5,385,652	569,425
Rhode Island ..	3,088	63,790	1169,925	34,521	2,979	425,893	904,773	63,417
Connecticut ..	86,980	33,789	1,456,523	736,865	299,470	1,468,538	3,414,227	426,160
New York ..	11,853,507	2,498,170	20,728,738	2,984,913	2,244,338	10,195,142	30,000,508	3,160,916
New Jersey ..	774,023	12,601	3,096,516	1,636,576	866,970	4,311,381	2,074,118	326,496
Pennsylvania ..	13,029,756	178,100	18,053,477	6,293,447	1,971,928	13,696,619	8,626,923	1,199,963
Delaware ..	215,165	5,260	937,405	33,560	11,299	2,099,361	200,712	21,880
Maryland ..	3,511,433	3,594	3,579,950	824,333	74,848	8,470,163	1,058,919	110,836
Virginia ..	10,066,809	208,152	14,124,634	807,441	683,130	34,207,584	2,873,470	288,740
South Carolina ..	705,925	3,967	1,446,158	44,530	72	14,721,785	2,697,713	20,008
Georgia ..	1,732,956	13,345	1,290,048	69,851	269	17,329,797	1,184,386	9,264
Ohio ..	16,292,951	207,590	13,993,624	801,943	681,335	33,954,162	5,629,784	1,029,321
Tennessee ..	4,547,273	4,758	6,770,116	297,033	6,187	42,467,349	2,373,034	30,512
Louisiana ..	105		110,013	1,812		5,990,473	845,935	36,308
Alabama ..	746,106	6,682	1,427,992	36,632	52	18,680,663	1,560,700	13,933
Mississippi ..	196,576	1,544	598,604	15,642	61	13,161,231	1,538,628	171
Missouri ..	946,077	9,771	1,937,573	63,185	16,347	15,591,482	684,491	44,870
Indiana ..	4,154,256	25,778	5,875,449	127,586	49,681	28,008,051	1,548,190	191,158
Illinois ..	2,740,380	68,455	4,558,507	95,965	63,950	22,116,627	1,956,887	156,442
Arkansas ..	112,200	85	167,452	5,925	88	3,931,149	290,887	579
Iowa ..	154,737	729	216,385	5,787	6,217	1,326,241	234,063	17,953
D. Columbia ..	12,147	294	15,751	5,081	272	39,385	12,035	1,231
Total	73,984,786½	4,045,069	107,072,265	16,454,372	7,392,018	297,253,124	99,930,100	9,651,330

No returns from North Carolina, Kentucky, Michigan, Florida, or Wisconsin.

No. 3.

PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

A Tabular view of the production of Wheat in Massachusetts in 1839, together with the number of claimants for the Bounty of the State; from the Third Agricultural Report by the Rev. Henry Colman, Commissioner for the Agricultural Survey of the State.

COUNTRIES.	Number of Acres sown.	Number of Bushels produced.	Average Bushels per Acre.	Number of Claimants for Bounty.
Barnstable	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{0}{0}$	428 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{0}$	23
Berkshire	1,569 $\frac{3}{5}$	27,784 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{0}{0}$	646
Bristol	103 $\frac{1}{8}$	1,233 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{5}$	53
Dukes'	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	188	11 $\frac{1}{5}$	9
Essex	109	1,388	12 $\frac{1}{3}$	52
Franklin	860 $\frac{3}{4}$	13,501 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	519
Hampden	450 $\frac{1}{2}$	6,091 $\frac{1}{8}$	13 $\frac{1}{3}$	198
Hampshire	1,065	15,035	14 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{0}{0}$	522
Middlesex	437 $\frac{7}{10}$	5,963	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	247
Nantucket	15 $\frac{1}{8}$	160	10 $\frac{1}{5}$	5
Norfolk	126 $\frac{2}{5}$	35	12 $\frac{2}{5}$	72
Plymouth	366 $\frac{1}{5}$	4,245 $\frac{3}{8}$	11 $\frac{1}{5}$	196
Suffolk	not stated.	35	..	1
Worcester	1,696 $\frac{7}{10}$	28,008 $\frac{5}{8}$	15 $\frac{6}{7}$	1,099
Total .. .. .	.. ..	108,570 $\frac{5}{8}$	..	3,642

Amount of the State Bounty for Wheat raised in 1839, \$9,280.

