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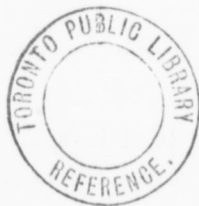
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## BOARD OF TRADE.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade, was held last evening in the Exchange—the President, Thomas Clarkson, Esq., in the chair.

The Secretary read the—

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council, at the close of their official year, respectfully submit to the Board, the following Report, which briefly embraces the most prominent subjects of their proceedings :—

#### USURY LAWS.

Their attention has long been directed to the subject of the Usury Laws, and at the last session of the Legislature they memorialized the Government to repeal or modify all the laws affecting the value of money. They regret to say, that no action has yet been taken on this highly important subject, notwithstanding it is now generally admitted they act most injuriously on the interests of the country.

The legal rate of interest in the adjoining State of New York, being seven per cent., it would only be reasonable to raise our legal rate to a par with our neighbours ; by which means capital would flow into the country, and thus materially assist in developing its numerous latent resources. On this subject, your Council are strongly of opinion, that immediate action should be taken, as it would seem just as reasonable in the Legislature to fix and determine the rate of exchange, as to fix the price of money in a commercial community, unless in the case of corporate bodies in the enjoyment of peculiar privileges.

#### THE INCREASED TARIFF.

On the fifth of July last, an alteration took place in our tariff, by which the duties were increased from twenty to fifty per cent.

on the former rate. This act your Council opposed, on the ground that no sufficient reason was shown by the Government for such an increase, and it cannot be looked on as otherwise than prejudicial to the interests of trade, from the high scale of duties now exacted, besides which, the frequent changes made in our tariff, are calculated to destroy the confidence of foreign shippers to our markets.

#### IMPORTANCE OF STATISTICS.

The trade of Toronto has now assumed that importance to foreign cities which demands some statistical information relative to our exports and imports. With a view to obtain this, your Council applied to the Inspector General for weekly or monthly returns from the Customs' books. It seems this boon could not be conceded, although Montreal publishes regular monthly statements of the trade of the port, and your Council cannot see any objections to the same being done here. Appended to this Report will be found several interesting statistical tables, in reference to the trade and growth of Toronto. They will be found useful for future reference, and interesting to those who have witnessed the rapid strides of improvement made by our city within the last few years; besides which, numerous applications from other cities have been made to us for information as to the trade and productions of the country, which these tables will in a measure supply.

#### INSOLVENT DEBTORS.

At the close of the last session of Parliament, an Act was passed, deeply affecting the interests of commerce, almost without the knowledge of your Council; they allude to the Act for the relief of insolvent debtors, which is much complained of by the trade, as offering great facility to the unscrupulous debtor to release himself from his just liabilities without sufficient cause. While your Council deprecate the continuance of this Act among the Statutes of the Province, as being alike injurious to the interests of morality and commerce, they are yet of opinion that some measure for the relief of the honest unfortunate in business, is necessary; and without being prepared to recommend the enactment of a Bankrupt Law, they feel that, for the better protection of all parties, an Act should

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be passed, making void all assignments of chattel property and bills of sale, from a debtor to a creditor, other than those made *omnium bonorum*, so as to prevent any one creditor having a preference over the others, as far as the chattels of the insolvent are concerned.

#### COURT OF MERCHANTS.

Your Council are further of opinion, that in all cases of dispute purely commercial in their character, their examination and decision should be left to a Court of Merchants, legally constituted as arbitrators, whose decision should be final. From the number and importance of commercial cases lately brought before the courts of law, and the unsatisfactory manner in which they have been postponed or disposed of, your Council would infer that a court composed of practical men, accustomed to the usages of the trade, and assisted when required, by the County Judge, would be much more likely to do justice, and give satisfaction to the litigant parties, at much less expense, than leaving the matter to be settled by a jury, whose vision of the true facts of the case, is but too often obscured by technical and frivolous objections on the part of learned counsel at the bar.

#### ASSESSMENT LAW.

Your Council have still to complain of the injustice of the present Assessment Bill, which they feel bears harder on persons engaged in business, than any other class of the community. They would, therefore, recommend to their successors in office, the necessity of endeavouring to have the law altered, so as it may bear more equitably on all classes.

#### INQUESTS ON FIRES.

From the frequent occurrence of fires without any apparent cause, your Council are deeply impressed with the necessity of an inquest being held every time a fire takes place, unless the most direct evidence is shown how it occurred. By this means the public will be better protected, and become the prosecutor where there was suspicion of arson, which would further the ends of Justice, inasmuch as individuals would be relieved from the unpleasant and onerous duty of prosecuting suspected parties, who, if not proved

guilty, too frequently revenge themselves by outrages on the person or property of those at whose instance they were arrested.

#### FLOUR INSPECTION.

Your Council have great pleasure in recording the passage of an Act for consolidating the laws regulating the inspection of flour, which is now in effective operation; and as it consolidates and raises the standard of inspection, it cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the value of our staple production in the English and foreign markets.

#### TORONTO AND GEORGIAN BAY CANAL.

The survey of a route for the ship canal between Toronto and Lake Huron, has occupied the attention of the Council, and they regret to state that the Engineer has been unable to complete his survey for want of funds, notwithstanding the liberal contributions of members of the Board of Trade, and other bodies. This subject has been brought under the notice of the Government as a work of great public interest, but no assistance has hitherto been received from that quarter, although when Parliament meets, it is to be hoped it will vote a grant to complete this very important undertaking. A report from the Engineer is published, which shows that the sum of £1,000 will be sufficient to complete the survey—a sum very small indeed, commensurate with the results which may be expected for the outlay.

#### NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

Your Council would desire to bring under the notice of the Board the importance of opening up a new field of enterprise to our merchants in the North-western part of this continent, commonly called the Hudson's Bay Territory; a country possessing as genial a climate as Canada West, with a soil in many parts, of unsurpassed fertility, every where abounding in noble rivers, magnificent lakes, extensive forests, and boundless prairies, and stocked with fish and game in great variety. With the advantage of the Canadian constitution extended to its most distant settlement, and the civilizing influence commerce spreads over it, who shall limit the future greatness of this noble country, with its eastern boundary resting on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on the Atlantic Ocean, and extending west

to the Pacific, material great extending its subjects. The of development trading connections being anxious also for placing as the stern reaction on the date.

