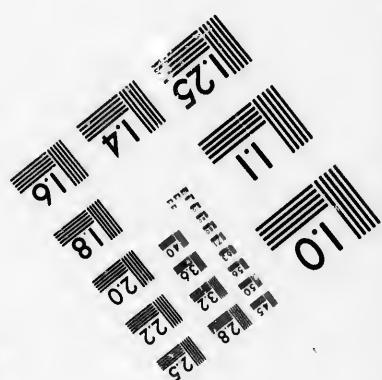


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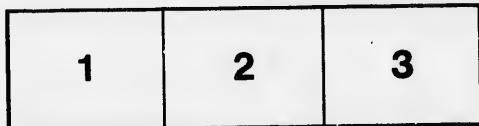
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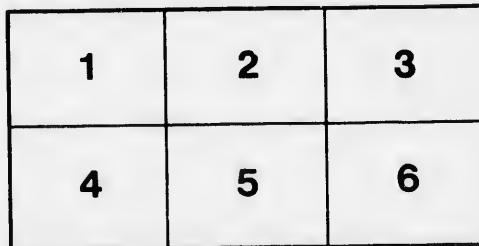
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QUEBEC, 23 MARCH, 1811.

SIRS,

DURING the Winter Months this Market seldom offers any brisk demand for Imported Goods; the chief Sales, more particularly in West India Produce, being effected, before the close of the communication by water with the interior. Sales, however, this Season, have been and continue unusually dull, since our last advices no material change has taken place, our quotations in consequence do not much vary from the prices then stated; but, so little is doing, that the present may be considered merely unusual.

We have already noticed that the quantity of RUMS imported last Season, exceeded that of any year antecedent; better prices, also, have in general been obtained, than under such heavy supplies could reasonably have been expected—and the consumption such, that the stocks now remaining in first hands in Quebec, do not together amount to one hundred Puncheons yet; the quantity in sale, appears fully to meet the present demand.—The failure of our Wheat Crop, and the scarcity of Cash, incline us to think that the Sale of Rum in this Country during the ensuing Season, will not equal that of the past year, as to quantity, and we fear prices may prove less favorable; this opinion we ground upon former experience.

No demand at present for MUSCO'S SUGARS, or for COFFEE; Sales of the latter are always very limited, except when at low prices. Of MADEIRA and all other WINES (Spanish Red excepted) the Import of last Season fell short of that for 1809, yet the demand has been very inconsiderable, and a great proportion of what was received remains still in the Market; a parcel of about 20 pipes Madeira, of good quality, was lately sold by Auction at the miserable rate of £10 to £15 Currency per Pipe, and of these 3 or 4 Casks only exceeded £4.5.

We regret not to have any thing more favorable to add on the subject of WHEAT and FLOUR, than communicated by our former advices—nor can we yet presume to say to what extent our supplies may prove from Upper Canada, where they had fortunately an abundant harvest; or, whether through these means we may be enabled to spare any Flour for exportation; we in consequence consider it to be our duty to state to our Correspondents, the opinion we hold, that it would prove very hazardous to trust to Quebec for their supplies either of Wheat, Flour or Biscuit, for the ensuing Season.

OF SALTED PROVISIONS we shall have great plenty

Dry and Pickled FISH are generally to be procured here, but when Shipments are desired of these Articles, it would be advantageous to the interested that orders should be given for the purchase six or eight weeks before the intended time of Shipment, which from our local situation, becomes necessary, fully to meet the views of our West India friends, by allowing time to procure from the Out Posts what could not readily be had in Quebec.

There is very little at present doing in the POT ASH Market; a few lots occasionally are taken off, our quotations: there are now about 5,500 Barrels in the Inspection Stores at Montreal.

Contracts have been made for OAK and PINE TIMBER, to be delivered at Quebec in July and August next, the former at 1s. 6d. a ls. 8d. per Cubic Foot, the latter at 6d. for White, and 1s. 1s. 1d. per cubic foot for Red—but we have not heard of any agreement being entered into for STAVES.—On Lumber Contracts heavy advances are always required, of course much risk and frequent loss attend them.

We take the liberty to remark that all Letters intended for Canada, and forwarded through the United States, (those only excepted which come in the regular Mail by the Packets) must be put under cover to some Correspondent there, as the inland postage to the frontiers must be paid, otherwise such Letters would not be sent on.

We pray your reference to the annexed Prices Current and List of Duties, also to the subjoined Statement of the Imports and Exports for the years 1808, 9 and 10, by the River St. Lawrence, the former are confined to such Goods only as pay Duty, no account being taken at the Custom House of those entered free.—We give also a list of the chief Imports to this Province from the U. S. by the inland communication via St. John, for the same years.