No. 4.

GRAIN.

Corn Market of New York for 1841; from various American Prices-Current.

DESCRIPTIONS OF CORN.	Average Prices during 1841, in American Money.		Average Prices during 1841, per Imperial Quarter, in English Money.		
	dollars	cents	s.	d.	per Imp ^l . Q ^r .
Wheat, North and West per bushel.	1	17	about 40	0	per Imp ^l . Q ^r .
Wheat, Southern do.	1	95	66	4	do.
Rye, Northern do.	0	63 nearly.	21	4	do.
Corn, North and Jersey do.	0	64	22	0	do.
Corn, Southern do.	0	59	20	0	do.
Corn, Long Island do.	0	50	17	0	do.
Corn, Ohio do.	0	69 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	0	do.
Barley, N. R. do.	0	57	19	4	do.
Oats, Northern do.	0	44	14	8	do.
Oats, Southern do.	0	34	11	4	do.
Oats, New Jersey do.	0	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	4	do.
Oats, Long Island do.	0	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	0	do.
Oats, Eastern do.	0	37	12	0	do.

The Duty on Wheat is 25 cents = 1s. 1d. per Bushel } All other kinds of grain are
 Do. Barley 15 .. = 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ do. } free from Duty.
 Do. Oats 10 .. = 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. }

FLOUR AND MEAL.

Corn Market of New York for 1841,—Continued.

DESCRIPTIONS OF FLOUR AND MEAL.	Average Prices during 1841, in American Money.		Average Prices during 1841, per Imperial Quarter, in English Money.	
	dollars	cents	s.	d.
Western Canal per barrel.	5	54	48	0 per Imp'. Qr.
Ohio, <i>via</i> Canal do.	5	07	43	10 do.
Ohio, <i>via</i> New Orleans .. do.	4	73	40	10 do.
Michigan do.	6	09	52	8 do.
Troy do.	5	95	51	6 do.
Philadelphia do.	5	08	44	0 do.
Brandy-Wine do.	5	77	50	0 do.
George-Town do.	5	59	48	4 do.
Baltimore do.	5	51	47	8 do.
Richmond City Mill do.	6	44	55	8 do.
Richmond County do.	5	01	43	4 do.
Alexandria do.	4	69	40	6 do.
Fredericksburg do.		Nil		Nil.
Petersburg do.		Nil		Nil.
Rye Flour, Southern and Northern do.	3	30	28	6 do.
Indian Meal do.	3	12	27	0 do.
Indian Meal per hhd.	14	38	£3	2 3 per hhd.

The Duty on Flour and Meal is 50 cents = 2s. 2d. per 112 lbs.

No. 5.

Prices of Wheat and Flour, &c., at the following places in the UNITED STATES during the year 1841, abstracted from various American Prices-Current and Customs' Returns.

[The American dollar is valued at 4s. 4d. sterling.]

NEW ORLEANS.

The average prices of Genessee flour, during the following years, were—

	dol. ct.	s.	d.	sterling, or	s.	d.	per Imperial quarter.
In 1837 per barrel	9 80	=	40 0	80 0			
1838	7 83		33 11	67 10			ditto.
1839	7 70		33 4	66 8			ditto.
1840	5 25		22 9	45 6			ditto.

CLEAVELAND (OHIO.)

1841.