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to the Pacific, containing within this immense space the elements of material greatness, under the enjoyment of a political constitution, extending its protecting influence alike to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects. The trade of this important territory is now on the eve of development, and may be secured to our merchants by forming trading connections with the inhabitants, who are represented as being anxious of the opportunity of opening a trade with us, and also for placing themselves under the protection of our laws, so soon as the stern rule of the Hudson's Bay Company will permit of free action on their part—an event which is anticipated at no distant date.

#### PATENT LAWS—RECIPROCITY.

Your Council learn with pleasure that a bill is now before the House of Representatives at Washington, for extending the principle of Reciprocity to Patent inventions. England and the United States have heretofore mutually met this question in a spirit of restriction and retaliation, and we in this Province have suffered from a policy which we had no share in initiating. The patent fees now charged at Washington, when a British subject is the inventor, are unreasonably high, being intended to meet similar legislation on the part of England. The bill now before the United States House of Representatives, proposes to facilitate the obtaining of patents by Canadians in the United States, and by Americans in Canada, on the same principle of reciprocity as has been acted upon in regard to the raw produce of the two countries. Your Council do not see why the productive inventions of genius should not enjoy the benefit of the principle, as well as those material products to which it has been hitherto confined.

#### SAUGEEN RAILWAY.

There is one other subject, which, although it has not hitherto occupied your attention, is nevertheless worthy of full consideration, and would seem to call for prompt and decisive action. Your Council refer to the opening up, by railway, of that extensive and fertile portion of Canada, known as the Saugeen territory. This matter has from time to time been mooted in various quarters, several Acts of Parliament have been passed, authorizing the extension of rail-



way service to that newly settled, rapidly improving, and promising region, but not until very recently, can the question be said to have assumed a sufficiently practical shape to call for your serious attention. Since the last annual meeting of the Board, legislative authority has been obtained, empowering the "Canada North-western Railway Company" to connect the waters of Lake Huron at Saugeen and Owen Sound with Toronto, by a line intersecting with the Grand Trunk Railway. The provisional Directors named in the Company's charter have organized, and have appointed an engineer, Mr. Sanford Fleming, to examine the country proposed to be traversed, and to report on its capabilities and prospects. His report has within the last few days been made public, and on perusal is found to contain much that is valuable and full of hope. In addition to a clear and apparently exact description of the country tributary to the projected railway, the natural richness of which we have hitherto been to a great extent ignorant of, the report enters very fully into the merits of the contemplated work, and shows that its establishment as a branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad, is of vital import to the City of Toronto. When we remember the great impetus which the construction of the Northern Railway has given to the prosperity of our city—when we consider that this line of railway simply opened up, and more fully developed our old and original back country, the products of which always sought our market, whose trade we always controlled, and whose growth governed, or at least aided our own—we can confidently anticipate even greater advantages from the building of the North-west Railroad, seeing that it at once opens up for us a new back country, nearly double the extent of that we originally possessed.

GENERAL PROSPERITY, &c.

Your Council cannot close their Report without alluding to the prosperous state of the country, having been blessed with abundant harvests, and high prices for all sorts of produce, for a series of years past, which has improved it in a ratio, surprising to those who have not been eye witnesses. By a reference to the annexed table of exports of grain and other produce, it will be seen how agriculture—the mainstay of the Province—has grown and flourished, so

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that the quality of our wheat and flour will now compete in the New York market, with any grown or manufactured on this continent—a fact very significant of the future destiny of Canada.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CLARKSON, *President.*

CHAS. ROBERTSON, *Secretary.*

Toronto, 11th February, 1857.

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YEARLY RETURN OF GOODS

Entered for Consumption at the Port of Toronto, with the values thereof, and showing the Countries from whence imported, during the year ending 31st December, 1856.

ARTICLES PAYING SPECIFIC DUTY.	QUANTITIES.	TOTAL VALUE.		GREAT BRITAIN.		BRITISH COLONIES.		U. STATES.		OTHER FO'GN COUNTRIES.		AMOUNT OF DUTY.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brooms—doz.....	225	116	7 6					116	7 6			28	2 6
Coffee, Green—lbs.....	502132	15315	17 0					15315	17 0			1325	9 6
Do, other—lbs.....	323	8	10 0					8	10 0			2	13 10
Cigars—lbs.....	10706½	4140	11 11					4140	11 11			1176	16 3
Molasses—gals.....	48719	5705	15 2	100	0 0			5605	15 2			450	6 7
Mustard—lbs.....	1666	107	7 0	85	8 9			21	18 0			20	10 0
Snuff—lbs.....	3181	153	0 8	9	0 0			143	4 8			60	18 1
Starch—lbs.....	3353	64	11 7					64	11 7			27	18 0
Spirits, Brandy—gals.....	25709	11637	19 0	3400	17 6			7057	16 4	1179	5 2	3907	5 5
Cordials—gals.....	201	156	5 3	143	15 0			12	10 3			41	10 0
Gin—gals.....	9809½	1631	8 1	779	0 11			852	3 2			126	15 9
Rum—gals.....	6150	871	15 8	323	2 1			548	13 7			520	1 3
Whiskey—gals.....	55580½	7854	15 3	211	2 3			7643	13 1			170	5 7
Wine in Wood, over £10 the Pipe, and not exceeding £15—gals.....	3337	388	8 10					388	8 10			178	16 0
Do. over £15 do.—gals.....	35563½	11712	10 6	5167	5 9			5912	10 0	82	14 9	2895	4 0
Do. quarts not over 20s. in value, per doz. in bottles—doz.....	64	45	3 0					45	3 0			24	0 0
Do. do. value over 20s. per dozen, and not exceeding 40s.—doz.....	143	215	9 9	89	9 0			126	0 9			73	15 0
Do. do. value over 40s. per dozen—doz.....	3101½	7751	13 10	1197	15 3								
Do. do. pints, value not exceeding 10s. per dozen—doz.....								6546	5 4	7	13 3	121	4 5

Wine in pints—value over 10s. and not exceeding 20s. per dozen—doz..... 316 373 9 0 ..... 373 9 0 ..... 59 12 6



