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BUFFALO AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

THE CITY OF BUFFALO.

Buffalo for many years has been called the "Queen City of the Lakes," and well merits that proud appellation. It is a port of entry and the capital of Eric county, State of New York, at the eastern extremity of Lake Eric, at the head of Niagara River and at the mouth of Buffalo River, in lat. 42° 53′ N., long. 78° 55′ W., about 293 miles N. W. of New York city;—with a water front of two and a half miles on the lake and of the same extent on Niagara River.

Buffalo has one of the finest harbors on the lakes. It is formed by the Buffalo River, a small stream, which is navigable for about one mile from its mouth. The entrance is protected by a breakwater, which is 1,500 feet long, upon the south side of the river; and there is also another on the north side, by which a capacious harbor is made. In 1869, the United States Government began the construction of an outside harbor, by building a breakwater, designed to be 4,000 feet long, fronting the entrance of Buffalo River, at the distance of about half a mile from shore; nearly two-thirds of the breakwater is completed. In addition, there are a large number of slips, docks and basins for the accommodation of shipping and canal boats.

The advantages of Buffalo, in a commercial point of view, are obvious. Its location at the foot of Lake Erie, whose waters unite with the Hudson River and the seaboard by the Erie Canal, and the centering of many important railroads in its midst, are a sufficient assurance of a continuance of its present business prosperity and future growth.

The State census returns for 1875, places the population of the city at only 134,573 and of the county 199,570. The estimated population of the city on the first of January, 1880, was 155,000.

The earliest notice of the present site of Buffalo, may be found in the travels of Baron La Houtan. He ascended the Niagara River into Lake Erie, on the fifteenth of August, 1687, more than a hundred years prior to the first settlement of the city. He advised the French Government to build a fort here, and, in anticipation of its construction, named it "Fort Suppose" on the map accompanying his travels.

This fort was intended as a check against the neighboring Iroquois and Seneca Indians. In 1795, La Rochefoucault Lianconkt, a French nobleman, says that "at the port on Lake Erie (Buffalo) there was a small collection of four or five houses." On the map of the Holland Land Company's Purchase, drawn in 1800, the present site of Buffalo is designated as New Amsterdam. The village, however, was not laid out and the survey completed until 1804. The first lot sold contained half an acre and brought \$135.00.

On April 2, 1813, the village was incorporated, and in the same year, on December 30th, was burned, with the exception of two houses, by a force of British troops and their Indian allies, who crossed from Canada at Black Rock.

In 1832, Buffalo became an incorporated city, and is now divided into thirteen wards, with two aldermen to each ward. The principal officers are a Mayor, Comptroller, Clerk, Attorney, Treasurer, Park and Street Commissioners, Engineer, Superintendent of Education, Assessors, Overseer of the Poor, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Board of Water Commissioners,

Commissioners of City and County Hall, and Police Justice. For Police purposes the city is divided into precincts. The Fire department is under the management of a Superintendent and assistants.

Previous to 1832 all the schools were known as district schools of the town of Buffalo. The first school-house was erected in 1806 by gratuitous labor and material contributed by the early settlers, and was located at the corner of Cayuga (now Pearl) and Swan streets. The number of public schools in existence, including the Central, January 1, 1880, was 44; number of teachers, 440; average number of pupils in attendance daily, about 15,000; and the amount paid for this department by the city for the year ending December 31, 1879, was \$308,700.57, including salaries, \$280,277.15. The State Normal School and Normal School of Practice is also located here. There are also about forty private academies, colleges and schools, including the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, a college established for the study of medicine; the Homeopathic Medical Society and the College of Rational Medicine, the Buffalo Female Academy, the Buffalo Classical School, the Heathcote School, St. Joseph's and many other Roman Catholic schools, the Holy Angel's Academy, the Canisins and St. Joseph's colleges. These are all well patronized and are reported to be in good financial condition. It may be well to note that the Central Public School curriculum includes the languages.

The commercial advantages of Buffalo are well known, derived from its favorable relative position with the numerous points from which are drawn its receipts of flour, grain, coal, ore, oil, cattle, hogs, etc., and the ready means for the distribution of these articles by lake, canal and railroads; added to which facilities are the benefits of cheap fuel, an excellent and abundant water supply, rapid elevating and transfer of grain, quick handling of coal, extensive storage facilities and dockage with ample harbor accommodations. The healthy climate, (shown by its vital statistics,) handsome streets and driveways, magnificent park system, its public libraries, art gallery, museum, theatres, hospitals and benevolent institutions of all kinds, churches and fine public buildings, combine to render Buffalo a most desirable resort for the pleasure and health-seeker, and a home for the capitalist and the laboring classes. Its close proximity to Niagara Falls, added to the delightful and romantic lake and river scenery, contributes greatly to its attractions.