- 29 June. Wheat, per bushel 1\$. 10c., or 38s. 2d. per quarter.
- 3 August. Ditto, flour, 5\$. 25c. per barrel = 22s. 9d., or 45s. 6d. per quarter.
- 7 August. Ditto ditto. ditto.
Wheat comes in freely by waggons at 1 dollar = 4s. 4d. the bushel, but the quality was not so good as was anticipated from the neighbouring counties.
- 18 Sept. Wheat, 1\$. 10c. = 4s. 9d. per bushel, or 38s. 2d. per quarter.
- 18 Sept. Ditto, flour, 4\$. 75c. = 22s. 3d. per barrel, or 44s. 6d. per ditto.
- 5 October. The sales of wheat have been almost confined to southern parcels at, and above 1\$. 12c. = 4s. 10d. per bushel, about 6000 bushels having been sold at or near that price. Flour not much in demand, and sales in small parcels at about 6\$. = 26s. per barrel.

CINCINNATI (OHIO.)

1841.
 17 Septr. Flour, per barrel, 5\$. 25c. = 22s. 9d., or 45s. 6d. per Imperial quarter.
 22 Decr. Ditto, from 5\$. 31c. to 5\$. 45c. = 23s. 1d. to 23s. 7d., or from 46s. 2d. to 47s. 2d. per Imperial quarter.

ROCHESTER MARKET (NEW YORK.)

1841.
 17 July. The produce market has considerably improved this week. Flour for shipment at 5\$. per barrel = 21s. 8d., or per Imperial quarter, 43s. 4d.
 Wheat, at about 1\$. 13c. = 4s. 11d. per bushel, (39s. 4d. per quarter,) and in good demand, but supply very small.
 13 Septr. Wheat, 1\$. 25c. per bushel = 5s. 5d., or 43s. 4d. per quarter.
 13 Septr. Ditto, flour, 6\$. 25c. to 6\$. 50c. = 27s. 1d. to 28s. 2d. per barrel.
 13 Septr. Barley, 50c., or 2s. 2d. per bushel = 17s. 4d. per quarter.
 13 Septr. Maize, 50c. to 60c. per bushel = about 19s. 8d. ditto.
 13 Septr. Oats, 25c. to 28c. ditto = about 9s. ditto.

OSWEGO MARKET (NEW YORK.)

1841.
 20 July. Flour has declined during the past week, and is now worth at the mills about 5\$. 25c. = 22s. 9d. per barrel, or 45s. 6d. per Imperial quarter.
 This fall has been occasioned by a corresponding one in the New York and Canadian markets, and by the improved prospects of the coming wheat crop.
 At one flour mill 500 barrels changed hands at a price of 5\$. = 21s. 8d. per barrel, while 5\$. 12½c. = 22s. 2¼d. was refused at another mill.

CHICAGO MARKET (ILLINOIS.)

1841.
 21 Septr. Wheat, 85c. to 87c. = 3s. 8d. per bushel, or 29s. 4d. per quarter.
 Flour, 5\$. 75c. = 24s. 11d. per barrel, or 49s. 10d. per quarter.
 Barley, 36c. = 1s. 6d. per bushel, or 12s. per quarter.

BUFFALO.

1841.
 21 Decr. Flour, 5\$. to 5\$. 25c. per barrel, or from 21s. 8d. to 22s. 9d.

Collector's Office,
 Lower Black Rock, November 8, 1841.

A Comparative Statement of Wheat and Flour first shipped, chiefly to Canada, and toll received from the opening of Navigation to the 7th of November, 1840—41.

	Wheat.	Flour.	Tolls.
In 1841	146,772 bushels.	145,914 barrels.	72,658.42 dols.
1840	29,704 „	101,909 „	50,488.45 „
Increase in 1841	117,068	44,005	22,169.97

(Signed) A. BULL, Collector

No. 6.

Prices of Provisions at New York in 1841.

1841.

14 July.

Mess Beef (country inspection), 9\$. 50c. = 41s. 2d. per cwt.
 Ditto (city ditto) 10\$. = 43s. 4d. „
 Prime Beef, 5\$. 75c. to 6\$. = 24s. 11d. to 26s. per cwt.
 Mess Pork, 10\$. 75c. to 11\$. 50c. = 46s. 7d. to 49s. 10d. per cwt.
 Prime ditto, 8\$. 62c. to 9\$. 50c. = 37s. 4d. to 41s. 2d. „
 About 3000 barrels of Pork have been received from New Orleans. Hams and shoulders in plenty; 1,000 barrels of Lard have been taken out of the market at $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents. = $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. per lb.