Wine in pints—value over 10s. and not exceeding 20s. per dozen—doz.....	316	373 9 0				373 9 0		59 12 6
Do. do. do. value over 20s. per dozen—doz.....	87	142 4 7				142 4 7		16 6 3
Sugar, Refined—cwt.....	1293 2 19	3115 0 5	255 6 7			2859 13 10		303 9 2
Do. White and Brown, clayed or yellow bastard—cwt.....	161 0 22	278 12 6				278 12 6		68 10 5
Do. other kinds—cwt.....	42712 1 23	78940 16 10		13644 6 0		65296 10 10		14712 0 3
Dried Fruits—lbs.....	328209	8485 8 4	594 10 4			7508 6 1	382 11 11	1536 6 6
Pimento, Allspice, Pepper—lbs.	67045	1623 2 9	166 16 0			1456 6 8		281 10 9
Cassia, Cinnamon, Cloves—lbs.	12125	687 14 10	50 0 0			637 14 10		155 6 3
Ginger—lbs.....	1992	40 14 8				40 14 8		16 12 0
Mace and Nutmegs—lbs.....	1872	356 12 8	55 0 0			201 12 8		54 11 7
Maccaroni and Vermicelli—lbs.	697	11 10 2				11 10 2		8 12 7
Vinegar—gals.....	5544	202 18 9	85 3 5			117 15 10		69 19 11
Tea—lbs.....	985098	90645 5 11	188 17 8			90456 8 3		8983 12 3
Tobacco, manufactured—lbs...	464161	20728 15 10				20728 15 10		4192 12 1
Do. unmanufactured—lbs...	9028	729 3 7				729 3 7		75 4 8
		£274139 0 9	£12903 0 5	£13044 6 0		2245389 9 3	2202 5 1	£45952 6 1
GOODS PAYING 20 PER CENT.								
Leather manufactures, Boots and Shoes—£.....		5146 3 2	8 7 11			4900 18 8	236 1 7	1029 4 11
Do. other than Boots and Shoes—£.....		4918 6 6	1701 16 4			3177 15 5	38 14 9	983 11 11
Manufactures of India Rubber—£.....		620 14 10	1 0 9			619 14 1		124 3 5
		£10685 4 6	£1711 5 0			£8698 8 2	£275 11 4	£2037 0 3

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YEARLY RETURN OF GOODS.—(Continued.)

ARTICLES PAYING SPECIFIC DUTY.	QUANTITIES.	TOTAL VALUE.		GREAT BRITAIN		BRITISH COLONIES.		U. STATES.		OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES.		AMOUNT OF DUTY.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
GOODS PAYING 15 PER CENT.	40116	2507	4 10	2240	11 0			266	13 9			336	6 2
Ale and Beer—gals.....		315	13 7					315	13 7			46	8 0
Blacking—£.....	2850	57	0 0					57	0 0			8	5 4
Cider—gals.....	9694	121	3 11					121	3 11			16	10 9
Cocoa and Chocolate—lbs.....		583	3 1					583	3 1			72	18 1
India Rubber—£.....		250	0 5					250	0 5			37	6 4
Lumber or Plank—£.....		1668	15 4	860	10 7			808	4 9			221	9 5
Manufactures—Candles—£.....		7960	16 6	4306	8 1			3654	8 5			1093	8 3
Carpets—£.....		11173	3 1	5726	18 3			4697	15 10	748	9 0	1461	6 6
Clocks and Watches—£.....		10775	4 7	14449	7 9			2325	16 10			2289	4 3
Clothes' ready made men's—£	800 doz.	462	10 0					402	10 0			50	6 5
Brooms—£.....		3189	4 3	1195	17 8			1943	6 7			423	17 4
Corks—£.....		430	18 2	12	15 6			405	7 2	12	15 6	58	15 10
Cotton—£.....		250006	13 11	226753	13 3			23085	19 11	217	1 9	33581	13 10
Drugs and Medicine—£.....		12713	15 7	4369	7 1			8261	11 3	82	6 5	1744	9 10
Earthenware & Crockery—£		9735	5 1	6321	16 1			2490	14 5	622	14 7	1306	16 6
Fancy Goods—£.....		88379	11 6	21608	19 10			10057	17 7	6712	14 1	5247	10 10
Fur—£.....		6317	14 6	4765	13 1			1552	1 0			932	13 9
Glass—£.....		3756	5 5	1216	0 8			1642	15 4	867	9 5	513	19 2
Glassware—£.....		9988	13 2	1776	12 4			8162	0 10			1376	0 7
Gunpowder—£.....		1131	17 11	611	10 9			520	7 2			156	8 0
Hats and Caps other than Fur—£.....		10669	14 5	707	2 10			9962	11 7			1412	15 10
Hosiery—£.....		4315	1 11	4314	7 11			0	14 0			591	8 8
Iron and Hardware—£.....		134282	2 6	44878	7 8			89254	17 11	148	16 11	18080	12 3
Leather—Boots and Shoes.....		26380	4 9	14	5 5			26283	0 6	82	18 10	3297	13 3
Do. other than Boots and Shoes.....		6212	12 8	1745	8 1			4044	13 6	422	11 1	776	13 5
Manufactures—Jewelry and Plate—£.....		7531	1 10	3233	17 1			4297	4 9			1048	17 10

Lace Goods—£..... 410 17 7  
 Leather, Tanned—£..... 1845 9 7  
 Linen—£..... 9705 9 4  
 3006 6 11 2952 6 0  
 13172 13 4 1287 12 3  
 20185 4 11 19750 1 10  
 ..... 54 0 11  
 ..... 11297 11 11  
 ..... 494 10 10  
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YEARLY RETURN OF GOODS.—(Continued.)