We beg leave to renew our tender of best services to you and your friends, as well in behalf of our Establishment at Montreal, under the firm of IRVINE, LESLIE & Co. as of

SIRS,

Your most obedient, and

Very humble Servants,

IRVINE, MACNAUGHT & Co.

PRICES CURRENT.—EXPORTS.

ASHES...1st Pot, 1st Pearls,	at Montreal, per Cwt.	from	to	LUMBER—	from	to
GRAIN...viz. Wheat,	— scarce per Bus.	32s.	32s.	W. Oak Timber, none at present for sale.	7d.	9d.
Barley,	none.	10s. 6d.	11s.	W. Pine, do, — none at present for sale.	4d.	6d.
Pease,	—	5s.	7s. 6d.	R. do, — none at present for sale.	80s.	85s.
Indian Corn,	none.	8s. 6d.	4s.	Pine Plank, 2 or 3 inches — — — per ft.		
Oats,	—			Pine Boards, 10 feet long — — — per 100 Boards		
FLOUR...Superfine, p Pbl.	None at present			Pine Staves, none selling, per M.		
Fine, do,	for sale.			Note.—The Standard Pipe Stave, as fixed by Law, is 56 feet long, 5 inches broad, and 1½ inches thick, at the thinnest part.		
Common, do,	—			On all thicker Pipe Staves 1-5 of the Price of the Standard is allowed for every ¼ inch of greater thickness.		
BISCUIT...Newfoundland, per Cwt.	3 none.			Pipe Staves of 1 inch thick, are reckoned at one half price of Standard.		
Navy,	do,			The Hoghead Stave, is 4½ feet long, 4½ inches broad and valued at 2-nds, the price of Pipe of corresponding thickness.		
Fine Water Biscuit, do,				The price fixed by Law for the 1½ St. Stave, being thought by the Traders to be underrated, few or none of this description are prepared except by special Contract and then at same price or nearly so of the Standard.		
PORK—Prime,	per Bbl.	70s.	100s.	The Punchen Stave, 33 feet long, 4 inches broad—valued at half the price of corresponding thickness—and Punchen Heading 2½ feet long, 5½ inches broad, same price.		
BEEF—Prime,	do,	95s.	65s.	Puncheon Staves, 3½ feet long, dressed for the West India Market, — — — — — £15 p. M.		
BUTTER,	per lb.	1s. a 1s. 1d.	70s.	Puncheon Packs, for dn. new — — — — — 18s.		
HOGSLARD,	do,	1s. 9d.		Pipe Packs, made up for the Madeira Market — — — — — 25s.		
FISH—Dry and Pickled, none at Market.				Half and Quarter do. — — — — — 12s. 6d. 6s. 6d.		
SOAP—Yellow,	per lb.	7d.		Ash Hoops, 12 feet long, per 1000 — — — — — 110s.		
CANDLES—Mould,	do,	1s. 3d.		14 feet long — — — — — 120s.		
Dipped,	do,	1s. 2d.				
Essence of Spruce,	do,	1s. 1d.				
Ditto, per Box, containing 12 Pots.	17s. 6d.					

EXCHANGE.

£100 Sterling, at par equal to £111 1-9 Currency.

Current rate—Government Bills at 30 days sight, 5 per Cent discount.

MERCHANTS do, at 60 days sight on London, 7 to 7½ per Cent discount—When Bills are forced upon the Market, Cash, from the present scarcity, cannot be had except at much greater discount than these quotations.

QUEBEC, 23 March, 1811.

PRICES CURRENT—IMPORTS.