Exports from the 1st to the 14th of July.

Beef	465 barrels.
Pork	3,810 „
Lard	628 kegs.

8 Sept.

Mess Beef (city inspection), 9\$. 75c. = 42s. 3d. per cwt.
 Prime ditto (quotation nominal.)
 Mess Pork, 10\$. to 10\$. 25c. = 43s. 4d. to 44s. 5d. do.
 A few hundred barrels of Mess Beef were sold at the above price for exportation. The stock of Mess Pork is very large, and the market closes rather heavily.
 Lard is in good demand, and has sold for shipment to an extent of 2,000 kegs at 7c. = $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.
 Cheese, at $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $6\frac{3}{4}$ c. = $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. to $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.
 Butter (prime) $18\frac{3}{4}$ c. = $9\frac{1}{4}$ d. per lb.

Exports from the 1st to the 8th of September.

Beef	251 barrels.
Pork	407 ditto.
Lard	165 kegs.

11 October. Beeves.—The supply consisted of 150 head, left over, and 1,400 head from this and the neighbouring States. The market was heavy, and prices unchanged.

950 head sold at 4\$. to 6\$. 50c. = 17s. 4d. to 28s. 2d.
 Or, at an average of 5\$. 75c. = 24s. 11d. per 100 lbs.
 Cows and calves, at 20\$. to 40\$. = 4l. 6s. 8d. to 8l. 13s. 4d. each.
 Sheep, at 1\$. 50c. to 4\$. = 6s. 6d. to 17s. 4d. per 100 lbs.
 Lambs, 1\$. to 2\$. 75c. = 4s. 4d. to 11s. 11d. each.
 Hay, loose, by the load, at $87\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 1\$. $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. = 3s. $9\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 4s. $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. per 100 lbs.

24 Nov.

The demand for Beef and Pork very limited; prices much the same.

New Lard, at 8 cents.	=	4d. per lb.
Old „ $6\frac{1}{2}$ „	=	$2\frac{3}{4}$ d. „
Hams „ 9 „	=	$4\frac{1}{2}$ d. „
Bacon sides $6\frac{1}{2}$ „	=	$2\frac{3}{4}$ d. „
Hogs (dressed) $4\frac{1}{2}$ „	=	$2\frac{1}{4}$ d. „

Butter (prime) much in request.

Rice (extreme rates), from 3\$. 37c. to 3\$. 63c. = 14s. 7d. to 15s. 8d. per 100 lbs.

There is but little demand for rice, except for home consumption.

Exports from the 1st to the 24th of November.

Beef	3,282 barrels.
Pork	3,555 "
Lard	11,826 kegs.

1841.

22 Dec.

The demand for various descriptions of Beef and Pork still continues, and prices are without improvement.

Lard (city) at 8 cents. = 4*d.* per lb.

Hams (new) 9 " = 4½*d.* "

Bacon sides 6½ " = 2¾*d.* "

Beef (smoked) 7 " = 3½*d.* "

Rice (prime) for exportation, extreme value 3\$. 37*c.* = 14*s.* 7*d.* per 100 lbs.

Exports from the 1st to the 22nd of December.

Beef	384 barrels.
Pork	1,596 "
Lard	1,501 kegs.

No. 7.

Exports of leading Articles of Produce from Baltimore during the half year ending 30th June, 1841.

	Flour.	Tobacco.
To Brazilian Ports	20,968 barrels	24 hogsheads
Venezuelian Ports	3,909 "	7 "
England	9,928 "	129 "
British North American Colonies	4,627 "	1 "
British West Indies	17,578 "	14 "
Danish do.	3,365 "	—
Swedish do.	778 "	—
Dutch do.	275 "	3 "
Hayti	2,602 "	—
Cuba	988 "	—
Other Spanish West India Islands	1,985 "	26 "
Madeira	100 "	—
Netherlands	50 "	4,670 "
Hanse Towns	—	5,151 "
Belgian Ports	—	330 "
French European Atlantic Ports	—	755 "
Ditto West Indies	—	4 "
Total	67,153	11,114
Value	\$325,870	\$559,615
Same time, 1840	420,071	432,766
No. Barrels	83,407	Hds. 8,236

Miscellaneous.—Destination not specified.