ARTICLES PAYING SPECIFIC DUTY.	QUANTITIES.	TOTAL VALUE.		GREAT BRITAIN.		BRITISH COLONIES.		U. STATES.		OTHER FO'GN COUNTRIES.		AMOUNT OF DUTY.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Brought forward</i> .....													
Galvanized Iron—£.....		2747	10 1	2233	10 0			514	8 1			137	0 0
Machinery for the manufacture of Doors, Windows, Sashes, and Blinds—£.....		279	1 6	243	5 11			66	11 7			15	10 0
Plough Moulds—£.....		339	15 0					339	15 0			16	19 10
Printing Paper—£.....		346	11 3	346	11 3							17	6 8
Straps for Walking Beams—£.....		278	12 1					278	12 1			13	18 9
Wheels and Axles } For Loco- Hoops and Tires } motives.....		193	15 0					193	15 0			9	13 9
Wrought Cranks—£.....													
		£4216	0 11	£2823	0 11			£1392	13 0			£210	17 0
<b>GOODS PAYING 2½ PER CENT.</b>													
Acids—£.....		265	4 9	98	0 9			167	4 0			6	12 11
Bleaching Powders—£.....		26	5 7	9	18 4			16	7 3			0	13 2
Candle Wick—£.....		1182	19 7					1182	19 7			29	12 0
Cotton Yarn and Warp—£.....		3044	6 0	373	2 9			2672	3 3			76	3 1
Draining Tiles—£.....		156	4 1					156	4 1			3	18 2
Felts—£.....		482	5 0					482	5 0			12	1 5
Fire Brick—M.....		241	13 9					241	13 9			6	1 2
Fishing Hooks, Nets, &c.—£.....		183	13 11	123	19 10			54	16 1			4	11 10
Iron—Bar, Rod, and Rolled Sheets—tons.....	1521	20531	9 3	18632	0 10			1899	8 5			513	6 9
Borax—£.....	845	845	5 5	334	10 0			510	15 5			21	3 0
Boiler Plate—£.....		955	3 10	84	1 9			371	2 1			23	17 9
Chains—£.....		527	1 10	422	12 2			104	9 3			13	10 10
Hoop—£.....		670	0 11	670	0 11							16	15 0
Machinery for the Manufacture of Doors, Sashes, &c.—£.....	548	548	18 11					548	18 11			13	14 7

Railroad Cars—£..... 1615 14 0  
 Charcoal—£..... 196 3 8  
 Ship Building Materials—£..... 154 18 11  
 ..... 1615 14 0  
 ..... 196 3 8  
 ..... 154 18 11  
 ..... 40 7 10  
 ..... 4 18 5  
 ..... 3 17 8

Railroad Cars—£	1615 14 0	.....	.....	1615 14 0	.....	40 7 10
Charcoal—£	196 3 8	.....	.....	196 3 8	.....	4 18 5
Ship Building Materials—£	154 18 11	.....	.....	154 18 11	.....	3 17 8
Steel—cwt.....	1787 6 9	.....	.....	352 15 10	.....	43 8 9
Printing Paper—£	658 14 4	.....	1384 10 11	545 10 9	.....	16 9 11
Tin and Zinc—£	7038 19 9	.....	113 3 7	839 13 10	.....	175 19 5
Wire, Telegraph and Bridge—£	871 6 5	.....	6190 5 11	871 6 5	.....	21 16 1
Unenumerated Articles—£	56 17 10	.....	.....	56 17 10	.....	1 8 5
Packages—£	7403 1 8	.....	67 10 0	7335 11 8	.....	136 1 3
	£49897 14 1	£28517 17 9		£20879 16 4		£1236 5 7
<b>FREE GOODS.</b>						
Anatomical Preparations—£	73 10 0	.....	.....	73 10 0	.....	.....
Anchors—£	319 14 1	.....	294 19 3	24 14 5	618 10 0	.....
Busts and Casts—£	1085 11 11	.....	277 4 5	139 17 6	.....	.....
Animals—Horses—No	149	.....	.....	6208 10 0	.....	.....
Oxen and Bulls—No	3607 1 3	.....	.....	3607 1 3	.....	.....
Sheep—No	776 15 0	.....	.....	776 15 0	.....	.....
Pigs—No	21 12 6	.....	.....	21 12 6	.....	.....
Poultry—No	173 0 6	.....	.....	173 0 6	.....	.....
Ashes—Pearl—£	495 16 0	.....	350 4 4	145 11 2	.....	.....
Bark, Berries, Nuts and Vegetables, Woods and Drugs, used solely in dyeing—£	1177 14 10	.....	248 15 9	933 19 1	.....	.....
Book-Binders' Tools, Presses and Implements—£	426 17 11	.....	.....	427 17 11	.....	.....
Books—£	55553 14 1	.....	20942 6 11	24611 7 2	.....	.....
Bristles—£	87 7 9	.....	.....	87 7 9	.....	.....
Burrstones, Unwrought	123 16 6	.....	.....	123 16 6	.....	.....
do. Wrought	808 10 5	.....	.....	808 10 5	.....	.....
Bunting	58 16 10	.....	58 16 10	.....	.....	.....
Broom Corn	2304 5 5	.....	.....	2304 5 5	.....	.....
<i>Carried over</i>	70302 14 6	22172 7 6		40467 10 7	618 10 0	.....







YEARLY RETURN OF GOODS.—(Continued.)

ARTICLES FREE OF DUTY.	QUANTITIES.	TOTAL VALUE.		GREAT BRITAIN		BRITISH COLONIES.		U. STATES.		OTHER FO'GN COUNTRIES.		AMOUNT OF DUTY.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Brought forward</i> .....		123114	8 1	37417	11 3	1153	3 9	228311	0 7	3328	6 1	121	1 4
Teasles—£.....		18	7 0					18	7 0				
Trees and Shrubs—£.....		5861	5 0					5861	5 0				
Fresh Fish—£.....		79	0 0	79	0 0								
Metalic Paints—£.....		22	4 8	22	4 8								
Wool—lbs.....	4086	256	2 2	45	3 5			210	18 9				
Varnish—Bright and Black—£.....		28	15 0					28	15 0				
Yellow Metal—cwt.....	3 0 0	688	3 8	243	18 4			444	5 4				
Veneers—£.....		644	11 10					644	11 10				
Chocolate—£.....		4	17 0										
Other Articles—£.....		2719	10 6	625	10 4			324	0 2	1270	0 0		
ARTICLES NOT HEREIN BEFORE ENUMERATED AND ADMITTED FREE—FROM U. S. ONLY—UNDER RECIPROCIITY TREATY.													
Eggs—doz.....	20926	807	1 10					807	1 10				
Fish—bbls.....	8460	4280	3 4					4280	3 4				
Fish Oil—galls.....	2490	11452	10 10					11452	10 10				
Firewood—cords.....	5275	3950	11 0					3950	11 0				
Fruit—Dried—£.....		2071	3 8					2071	3 8				
Furs and Skins, undressed—£.....		430	9 2					439	9 2				
Gypsum—£.....		795	2 10					795	2 10				
Horns—£.....		0	15 0					0	15 0				
Products of Fish—£.....		3	6 11					3	6 11				
Slate—£.....		1368	0 0					1368	0 0				
Stone, unwrought—£.....		3539	1 8					3539	1 8				
Timber and Lumber—M. feet.....		1491	8 10					1491	8 10				
Breadstuffs—£.....		20	18 6					20	18 6				

Tobacco, unmanufactured—lbs  
Vegetables—£.....