			REMARKS AND	DUTIES.	
	from	to		STERL. 6d. &	CY. 6d. ; 6d.
RUMS, O. P. Jamaica, per Gall.	6s. 6d.	7s. 6d.	ROM from any part of the United Kingdom, - - - per gall.		
W. I. do.	5s. 9d.	6s. 6d.	Do. from the British West India Islands - - - - -		
			Note. The 6d. sterling, on the latter, may be saved by the return cargo.		
			See, Act 29, Geo. III. Ch. 39.		
Foreign BRANDIES none at Market—per Gall.			Do. from any other of 111. M. North Am. Colonies - - - - -	9d. &	6d.
GENEVA, - - - - -	12s. 6d.	15s.	On British and Irish Spirits, imported direct - - - - -	9d. &	6d.
MELASSES, none:			Do. - - - - -	1s. &	6d.
			Molasses, from British Plantations, and imported in vessels owned by persons residing in the United Kingdom or this Province - - - - -	1s. &	6d.
			Imported from the United Kingdom in vessels owned as above, - - - - -	4d. &	6d.
COFFEE, - - - - - per lb.	1s. 9d.		The same article imported from the British Plantations in vessels belonging to any other of His Majesty's Subjects, - - - - -	9d. &	6d.
PIMENTO, in very little demand, - - - - -	do.		Or, from the United Kingdom - - - - -	7d. &	6d.
MUSCOVADO Sugars - - - - -	per cwt.		Do. imported in British vessels from Foreign Plantations, - - - - -	6d. &	6d.
REFINED, db. - - - - -	per lb.		Do. - - - - -	7s. &	per lb. 9d.
WINES, Madeira - - - - -	per pipe		Do. - - - - -	7s. &	per lb. 9d.
Teneriffe, - - - - -	do.		Fayal, none at Market.		
PORT, - - - - - per pipe	£ 50.	£ 70.	Do. from Crest Britain or Ireland, - - - - -	10s. &	
SPANISH, red Wine, - - - - -	£ 25.	£ 30.	N. B. Duties on Teneriffe and Fayal Wines when imported from Great Britain or Ireland pay only 1s. Sterling per Ton & the Provincial duties as above are respectively stated.		
SALT, Lisbon, - - - - - per minot	2s. 9d.	3s.	Several parcels have lately been offered by public sale, but no purchases		
Liverpool, fine, - - - - -	2s. 6d.		Do. - - - - -	4d.	
TOBACCO, none at Market,			Tobacco imported from the United Kingdom, - - - - -	2d.	
TEAS, Hyson, - - - - - per lb.	7s. 6d.	10s.	And from any of the Colonies - - - - -	1d. &	
Single and Hyson Skin, - - - - -	3s. 9d.	4s.	Manufactured Tobacco except Snuff pays - - - - -	4d.	
Souchong, - - - - -	4s. 6d.	5s.	And Snuff, - - - - -	6d.	
			Note.—The Duties above stated in Sterling money, are levied under Acts of the Imperial Parliament, those in Currency, under Acts of the Provincial Legislature.		

Goods sold by Auction pay a Duty of 2½ per cent on the gross proceeds. (Goods damaged, and sold for the benefit of the owners or Insurers, and the effects of Insolvent Debtors excepted.)

(on all articles paying Duty by Weight or measure, under the Provincial Acts, an allowance of 3 per Cent is made to the Importer for waste and leakage—but no deduction from those paying Duty under the Acts of the Imperial Parliament.)

GENERAL STATEMENT of EXPORTS from the PORT of QUEBEC during the years 1805, 1806 and 1810.

STATEMENT of GOODS IMPORTED to QUEBEC by the RIVER St. LAWRENCE in the
Years 1808, 1809 and 1810.

	W I N E S				R U M S.				M I L K & S E Y				S U G A R S.				C O F F E E															
Madeira	Year	Butts	Pipes	Hhds.	Qr. Cks.	Year	Pails	Hhds.	Year	Caks.	Year	Hhds.	Hhds.	Muscovado.	Year	Tierce	Bbls.	Bigs.														
	1808	15	202	36	19	1808	194	163	1808	307	1808	360	1016	114	858	1808	46	179	49													
	1809	5	205	60	91	1809	5286	183	1808	834	1808	266	384	148	614	1808	57	247	64													
	1810	8	149	37	57	1810	6076	188	1810	493	1810	290	928	190	1738	1810	14	83	11													
Port	Year	0	59	8	cases 27	BRANDY				S A L T.	Year	14	290	928	190	1738																
	1808	0	307	14	97	Year				Playing Cards.																						
	1810	0	292	9	137	Year				T E A . S.																						
	1810	0	122	60	Q. cks. 0	Year				H Y D R O C O.																						
Teneriffe	1808	0	567	292	50	1810	226	0	1808	8162	1808	1	0	900	106	1808	7248															
	1810	0	412	178	0	Year				Leaf.																						
	1808	0	24	21	29	Year				Manf.																						
	1810	1	309	167	51	Year				Sugar.																						
Span. Red	1808	74	1426	933	0	1808	25	1808	1808	41	1808	2595	25	1809	19176	1810	14544															
	1810	0	0	66	cases 37	1808	129	1808	1808	1	1808	383	0																			
	1808	0	0	40	26	1810	25	1810	1810	0	1810	8329	710	lbs.																		
	1810	0	0	10	6	Year				Hyson.				Suchong.				Bohea.														
Exclusive of the foregoing, the following is a Statement of Goods, also subject to Duty, imported from the United States by the inland communication of the Port of Saint John's, during the three years aforesaid.—viz,																																
1808 19354 36115 29048 7173 633 1386 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 60																																
1809 4913 137643 2993 4552 703 9229 892 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2696 1828																																
1810 16482 107114 18370 6477 2910 9015 1319 929 51 983 0 517 1810 1361 Chests quality not described in Custom House List.																																
1808 1547 54139 13651 51 50 111 1809 6616 119511 82001 68 19 49 1810 1150 21088 12371 18689 33675 21650																																

STATEMENT OF GOODS Imported by said PORT OF ST. JOHNS FREE OF DUTY.