The Buffalo street railroads comprise two main lines, one 4% miles, and the other about 3% miles in length. The branch lines aggregate nearly 9% miles of rail.

Buffalo ranks as the third city in the State, but in commercial importance she must be deemed second only to the metropolis. It is no wonder that her citizens are proud of her position and manifold advantages. With very few equals in the world as a grain port, its terminal facilities are very extensive and complete. Grain is received, transferred, stored and forwarded with greater dispatch than at any other port in this country. The river for about a mile from its mouth is lined with immense elevators and floaters, provided with all of the most improved appliances for handling cereals. The transfer of grain cargoes from vessels into storehouses and canal boats prior to 1843, was done by manual labor, being raised from the hold in tubs and bags. In that year Mr. Joseph Dart erected the first elevator ever built for storing and transferring grain, with a storage capacity of 55,000 bushels, and a transfer capacity of 15,000 bushels per day, near the mouth of Buffalo River. Now there are 20 elevators, 6 transfer elevators and 6 floaters, 32 in all, most of which are massive structures costing in the aggregate about \$5,000,000. Their combined storage capacity-reaches 6,265,000 bushels, while their daily transfer capacity is 2,500,000 bushels. That is to say, the elevators of Buffalo are capable of receiving from lake vessels and transferring to canal boats and cars nearly 3,000,000 of bushels of grain every twenty-four hours. Much has been said and written against these Buffalo elevators, but the fact that they furnish such excellent facilities to carriers and shippers, insuring quick dispatch and freedom from costly delays, is an advantage that can be scarcely overestimated. These elevators are owned by private individuals, excepting that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad corporation owns two of the largest, and the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad one. Several of these elevators have machinery attached, whereby 60,000 to 70,000 bushels of wet or damaged grain can be dried every twenty-four hours. The grain trade has steadily increased for years. Last season's receipts were the largest on record, aggregating by lake and rail 140,000,000 bushels. The facilities for forwarding this vast amount of grain are as extensive as the terminal facilities.

The capacity of the canal has never been fully tested, and the shipments of 1878, which, were the largest ever reported, and reached 59,000,000 bushels, were forwarded with as little effort as the 36,000,000 bushels shipped in 1875. This fact is accounted for by the deepening and improvement of the canal so as to permit of the passage of boats with increased speed. The canal and railway competition thus afforded always insures cheap rates. The Central and the Erie railroads give much attention to conveying grain, and each moves large quantities received by lake as well as its through shipments. Their tracks run directly into the elevators, so that there is no carting and no handling outside of the elevator. It is no uncommon thing to see a large lake vessel being unloaded and two canal boats and two trains of freight cars being loaded at the same time.

There are four large steamboat lines plying regularly between this port and the ports of Lakes Huron, Superior and Michigan. They are the Union, the Western Transportation, the Commercial and the Anchor lines. Their combined fleets number several first-class steamers, some of which are as large as the average ocean steamships, having a capacity ranging from 2,000 to 2,500 tons. With the completion of the Government improvements in the Detroit River, which are well advanced, the appearance of 3,000-ton vessels in Buffalo harbor will not be an unusual sight. In addition to the vessels of these lines, there is an almost innumerable fleet of steam barges, with consorts, and sailing vessels, many of which are noble ships. With a heavy down movement of flour, grain, iron and copper ore and lumber, and a large and steady up movement of coal, salt and merchandise, Buffalo bids fair to always occupy a front place among the great commercial cities of the continent.