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The following is a comparative statement of the value of the Imports and Exports, also the amount of Duties levied at the Port of Toronto, for the last two years:—

1856.....	Exports.	Duty.
1855.....	£551333	£195159
	404105	152585
	<u>£147228</u>	<u>£42584</u>

The following will shew the value of the Exports and Imports, and the Duties collected, for the past seven years, with the increase each year:—

Year.	Exports.	Increase.	Imports.	Increase.	Duty.	Increase.
1856.....	£551333	£147228	£1738657	£337204	£195159	£42574
1855.....	404105	130956	1401453	38747	152585	Decrease.
1854.....	273049	51559	1368706	190650	173598	17550
1853.....	221490	86279	1105056	425639	156038	62735
1852.....	134211	52361	639317	Decrease.	93303	Decrease.
1851.....	81850	14293	678492	43770	94330	4023
1850.....	67557	.....	634722	.....	90307	.....

Greatest Increase—Exports, 1856; Imports, 1853; Duty, 1853.

The following comparative statement shows the value of the Imports, under the different classes, in the years 1855 and 1856:

Articles paying specific duty	1855.	1856.
“ 30 per cent.....	£222,517 18 4	274,139 0 9
“ 20 “.....	539 15 1	10,685 4 6
“ 12½ “.....	227 2 3	1,074,697 5 10
“ 5 “.....	853,715 14 3	4,216 0 11
“ 2½ “.....	.....	49,397 14 1
“ no duty.....	68,777 14 3	325,521 19 6
	260,675 2 10	
	<u>£1,401,453 7 5</u>	<u>1,738,657 5 7</u>
Increase in 1856.....	.....	<u>1,401,453 7 5</u>
	.....	388,247 18 2



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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF IMPORTS DURING THE  
YEARS 1855 AND 1856.

## ARTICLES PAYING SPECIFIC DUTY.

	1855.			1856.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brooms.....				116	7	6
Coffee, Green.....	11582	6	2	15315	17	0
Do. other.....	20	11	5	8	10	0
Cigars.....	2526	10	7	4140	11	11
Molasses.....	3721	12	4	5705	15	2
Mustard.....				107	7	0
Snuff.....	146	4	3	153	0	8
Starch.....				64	11	7
Brandy.....	8098	0	6	11637	19	0
Cordials.....	12	16	0	156	5	3
Gin.....	1136	14	0	1631	8	1
Rum.....	366	1	7	871	15	8
Whiskey.....	12088	10	4	7854	15	3
Wine, in wood, value £15 $\frac{1}{2}$ pipe or under	743	18	2	388	8	10
Wine, in wood, value over £15 the pipe....	6389	11	2	11712	10	6
Wine, in bottle, (quarts).....	4507	6	6	8012	6	7
Wine, in bottle, (pints).....	194	4	1	515	13	7
Sugar, refined.....	6347	9	8	3115	0	5
Do. white or brown, clayed or yellow						
Bastard.....	2137	9	11	278	12	6
Do. other kinds.....	64233	9	2	78940	16	10
Dried Fruits.....	7649	10	5	8485	8	4
Pimento, Allspice, Pepper.....	959	6	1	1623	2	8
Cassia, Cinnamon, Cloves, Ginger.....	382	15	1	728	9	6
Mace and Nutmegs.....	245	15	10	356	12	8
Maccaroni and Vermicelli.....	9	11	6	11	10	2
Vinegar.....	336	5	10	202	18	9
Tea.....	71800	16	4	90645	5	11
Tobacco, manufactured.....	16891	1	5	20728	15	10
Do. unmanufactured.....				729	3	7
	<b>£222517</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>£274139</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

## ARTICLES PAYING 30 PER CENT.

Imported previous to Act. 18 Vic., cap. 5.....	£589	15	1
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## ARTICLES PAYING 20 PER CENT.

Leather Manufactures—Boots and Shoes... ..	5146	3	2
Do. Other than Boots and Shoes.....	4918	6	6
Manufactures of India Rubber.....	620	14	10
Imported previous to Act. 18 Vic., Cap. 5,	227	2	3

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## ARTICLES PAYING 12½ PER CENT. IN 1855 AND 15 IN 1856.

Ale and Beer.....	£2043	18	5	£2507	4	10
Blacking.....	379	18	2	315	13	7
Brooms.....	369	16	7	40	2	10
Cider.....	171	4	4	57	0	0
Cocoa and Chocolate.....	192	11	8	121	3	11
India Rubber.....	1009	0	2	583	3	1
Lumber or Plank.....				250	0	5