		Value.
Pork	1,238 barrels.	} 23,291 dollars.
Bacon	33,380 pounds.	
Lard	68,871 "	
Wheat	51,882 bushels.	53,554 "
Indian Corn	56,733 "	31,386 "
Bread	3,465 barrels.	} 12,973 "
Bread	1,497 kegs.	
Corn Meal	5,113 barrels.	14,868 "
Soap	60,210 pounds.	} 6,613 "
Candles	8,800 "	
Tobacco, manufactured	55,766 "	4,833 "

Exports from the Port of Baltimore to Foreign Ports, for the quarter ending 30th March, 1841.

TOBACCO.

				Value.
To the Netherlands, in American vessels	..	1,621	hogsheads	.. 86,277 dollars.
Hanse Towns, ditto	..	455	"	.. 20,210 "
Ditto in Foreign vessels	..	3,574	"	.. 184,046 "
Belgian Ports, ditto	..	323	"	.. 16,759 "
British West Indies, in American vessels		9	"	.. 1,018 "
Brazil, ditto		38	"	.. 4,577 "
Other places, ditto		9	"	.. 959 "
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		6,029	hogsheads.	322,856 dollars.
Same time, 1840		2,425	"	117,121 "

FLOUR.

				Value.
Brazilian Ports, in American vessels	39,713	barrels	.. 193,695 dollars.
England, ditto	.. ..	12,302	"	.. 56,504 "
British West Indies ditto	.. ..	15,890	"	.. 73,383 "
Ditto, in Foreign vessels	.. ..	1,941	"	.. 9,185 "
British North American Colonies, in American vessels		2,107	"	.. 9,187 "
Ditto ditto in Foreign vessels		360	"	.. 1,247 "
Danish West Indies, in American vessels	.. ..	2,325	"	.. 10,732 "
Venezuelian Ports, ditto	.. ..	2,290	"	.. 11,031 "
Spanish West Indies, ditto	.. ..	1,677	"	.. 7,677 "
Hayti .. ditto	2,237	"	.. 10,363 "
Chilian Ports, .. ditto	1,000	"	.. 5,400 "
Madeira, .. ditto	200	"	.. 880 "
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Total ..		82,072	barrels.	.. 389,284 dollars.
Same time, 1840		102,327	"	.. 623,029 "

WHEAT.

				Value.
Bushels	10,201	.. ..	..	10,875 dollars.
Same time, 1840,	18,433	.. ..	..	19,891 "

CORN.

				Value.
Bushels	21,387	.. ..	..	10,250 dollars.
Same time, 1840,	12,384	.. ..	..	7,200 "

CANADA.

Prices of Flour in the Montreal Market.

1841.

16 July. The price of Flour has not varied much, but the market is decidedly flatter.

American and Canadian fine Flour may be quoted at 29s. to 30s. the barrel, but the sales are unimportant.

17 Sept.

The market still continues dull, and there are but few transactions. Holders are willing to sell at 33s. 9d.; which may be quoted as the full market rate.

Sales of fine American Flour were made at 33s. 9d., although a price of 35s. per barrel is demanded for very fine brands. Stocks are getting higher, and the receipts are falling off.

The Exports of Flour and Wheat from Canada to Great Britain, in 1841, were as follows:—

	Flour.	Wheat.
Exports from Quebec . .	150,976 barrels.	149,584 bushels.
Export from Montreal . .	179,267 „	386,302 „
Total . .	<u>330,243</u>	<u>535,885</u>

Exports of Beef, Flour, and Pork, from the Ports of Quebec and Montreal to the Eastern Provinces and to the West Indies, in 1841, viz.:—

	Quebec.	Montreal.
Beef . . .	4,137 barrels.	552 barrels.
Flour . . .	21,231 „	6,807 „
Pork . . .	17,707 „	14,551 „

Total.—Beef, 4,689 barrels; Flour, 28,038 barrels; Pork, 32,158 barrels.