Manufacturing interests are attracting as much attention at present as the other branches of business mentioned. The admirable location for manufacturing and the necessity for diversified industries have induced Buffalo capitalists to invest large amounts of money in furnaces, rolling mills and factories of various kinds. With the lakes stretching to the westward and the canal to the eastward, together with the New York Central, the New York, Lake Erie and Western, the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railways leading East and the Lake Shore, the Canada Southern, the Great Western, Grand Trunk and the Buffalo and Southwestern running West, facilities are furnished for shipping manufactured products to all parts of the country, at low rates of freight that are not surpassed by those of any other city in the country. Buffalo, also, occupies a position between the coal and iron fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and the iron mines of Lakes Superior and Champlain that is very advantageous. The various kinds of iron ore required to produce the best results and coal and coke are laid down here at minimum rates. Manufacturing has made rapid strides of late years. The stove works located here are the largest in the world. The iron and nail and the malleable iron works, the planing mills, the grape sugar works, the chemical works and fertilizer works are among the largest establishments of the kind in the country,

To these must be added the car wheel works, the marine and other engine works, iron bridge building, the manufactories of water-mains and gas-pipes, chains, mills and mill-furnishing goods, threshing machines and agricultural implements, stamped hardware goods, refrigerators and bird cages; tanneries; boot and shoe and furniture factories; soap makers; pork packing houses; edge-tool and hinge factories; children's and other carriages; organs and melodeons are made extensively, and other industries too numerous to mention; shipbuilding is also carried on to a large extent.

The wholesale mercantile establishments embrace every kind and the business transacted is immense. The banking facilities are very good, with an aggregated capital of \$2,700,000, and other resources equally large. The last official returns from the four savings' banks show the deposits therein to aggregate \$18,241,569. The three local insurance companies are prosperous and with a high reputation.

The three principal daily newspapers are the Courier, Commercial Advertiser, and the Express; the first named is Democratic, the second and third Republican. There are several German dailies, besides many religious and secular weekly journals.

The total indebtedness of the city on the first of January, 1880, was \$7,416,195.96.

The malting interest is a very important one; twenty-four malt-houses were in operation last year, turning out over 2,000,000 bushels of malt, and the brewers manufactured 500,000 bushels in addition—a total product of 2,500,000 bushels. The imports of barley from Canada during the past season were about 1,220,000 bushels.

In the latter part of the year 1880 two pipe lines will compete for the transportation of crude petroleum from the Bradford oil district, and it is expected that the refining industry of this city will attain large proportions.

The Board of Trade is an important institution. Its rooms are situated at Central Wharf, on the river front. This organization was formed in 1844 and incorporated in 1857. It is expected that in the near future a handsome and commodious edifice will be erected up-town for the meetings of the members.

The East Buffalo live stock trade is of great importance. The yards for the accommodation of all descriptions of stock cover fifty-two acres of ground, are all paved and provided with the requisite sheds to protect stock from the weather and chutes for loading and unloading stock. This business gives employment to a large number of men and boys. Notwithstanding the great competition of rival cities, Buffalo has held its own as a center in the trade. Its present magnitude and recent growth is shown on page 22.

The system of water supply and works is one of the best on this continent and thus far have cost \$3,000,000. The water is brought through a tunnel extending into the middle of Niagara River, thus insuring absolute purity. The construction of this tunnel and its inlet pier was a work of great magnitude, requiring the best engineering skill. The Holly Water Works system is also in use, and further improvements, at a cost of \$250,000, are contemplated.

Another tunnel under the Niagara River, for railroad purposes, is often talked of and its construction is only a question of time, since the great International Bridge is inadequate to the accommodation of all the railroad traffic between Buffalo and Canada. This bridge was opened November 3, 1873, and was built by a joint Canadian and American company, at a cost of \$1,500,000. It is nearly three-quarters of a mile in length, and the construction of the central portion was attended with great difficulty, owing to the rapid current of the river.

Among the institutions in which special interest is taken are the Young Men's Association, with its large circulating library; the Society of Natural Sciences, which possesses a fine museum, free to the public; the Grosvenor Library, another free institution: the Historical Society, the archives of which are full of valuable material relating to the early history of the city and of Western New York; the Fine Arts Academy, which owns many fine works of art, and the Decorative Art Society, which is doing excellent work.

The Buffalo Driving Park Association has one of the best and fastest tracks in the country. It is the track on which Dexter's and Goldsmith Maid's best records were made, and on which Rarus trotted in the unequaled time of 2.13¼—the fastest on record. Buffalo also boasts a first-class base ball club, a well-organized yacht club, rowing clubs, archery clubs, the polo club which defeated the Westchesters, with James Gordon Bennett, Esq., at their head, and other similar organizations.