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Manufactures—	1855.			1856.		
	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
andles.....	1557	11	4	1668	15	1
Carpets.....	2942	15	5	7960	16	6
Clocks and Watches.....	13303	14	9	11173	3	1
Clothes Ready-Made.....	9745	16	3	16775	4	7
Combs and Brushes.....	2865	5	11	3139	4	3
Corks.....	189	17	7	430	18	2
Cotton.....	177755	1	11	250006	13	11
Drugs and Medicine.....	12872	14	6	12713	5	7
Earthenware and Crockery.....	6453	16	11	9735	5	1
Fancy Goods.....	19525	2	1	38379	11	6
Fur.....	5359	6	3	6317	14	6
Glass.....	1716	11	0	3756	5	5
Glassware.....	7949	9	6	9938	13	2
Gunpowder, &c.....	1650	9	8	1131	17	11
Hats and Caps, other than fur.....	7633	7	8	10669	14	5
Hosiery.....	2851	5	3	4315	1	11
Iron and Hardware.....	120864	12	11	134232	2	6
Jewellery and Plate.....	15252	0	6	7531	1	10
Lace Goods.....	3475	3	1	3006	6	11
Leather—Boots and Shoes.....	31554	17	1	26330	4	9
Do. other than Boots and Shoes.....	6948	7	9	6212	12	8
Do. Tanned.....	8290	6	0	13172	13	4
Linen.....	15685	0	3	20185	4	11
Machinery.....	6927	16	7	6677	2	6
Musical Instruments.....	15676	15	7	16832	16	3
Oil.....	4478	12	9	4757	15	0
Oil Cloth.....	784	8	5	1693	6	5
Paints and Colors.....	8926	3	2	9286	15	10
Paper.....	2163	19	8	4966	1	1
Paper Hangings.....	4996	18	3	6421	9	5
Parasols and Umbrellas.....	904	9	6	929	9	5
Perfumery.....	373	7	7	407	6	7
Pickles and Sauces.....	941	6	8	1083	9	4
Silk.....	55558	17	3	96187	8	11
Soap.....	947	12	11	597	17	6
Starch.....	493	5	6	318	10	4
Stationery.....	4835	9	3	6824	12	7
Straw Goods.....	5639	4	0	11398	13	8
Small Wares.....	18491	11	8	9204	16	6
Toys.....	605	10	11	1527	17	3
Turpentine.....				1521	15	7
Wood.....	13453	19	3	14871	4	6
Woollens.....	223833	15	4	272434	3	0
Rice.....	125	19	11			
Sweetmeats.....	1945	7	2	3623	10	8
Unenumerated articles.....				11	10	5
Total Goods paying 12½ per cent.....	£853715	14	3	£1074697	5	16
GOODS PAYING 5 PER CENT.						
Canada Plates.....				1306	4	2
Chains other than Chain Cables.....				1441	5	11
Galvanized Iron.....				279	17	6
Machinery for Manufacture of Doors, &c.....				339	15	0
Plough Moulds.....				346	11	3
Printing Paper.....				278	12	1
Locomotive Wheels, &c.....				193	15	0
				£4216	0	11

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## GOODS PAYING 2½ PER CENT.

	1855.			1856.		
	£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.
Acids.....	636	10	5	265	4	9
Brass and Copper Tubes for Locomotives...	892	17	0			
Bleaching Powders.....	185	0	11	26	5	7
Candle Wick.....	1039	11	0	1182	16	7
Cotton Yarn and Warp.....	4240	15	5	3044	6	6
Draining Tiles.....				156	4	1
Felts.....	307	4	7	482	5	0
Fire Brick.....	856	17	0	241	13	9
Fishing Hooks, Nets, &c.....	210	0	2	133	13	11
Iron—Bar, Rod, and Roll Sheets.....	13061	1	11	20531	9	3
Do. Boiler Plate.....	398	1	0	955	3	10
Do. Chains.....	900	14	3	527	1	10
Do. Hoop.....	519	0	11	670	0	11
Do. Railroad Bars.....	25024	3	8	1615	14	0
Do. Machinery for Doors, &c.....				548	18	11
Borax.....				845	5	5
Charcoal.....				196	3	8
Oil Cake.....	8	10	0			
Printing Paper.....	1306	16	3	658	14	4
Ship Building Materials.....	569	1	2	154	18	11
Steel.....	1635	10	6	1737	6	9
Tin and Zinc.....	3490	3	2	7038	19	9
Wire, Telegraph and Bridge.....	339	7	8	871	6	5
Packages.....	6224	5	5	7403	1	3
Other articles.....	1981	12	3	56	17	10
	£63777	14	8	£49397	14	1
	FREE GOODS.					
Anatomical Preparations.....	4	10	0	73	10	0
Anchor.....				319	14	1
Animals—Horses.....	5313	10	0	6208	10	0
Do. Oxen and Bulls.....	840	0	0	3607	1	2
Do. Sheep.....				776	15	0
Do. Poultry.....	23	18	9	173	0	6
Leeches.....				21	12	6
Ashes, Pot and Pearl.....	525	14	1	495	16	0
Dye Stuffs.....	598	4	4	1177	14	10
Bookbinders' Tools, &c.....	62	8	9	426	17	11
Books.....	37467	13	7	55553	14	1
Bristles.....	171	9	1	87	7	9
Busts and Casts.....	54	0	6	1085	11	11
Burr Stones, unwrought.....	710	3	10	123	16	6
Do. wrought.....				805	10	5
Bunting.....	34	1	10	58	16	10
Broom Corn.....	2294	15	0	2304	5	5
Butter.....	2096	11	4	3171	14	9
Cabinets of Coins.....				221	0	0
Caoutchouc.....				6	3	8
Cheese.....	6009	2	11	9558	19	3
Coal and Coke.....	20592	15	0	37097	7	10
Copper, in bars, rods and sheets.....				192	16	10
Cordage of all kinds.....	4631	13	6	3466	13	2
Cotton Flax, waste.....	130	8	6	458	8	2
Chain Cables.....	215	10	10	416	18	11
Donations.....	10	0	0	30	0	0