No. 10.

Extracts from the Appendix to Mr. Macauley's Report to Lord Sydenham.

1.—Table of the Prices of Wheat per Bushel at Dundas, from the year 1831 to 1840, both inclusive.

Year.	January.		April.		July.		October.		December.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1831	5 0	to 5 4	5 7½	to 5 11½	4 4½		4 0	to 4 3		4 1
1832		4 1		4 1	4 1			4 4½		3 9 to 4 1
1833		3 9		4 1	4 1		4 1	- 4 3		4 1
1834		4 1	3 3	- 3 7½	3 1½			3 1½		2 10 - 3 1½
1835		2 10	3 0	- 3 1½	4 4½			4 1		4 1
1836	4 1	- 4 4½	4 1	- 4 4½	4 4½		5 7½	- 6 6		5 11½
1837	5 11	- 7 6		7 6	7 6			5 0		5 0
1838		5 0		5 7½	5 0	- 5 4	6 3	- 6 10		6 3
1839		6 3	6 10½	- 7 6		5 7½		5 0		4 4½ - 5 0
1840		4 4½		4 4½	3 9	- 4 1	3 7	- 3 9		3 7½

NOTE.—The crop of 1836 being short, both here and in the United States, what was not purchased for exportation to that country was required for home consumption, and prices in consequence ruled very high. Upon the coming in of the abundant crop of 1837, they receded to the proportionate value for the English markets.

2.—*Estimate of the Expense of forwarding from Port Hamilton to Montreal, and selling there 100 Bushels of Wheat,*

Storage and shipping - - - at $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ per bushel	£1 0 10
Burlington Bay Canal toll - - - $0\frac{1}{4}d.$ „	0 2 1
Lake freight - - - - $3d.$ „	1 5 0
River ditto - - - - $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ „	3 2 6
Insurance 5s. per bushel, and $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ premium - - -	0 7 6
Storage in Montreal - - - $2d.$ „	0 16 8
Commission with guarantee, 5%, say on £30 - - -	1 10 0
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	£8 4 7

3.—*Estimate of the Expense of forwarding from Port Hamilton to Montreal, and selling there 25 Barrels of Flour.*

Storage and shipping - - - at $4d.$ per barrel	£0 8 4
Burlington Canal toll - - - $2d.$ „	0 4 2
Lake freight - - - - $9d.$ „	0 18 9
River ditto - - - - $2s.$ „	2 10 0
Insurance, say on £31 5s. at 1% „	0 6 3
(if late in the season, $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $1\frac{3}{4}\%$.)	
Cartage to stores in Montreal - - - -	0 1 3
Storage in Montreal, first month - $3d.$ „	0 6 3
($2d.$ additional for each succeeding month.)	
Inspection $2d.$, Cooperage $1d.$ - - - -	0 6 3
Commission with guarantee, say on £37 10s. at 5% -	1 17 6
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	£6 18 9

The principal part of the wheat and flour received from Ohio comes through the Ohio Canal, which connects the Ohio River with Lake Erie, terminating at Cleveland. Chilichote, about 280 miles from Cleveland, is the most southern point from which produce is brought to the Canada markets; all beyond that usually finds its way to New Orleans. The cost of Wheat and Flour from Chilichote to Montreal is nearly as follows, viz. :—

100 bushels of Wheat purchased at Chilichote at $2s. 6d.$
per bushel - - - - - £12 10 0

Expenses of delivering on board a schooner at Cleveland.

Commission to an agent for purchasing, storing, and shipping, $3d.$ per bushel	£1 5 0
Canal freight to Cleveland, $1s.$ „	5 0 0
Storage there, - $1\frac{1}{4}d.$ „	0 10 5
Commission to agent there, including risk, 5% on £18 15s. - - - -	0 18 9
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	7 14 2

Expense from Cleveland to Kingston.