The City and County Hall, built at a cost of \$1,400,000 and dedicated in March, 1876, stands on a site bounded by Delaware, Franklin, Eagle and Church streets, and the surrounding grounds are laid out and terraced in an artistic and ornamental manner. The building is of granite, with a tower containing an electrical illuminated clock, and is adorned with four representative statues. It is three stories high, not including a finished basement, and furnishes quarters for all the city and county officers as well as the courts. The Common Council Chamber is very handsome and commodious. The new Jail, finished last year, stands at the junction of Delaware and Church streets, facing the City Hall. The two buildings are very similiar in external appearance, and are connected by an underground passage.

The State Insane Asylum is slowly progressing toward completion, and is an ornament to the locality where it is located. The Erie County Penitentiary and the Almshouse are model institutions of their kind; the latter has an insane asylum attached.

The several hospitals, the homes for invalids, women and children, the deaf and dumb and orphan asylums and kindred benevolent associations are well managed and have comfortable and roomy buildings.

The Charity Organization, the Guild of the Good Samaritan and the Crèche are admirable institutions, and were founded under the auspices of the Rev. Stephen Humphreys Gurteen.

There are many fine edifices in the city, among the most prominent are the Custom House, the German Insurance, Manufactures' and Traders' Bank and Young Men's Association Buildings; the Eric County, Western and Buffalo Savings Banks and Pierce's Palace Hotel.

The new depots of the New York Central and Erie railroads are commodious and ornamental. Several of the banks are located in very handsome edifices, and many merchants have imposing business blocks. The buildings of the *Courier, Commercial Advertiser* and *Express* newspapers indicate prosperity. The Academy of Music is old-fashioned exteriorly, but the interior is all that could be desired, both for the comfort of the audience as well as for scenic representations, and is ably managed. St. James Hall has been renovated and improved, with new scenery added, and meets all the requirements necessary for comfort. The Adelphi Theatre is a cosy place and successfully carried on.

Buffalo has long been celebrated for the elegance of its private residences, which can be found in nearly every part of the city, especially on Delaware, Main, Franklin, North, and other avenues on the west side. The grounds attached to these homes are kept with great care. The noble trees which line the walks of the main thoroughfares add greatly to the beauty of the city.

The churches and places of worship number over one hundred, divided according to denominations as follows: Catholic, 21; Episcopal, 12; Baptist, 11; Methodist, 15; Presbyterian, 12; Jewish, 3; Universalist and Unitarian, 3 each; Lutheran, German Evangelical and all others, 25. The most beautiful edifice in the city is St. Paul's Cathedral (Protestant Episcopal); it is a brown stone edifice of the Gothic style of architecture, and has a tall, graceful spire, containing a fine chime of bells. A stranger passing though Main street during the warm months will have his attention attracted to the church by the loud twittering of hundreds of swallows who make their nests in the mass of foliage which has grown over the chancel walls. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cathedral and the episcopal recidence adjoining are imposing piles of light-colored stone. The cathedral is noted for its chimes. St. Louis and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Churches, St. John's, Ascension and Christ Episcopal Churches, Westminster Presbyterian and Delaware Avenue Methodist Episcopal Churches are all fine edifices and the interiors are beautiful in decoration and furniture.

The city of Buffalo has all the favorable conditions for health, longevity and mental and physical vigor that can be desired, unequaled by any city in the United States. The climate is salubrious, of a uniform temperature, without extremes of either heat and cold, the mercury scarcely ever rising above 84 degrees or falling below zero. The death-rate is as low as any city in the world, only 13.9 per 1,000. It has many special advantages as a summer resort, which of late years have been quite largely appreciated. Situated within twenty-two miles of Niagara Falls, the trip by rail on the several railroads is too short to be fatiguing, and the return trip in the evening is always pleasant, as the traveler gets the benefit of the fresh air from Niagara River during most of the distance. The drive to the Falls is very fashionable at times during the season, and when the grand idea of a boulevard connecting the city with the village of Niagara Falls is realized, it will be still more so. On Grand Island there are several private club houses and places of resort. Everybody in Buffalo goes "down the river" more or less during the season, and several wealthy citizens own private steam yachts. One of the most attractive drives is that which leads to the "Front"-now a part of the park system-a noble bluff above the bank of the Niagara, which commands an extensive view of the lake and river, and also of the harbor and portions of the city. The tall tower of Pierce's Palace Hotel is close by, and from that elevated point on a fine day the distant Chantanqua hills are visible in one direction, and the spray of Niagara Falls can be seen in another. Buffalo is about seventy miles distant by rail from Chautauqua Lake, while a trip of less than thirty miles will take the traveler to Lewiston, Niagara City, and the shores of Lake Ontario. These points are much visited during the season by excursionists. The distance by lake from Buffalo to Cleveland is 174 miles, to Toledo 264 miles, to Detroit 255 miles, to Bay City 463 miles, to Chicago 888 miles, to Duluth 991 miles, and to Milwaukee 823 miles.