FREE GOODS.	1855.			1856.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Drawings.....	4417	9	10	5177	15	9
Felt Sheeting.....	675	5	5	456	6	4
Fire Clay.....	285	16	8	111	7	6
Flax, Hemp and Tow, undressed.....	2547	19	9	1616	17	5
Fruit, green.....	6085	10	5	6951	13	4
Furs and Skins.....	485	14	0	1872	0	11
Grains—Barley and Rye.....	244	11	7			
Do. Bran and Oats.....				172	4	10
Do. Buckwheat.....				40	0	0
Do. Flour.....	35235	12	2	184	13	7
Do. Oats.....	6550	1	4	8526	6	10
Do. Beans and Peas.....	22	8	5	198	12	2
Do. Indian Corn.....	4773	10	11	17351	7	9
Do. Wheat.....	1366	0	0	60	18	9
Do. Hops.....	1223	18	5	873	18	4
Meal of the above Grains.....	611	15	9	610	4	0
Grease and Scraps.....	2216	10	8	1240	13	3
Hat Plush.....				416	3	6
Hay.....	411	5	4	633	6	4
Hides.....	5179	18	1	5745	5	2
Indigo.....	298	17	3	283	9	8
Junk and Oakum.....	322	3	6	203	12	9
Lard.....	1912	5	6	1523	7	9
Lead, pig and sheet.....	1676	2	7	1554	3	8
Marble in blocks, unpolished.....	1003	15	6	964	6	9
Marine Cement.....	538	15	0	651	14	9
Maps.....	1486	16	5	1319	6	4
Manures.....				549	18	10
Meats of all kinds.....	13865	10	2	20498	3	3
Military Clothing.....	303	0	0	1858	12	11
Military Stores.....				598	18	7
Models.....	231	16	3	321	3	1
Oil—Cocoa Nut, Pine and Palm.....	709	13	8	2706	8	10
Philosophical Instruments.....				1435	2	3
Pig Iron.....				4530	6	10
Pipe Clay.....				4	17	4
Pitch and Tar.....	562	19	4	152	14	9
Printing Presses, Types, &c.....	6396	13	2	9001	13	8
Rags.....	189	14	8			
Resin and Rosin.....	326	3	3	501	9	3
Rice.....	2669	14	5	2079	15	11
Salt.....	5876	13	0	893	15	6
Seeds.....	4507	10	3	3240	13	11
Sail Cloth.....	529	15	0	571	9	3
Settlers' Goods.....	17954	7	1	18263	12	7
Soda Ash.....	62	17	3			
Specimens.....	51	18	9	88	17	5
Tallow.....	20042	3	4	20249	2	1
Teasles.....	0	16	0	18	7	0
Trees and Shrubs.....	929	18	11	5861	5	0
Wine for Officers' Mess.....	18	6	0			
Wool.....	208	15	6	256	2	2
Varnish.....	12	11	4	28	15	0
Yellow Metal.....	973	11	10	688	3	8
Veneers.....	494	16	9	644	11	10
Chocolate.....				4	17	1

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FREE GOODS.	1855.		1856.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Fresh Fish.....				
Metallic Paints.....			79	0 0
Biscuit and Bread.....			22	4 8
Cocoa Paste.....	7	10 0	20	18 6
Fish Oil.....	12	0 0		
Salted Fish.....	1474	13 8		
Other Articles.....	431	17 0		
	2152	12 9	2719	10 6

## ARTICLES ADMITTED FREE, FROM UNITED S. ONLY, UNDER RECIPROCIDTY TREATY.

Eggs .....	142	11 11	807	1 10
Fish.....	2877	7 7	4280	3 0
Fish Oil.....	4547	11 9	11452	10 14
Fire Wood.....	1016	1 3	3950	11 0
Furs and Skins, undressed.....	222	13 3	439	9 2
Fruit, dried.....	136	14 8	2071	3 8
Gypsum.....	1405	0 1	795	2 10
Products of Fish.....	1038	2 6	3	6 11
Slate.....	2027	4 8	1368	0 0
Stone, unwrought.....	2512	10 8	3539	1 8
Timber and Lumber .....	1084	7 4	1491	8 10
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....	1013	8 11	1605	4 1
Vegetables .....	294	7 2	1964	15 7
	£260675	2 10	£325521	19 6

## RECAPITULATION.

	1855.		1856.	
Goods paying specific duty.....	222517	18 4	274139	0 9
Goods paying 30 per cent.....	539	15 1		
Goods paying 20 per cent.....	227	2 3	10685	4 6
Goods paying 12½ per cent. in 1855, and 15 in 1856.....	853715	14 3	1074697	5 10
Goods paying 5 per cent.....			4216	0 11
Goods paying 2½ per cent.....	63777	14 8	49397	14 1
Free Goods.....	260675	2 10	325521	19 6
Grand Total.....	1401453	7 5	£1738657	5 7
Excess of Imports of 1856 over 1855.....	338247	18 2		
	£1738657	5 7		

## DUTIES.

The duties levied on the various classes of goods imported at the port of Toronto, during 1856, were as follows:—

On goods paying specific duty.....	£45952	6 1
On goods at 20 per cent.....	2137	0 3
On goods at 15 per cent.....	145623	7 6
On goods at 5 per cent.....	210	17 0
On goods at 2½ per cent.....	1236	5 7

Total Duties levied at Toronto..... £195159 16 5



## PLACES WHENCE IMPORTED.

From Great Britain.....	£822335	1	7
From British American Colonies.....	14797	9	9
From the United States.....	865404	19	1
From other foreign countries.....	36119	15	2
	<u>£1738657</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

## EXPORTS.

	1855.			1866.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Pig and Scrap Iron.....	202	0	0	576	10	0
Fresh Fish.....	122	0	0			
Pot Ashes.....	211	5	0	35	0	0
Pearl Ashes.....				160	0	0
Plank and Boards.....	9268	5	9	10814	0	0
Shingles.....	166	0	0			
Other Woods.....				36	0	0
Furs and Skins.....	832	10	0			
Horses.....	130	0	0	325	0	0
Deer.....				11	5	0
Beef.....	448	0	0			
Butter.....	205	2	0	297	10	0
Hides.....				7850	15	3
Lard.....				125	0	0
Pork.....	320	0	0	414	18	6
Wool.....	5415	10	0	5661	12	6
Barley and Rye.....	4227	10	0	4542	17	0
Beans.....	45	0	0			
Flour.....	176703	15	0	129014	10	8
Indian Corn.....	114	0	0			
Meal.....				470	15	0
Peas.....	873	0	0	1338	17	0
Seeds.....	352	10	0	297	0	0
Vegetables.....	270	0	0			
Maple Sugar.....				45	0	0
Wheat.....	202792	13	0	388532	9	5
Hardware.....				296	0	0
India Rubber.....				20	0	0
Musical Instruments.....				10	0	0
Carriages.....				100	0	0
Wood.....	16	0	0	205	0	0
Woollens.....	500	0	0	6	10	0
Ale, Beer and Cider.....	13	8	5			
Miscellaneous.....	877	8	1	146	12	6
Total.....	£404105	17	3	£551333	2	10
Excess of exports of 1856 over 1855...	147227	5	7			
	<u>£551333</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>			