Freight - - $9d.$ per bushel	£3 15 0
Insurance, £20 at $\frac{3}{4}\%$ - - - -	0 3 0
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	3 18 0

Expenses from Kingston to Montreal.

Freight - - $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ per bushel	£3 2 6
Insurance, £25 at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ - - - -	0 2 6
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	3 5 0

Carried over - - - - - £27 7 2

Brought over	- - - - -	£27 7 2
Charges in Montreal.		
Cartage	- - ¼d. per bushel	£0 2 1
Storage, receiving and delivering	- - 1½d. „	0 12 6
Commission on sale, including guarantee of debts, £30 at 5%	- - - - -	1 10 0
		<u>2 4 7</u>
		£29 11 9

Cost, delivered at Montreal, of 100 bushels of Wheat, purchased at Ohio at 50 cents per bushel, without taking any interest into account. Funds are generally provided by drawing on New York, in pursuance of letters of credit from the banks here. These drafts sometimes sell for 2 or 3 per cent. more than they cost, but any gain in this way is quite uncertain.

100 barrels of Flour purchased at Chilichote at 12s. 6d.
per barrel - - - - - £62 10 0

Expense of delivering on board a schooner at Cleveland.		
Freight, 3s. 6d. currency per barrel	£17 10 0	
Storage at Cleveland, 3d.	1 5 0	
Commission, £80 at 2½%	2 0 0	
		<u>20 15 0</u>

Charges to Kingston.		
Freight	- - 2s. per barrel	£10 0 0
Insurance, £80 at ½%	- - - - -	0 8 0
		<u>10 8 0</u>

Charges to Montreal.		
Freight	- - 2s. per barrel	£10 0 0
Insurance, £100 at ¼%	- - - - -	0 5 0
		<u>10 5 0</u>

Charges in Montreal.		
Cartage 1d., Storage 4d., Inspection 2d., Cooperage 2d., - 9d. per barrel	£3 15 0	
Commission on sales and guarantee, 5%	6 5 0	
		<u>10 0 0</u>
Cost of 100 barrels of Flour purchased in Chilichote, and delivered in Montreal	- - - - -	<u>£113 18 0</u>

The price of Flour in Montreal in the month of October, for the last six years, has ruled readily as follows, viz. :-

October, 1835	- -	26s. 3d. — 28s. 9d.	per barrel.
— 1836	- -	40s. — 41s. 3d.	„
— 1837	- -	40s. — 42s. 6d.	„
— 1838	- -	40s. — 42s. 6d.	„
— 1839	- -	36s. 3d. — 37s. 6d.	„
— 1840	- -	28s. — 30s.	„

The present price of Wheat (March, 1841).

At Chilichote, Ohio	-	2s. 6d. per bushel	(20s. per quarter.)
— Cleveland, ditto	-	3s. 6d. „	(28s. „)
— Gananogue, Canada	-	4s. 6d. „	(36s. „)

Flour in Montreal	- -	27s. 6d. per barrel.
Wheat, ditto	- -	5s. 6d. per bushel.

These prices just pay the persons engaged, the freight, commission, grinding, &c., &c., but no chance to make a profit, unless an advance takes place, and if it should fall in Montreal, there would be a loss.

4.—*Statement from Mr. Carfrae, Collector of Customs, Toronto.*

The following statement of the expense of forwarding Wheat and Flour from hence to Montreal, I have received from Mr. Thorne, and from the "forwarders." I have taken it at the summer rates. The charges are all increased when forwarded late in the fall; but as only a small portion is sent down at that period, I have taken no notice of it.

Charges on 100 bushels of Wheat from Toronto to Montreal.

Lake freight	-	-	per bushel	4½d.
River ditto	-	-	"	7½d.
Storage and shipping	-	-	"	3d.
Insurance	-	-	"	0½d.