Year.	Bbls. Pork.	Bbls. Beef.	Ibs. Bacon.	Ibs. Butter.	Head Oxen.	Numb. Horses.	Cwt. Fr h. Pork.	Ibs. Hogs.	Ibs. Lard.	Ibs. Sper. Cands.	Ibs. Fresh Cod Fish.	Ibs. Honey.	Ibs. Chocolate.	Ibs. Tallow.
1808	2595	5	924	41576	224	9	5603	14915	112	53164	10213	301	1913	0
1809	5170	721	2650	86860	1022	10	32324	36175	1250	96240	36410	2130	8650	9600
1810	5517	1509	14140	85001	1437	18	10091	10075	17124	26350	27129	12736	36149	

Years.	Sole Leather.	Men's Shoes	Wmms. Shoes	Boots	Dress'd Calf Skins.	Dress'd Sheep Skins.	Saddles	Bridles.	Bbls. Ashes	Ibs. Pot. Pearls	Ibs. Honey.	Hat Boxes	Reams w. Pap.	Ibs. Flax
1808	91700	2884	4074	19 1	40 doz.	5 doz.	150	10	8574	467	2830	8280	160	918
1809	111768	230 1/2	404 1/2	97	6	289	11	21	7730	1163	21750	4720	0	123
1810	112285	2194	165	11	6 doz.	409	7471	873	6950	4990	0	1650		

Years.	Bbls. Tar.	Bbls. Rosin.	Ibs. Bres. & Cotton Wox.	Ibs. Pepp. & Cotton Wox.	Pieces Name.	Cwt. Iron.	Cwt. Candles.	Cwt. Soap.	Loads Square Oak.	Loads Square Pine.	lbs. Staves.	No. Spars.	No. Masts.	Feet plk. & Spirits.	Bbls. Log.	Tons Mahogany.	Bbls. Cyder.	Ibs. Gin.	Valuation of Merchandise Imported by St. Johns not included in this Statement.
1808	112	51	168	1094	500	40	15	0	15	1971	10410	18	2486	70	1	2216	0	In 1808 \$20,100 6 6 Currency.	
1809	253	301	400	50	8778	4800	184	0	6	700	5844	180	408	26	6728	0	18	In 1809 38,054 9 9 do.	
1810	445	991	1892	2026	1210	8182	247	90125	902	22640	39516	507	8015	138	40554	17	1550	1216	2866 In 1810 62,200 0 2 do.
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EXPORTS via St. JOHNS.

Year.	F I S H	Steel	Cum.	P Wine	SUGARS	Iron	PAINTS	Salt	Gun	Cider	Men's	Tea	Pork	Minc'd	Pairs	Pairs	Undressed	Ox	Calf	Soap	Valuation of Merchandise exported via St. John's, not included in the annexed Statement.
1808	Pickled	Dry	Ibs.	Galls.	Musc.	L.ous.	White	Red	Petr.	Powdr.	Uats.										
1808	Bush.	Bols.	Tire.	Cwt.	Ibs.	Ibs.	Ibs.	Ibs.	Ibs.	Ibs.	Ibs.										
1808	954	3	108	0	308	93	1852	600	4	500	0	0	6	0	0	0	111	34	60	1,272 7 0 Currency.	
1809	1924	0	168	0	510	60	2150	3	0	2800	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	34	60	1,272 7 0 Currency.	
1809	24351	1924	0	168	3850	638	15	12676	5101	0	37	4000	6461	1160	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1810	20421	1379	0	136	9091	636	106	0	68	6	1	300	56	1530	143	0	385	179	1056	20 pr. 0 0 0	
	In 1808 \$21,272 7 0 Currency.																				
	In 1809 22,851 3 9 do.																				
	In 1810 27,076 10 11 do.																				

FURS and SKINS via ditto Exported.

Year.	Mink	Rat	Martins	Bear	Raccoon	Fox	Deer	Beaver	Beaver Coating	Fisher	Buffalo	Rabbit	Otter	Cased Cat	Wolves	Castoreum			
1808	20372	41953	645	767	10691	400	240	21464	0	50	24	1008	8000	0	0	0			
1809	22581	20271	0	4514	3850	638	15	12676	5101	0	37	4000	6461	1160	0	1418			
1810	17956	72686	6000	2497	25921	2244	27	26405	0	62	332	1600	2500	5295	160				
	In 1808 \$21,272 7 0 Currency.																		

ARRIVALS at and DEPARTURES from QUEBEC.

Years.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	No. of Men.	5 whr built in the Provinces respective Years.	No. Vessels.	Tonnage
1808	334	70275	3390		13	3638
1809	434	87825	4174		14	3193
1810	661	143898	6378	Or present building.	26	5896

Quebec, 2d March, 1811.

IRVINE, MACNAUGHT & CO.