The following is a comparative statement of the value of the Imports and Exports, also the amount of Duties levied, at the Port of Toronto, for the past two years:—

	Exports.	Imports.	Duty.
1856.....	£551,333	£1,738,657	£195,159
1855.....	404,105	1,401,453	152,545
Increase.....	£147,228	£337,204	£42,584

The following will show the value of the Exports and Imports, and the Duties collected, for the past seven years, with the increase each year:—

Year	Exports.	Increase.	Imports.	Increase.	Duty.	Increase.
1856.....	£551,333	£147,228	£1,738,657	£337,204	£195,159	£42,574
1855.....	404,105	130,956	1,401,453	38,747	152,585	Decrease.
1854.....	273,049	51,559	1,362,706	197,650	173,588	17,550
1853.....	221,490	86,279	1,165,056	425,639	156,038	62,753
1852.....	134,211	52,361	639,317	Decrease.	93,303	Decrease.
1851.....	81,850	14,293	678,492	43,770	94,330	4,023
1850.....	67,557		634,722		90,307	

Greatest Increase—Exports, 1856; Imports, 1853; Duty, 1853.

Statement of Exports of Wheat and Flour for the years 1855 and 1856, compiled from the shipping books:—

DESTINATION.	WHEAT—BUSHEL.		TOTALS—WHEAT.		FLOUR—BARRELS.		TOTALS—FLOUR.	
	1855.	1856.	1855.	1856.	1855.	1856.	1855.	1856.
Oswego.....	£347,280	£684,314			42,660	31,844		
Ogdensburg.....	134,022	207,666			49,086	58,988		
Rochester.....	18,916	34,141			4,788	393		
Cape Vincent.....	22,264	203,681			14,193	5,854		
Lewiston, &c.....	10,558				8,080			
Other Ports.....	8,484	2,979				857		
TO AMERICAN PORTS.			601,524	1,432,781			118,807	97,935
Montreal.....	9,075	78,312			23,769	60,099		
Quebec.....	4,691	14,259			3,556	11,567		
Kingston.....	3,477				2,875	1,184		
Prescott.....	1,296				1,252	693		
Ottawa.....	471				908	100		
Other Ports.....	8,220					185		
TO CANADA PORTS.			26,730	92,561			32,370	73,824
Grand Totals.....			628,754	1,225,352			151,177	171,730
Increase.....				596,598				20,553

The increase in the shipments of wheat, it will be seen, are equal to 100 per cent. over those of last year, while the increase in flour, although not large, is respectable. Reducing the flour into wheat, at the rate of five bushels per barrel, we have the following for the two seasons:—

	Bushels.	Value.
1856.....	2,084,007	at 7s. £729,402
1855.....	1,384,639	at 10s. 692,319
Increase.....	699,368	£37,083

The increase in value is not so great, as the increase in quantity, owing to the fact that grain has sold at 25 per cent. lower in 1856 than it did in 1855.

The returns of the Custom House set down the value of agricultural produce sent to the United States at £524,241, which is very correct; add, however, that sent to Canada Ports—say £230,000—making the total exports upwards of £750,000.

PRICES OF WHEAT IN THE TORONTO MARKET FOR THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS.

The following will show the highest price paid for Wheat on the Toronto Market, in each month, for the past eleven years:—

MONTH.	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856
January.....	5s 3d	4s 7d	4s 1d	4s 5d	4s 2d	4s 1d	4s 4d	4s 6d	7s 5d	8s 0d	9s 0d
February.....	5 3	4 8	4 2	4 6	4 4	4 1	4 0	4 2	7 6	8 0	7 6
March.....	5 2	5 4	4 4	4 6	4 4	4 0	3 9	4 4	7 6	9 7	7 0
April.....	4 7	5 4	4 7	4 4	4 7	4 1	3 6	4 4	7 7	11 3	7 8
May.....	5 3	5 10	4 7	4 6	5 3	4 1	3 6	4 6	8 11	11 6	7 9
June.....	4 3	7 7	4 6	4 6	5 6	3 11	3 4	4 9	9 8	11 9	7 8
July.....	4 9	5 2	4 7	4 5	5 3	4 0	3 11	4 8	8 0	10 6	7 10½
August.....	3 9	4 11	4 10	4 4	4 1	3 10	3 10	5 0	8 0	10 0	7 6
September.....	4 4	4 3	5 8	4 3	4 4	3 6	3 10	5 6	8 4	9 6	7 6
October.....	4 11	4 11	4 11	3 10	3 11	3 1	3 9	6 2	7 10	10 6	7 4
November.....	4 9	4 1	4 2	4 2	3 10	3 1	3 10	6 4	8 9	10 7	6 10
December.....	4 2	4 3	4 3	3 10	3 9	3 6	4 6	5 10	7 9	10 0	6 10

It will be seen by the above that the highest price realized since 1846 was in June, 1855, when 11s 9d per bushel was paid in several instances; and that the lowest was in the months of October and November, when 3s 1d was paid.



AMOUNT OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

The following will show the amount of Rateable Property of the City of Toronto, the taxes levied, and the rate of taxation for the years named :—

	Property.	Taxes.	Rate.	Population.
1850.....	£132,360 .....	£9,788 .....	1s. 6d. ....	25,166
1851.....	186,983 .....	17,429 .....	1s. 9½d. ....	
1852.....	198,328 .....	18,433 .....	1s. 9½d. ....	30,763
1853.....	227,491 .....	28,130 .....	2s. 5d. ....	
1854.....	290,957 .....	44,842 .....	3s. ....	
1855.....	346,867 .....	50,395 .....	2s. 10d. ....	
1856.....	427,981 .....	55,362 .....	2s. 6d. ....	41,760

SALES OF CITY PROPERTY.

The Auction Sales of City Property during the year amount to over £75,000; the sales of property situate in the country to over double that amount.

As to the value of City property, the highest price realized at auction, was at the sale of the plot of land on Front Street, near York Street West, Lamb's Hotel, which brought £40 per foot frontage, depth 180 feet. A three story brick house on King Street, West of York Street, with small plot of ground, brought £1,900 cash.

On the Garrison Reserve, some two miles from the centre of the City, lots sold at from £5 to £8 15s per foot.