100 bushels at 1s. 3½d. is £6 9 2

Supposing 100 bushels of Wheat to make 23 barrels of flour, the charge will be,—

Lake freight	-	-	per barrel	1s. 0d.
River ditto	-	-	"	2s. 0d.
Insurance	-	-	"	0s. 2d.
Storage	-	-	"	0s. 4d.

23 barrels at 3s. 6d. is 4 0 6

£2 8 8

Thus leaving a balance in favour of Flour of £2 8 8 upon every 100 bushel of Wheat. The bean and shorts cover the expense of barrelling.

The average price of Wheat has been 4s. 0½d., and of Flour 21s. 3d.

Custom-House, Toronto, 23rd March, 1841.

5.—*The following is a Statement of the Average Prices of Wheat and Flour in Montreal.*

Wheat.	Flour.
1837, 6s. 0d. — 8s. 0d. per bushel	40s. 0d. — 43s. 9d. per barrel.
1838, 9s. 0d. — 5s. 0d. "	50s. 0d. — 33s. 9d. "
1839, 8s. 0d. — 7s. 0d. "	40s. 0d. — 35s. 0d. "
1840, 5s. 0d. — 6s. 6d. "	33s. 9d. — 26s. 3d. "

In 1837 the wheat crop was a failure throughout the United States, and partially so in Upper Canada; and there were large importations of grain from England.

In 1838 the importations were still larger, from the same cause; therefore these years must be considered as anomalous in relation to the trade springing directly from the Country or States adjoining, and the effect must also have been felt in the year following.

6.—*Extract of a Letter from Chicago, dated 6th March, 1841.*

"It is only four years since the first shipment of Wheat was made on Lake Michigan. In 1840, 800,000 bushels (in Wheat and Flour) were shipped. This year there will not be more than half that quantity, owing to the destruction of the harvest by rust. The export next year, if the crop is good, will exceed a million of bushels. The average price paid to the farmer has been 2s. 6d. The downfall of American stocks, and the "tinkering" of currency by 26 States, and unwise Legislation here, have effectually put a stop to the Illinois and Michigan Canal, now more than half completed. It is a sad blow to this place, and blasts the hopes of many persons.

Average cost of transporting a ton of merchandise from New York Buffalo, by Erie Canal :—

	\$.	c.	
Hudson River freight, 8c. per 100 lbs., by steam	1	60	per ton.
Toll from Troy to Buffalo, 360 miles, at 18c. per ton per mile	6	48	,
Freight about the same as toll	6	48	"
Warehouse charges at Buffalo	1	00	"
Aggregate cost	-	dollars	15 56

Average cost from New York to Cleveland or Detroit, by way of Oswego and Lake Ontario :—

Hudson River freight	1	60	per ton.
Toll from Troy to Oswego, 200 miles	3	60	"
Freight about equal to the toll	3	60	"
Warehouse charges at Oswego	1	00	"
Welland Canal toll	1	00	"
Freight from Oswego to Detroit, double the cost by steam on the Hudson	3	20	"
Aggregate cost	-	dollars	14 00

Difference in favour of Oswego route for goods from Cleveland and Detroit, per ton dollars 1 56

7.—*Comparative Statement of Expense of Transporting Products from the Lakes to New York, by the Buffalo and Oswego routes,—say upon a ton of Agricultural Produce.*

Buffalo and Erie Canal route :—

	\$.	c.	
Warehouse Charges at Buffalo	0	50	per ton.
Toll, 9 "mills" per ton per mile, for 360 miles	3	24	
Freight $1\frac{1}{4}$ the amount of the Toll as estimated by a Legislative Committee	4	05	
Total	-	-	7 79

Oswego and Lake Ontario route :—

Freight from Cleveland to Oswego, estimated at double the charge upon the Hudson, or 60 per cent. beyond that of steamers	2	00	
Welland Canal Toll	0	78	
Warehouse charges at Oswego	0	50	
Toll from Oswego to the Hudson River, 200 miles	1	80	
Freight $1\frac{1}{4}$ the amount of Toll	2	25	
Total	-	-	7 33
Difference in favour of the Ontario route	-	-	per ton 0 46