An act authorizing the selection and location of certain grounds for public parks, and to provide for their maintenance and embellishment, was passed by the State Legislature in 1869, and lands were selected and appraised at \$305,157.85. Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, of New York, were engaged to prepare plans; Mr. Geo. R. Radford was selected as engineer and Mr. William McMillan was secured as superintendent. No time was lost in getting the great work under way, and to-day the city has a park on a scale sufficient to meet the demands of a large and rapidly-growing population and one that will compare favorably with any on the continent.

The commissioners have always been mindful of the public interests and have fully appreciated the responsibility of their position. There has been no lavish expenditure of money and good judgment has characterized their work. The total area of the lands used is 600 2-10 acres, embracing the Lake, Meadow, Parade, Front, Niagara square, Prospect hill, North street circle, Bidwell place, Chapin place, Soldiers' place, Agassiz place, the Bank, Humboldt, Bidwell, Chapin and Lincoln parkways, Fillmore, Porter and Richmond avenues. The parkways are from 1,695 to 11,097 feet in length, and the beds are of stone and gravel, rolled hard and smooth and graded. They are each 100 feet wide. The Lake takes up forty-six and a half acres and was formed by damming Scajaquada Creek and by excavating. With its miniature islands, its bays and coves, the boat-house, well stocked with row-boats, and a float for the band, it is difficult to find a more romantic and picturesque spot. The popularity of the place is attested by the crowds of people to be seen there summer evenings. When the Parade Refectory (since burned) was first opened to the public fully 15,000 people, principally Germans, congregated there. The buildings were of wood and covered an area of 28,000 square feet. There were spacious verandas and pavilion wings, a roomy ball and concert room, saloon, dining halls, waiting rooms, etc. On the east end was a tower 138 feet high, from the observatory of which a fine view of the harbor, city and suburban district could be obtained. This costly and unique structure has been replaced by a less pretentious building which is used for similar purposes. It is a popular resort for the Germans, particularly on Sundays. Adjacent to the main park where the lake is situated is Forest Lawn Cemeterysolemn, grand and beautiful. The new State Insane Asylum, an imposing brown stone and brick structure rapidly nearing completion, is on the opposite side of the main park. \$1,500,000 have been expended on the parks, including the amount paid for the land.

The following interesting statistics will give some idea of the vast commerce of Buffalo.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE OF BUFFALO.

LAKE AND RAILROAD COMMERCE.

Summary.

The receipts of flour and grain in 1879 by lake at Buffalo aggregated 78,891,151 bushels, including flour reduced to its equivalent in wheat; the largest on record, excepting last year, when the figures were 84,090,939 bushels. The receipts by the steamer International were formerly added to the lake movement, but since the opening of the International bridge at Black Rock no statistics have been kept of the imports by the railroads at that point.

The business of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad largely increased. The flour and grain movement this year was 45,201,300 bushels as compared with 33,508,300 bushels in 1878. The tonnage of the other articles enumerated shows very favorably when contrasted with last year's figures. The other railroads centering here do not make any reports by which the amount of their tonnage can be ascertained.

The aggregate receipts for 1879 by lake and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad were 123,992,451 bushels of grain against 117,599,239 bushels in 1878, a gain of 6,393,212 bushels in favor of this year.

The growth of the grain trade of Buffalo is briefly shown by the following figures: In 1836 the receipts by lake were 1,239,351 bushels; in 1846, 13,366,168 bushels; in 1856, 25,753,967 bushels; in 1866, 53,388,087 bushels; in 1876, 50,074,648 bushels; in 1877, 65,199,291 bushels; in 1878, 84,046,059 bushels, and in 1870, 78,865,354 bushels. The aggregate receipts by lake of flour and grain from 1836 to 1879 inclusive were 1,526,266,253 bushels.

The lumber trade makes an excellent exhibit. It will be noticed that the imports and exports

were generally larger, and prices correspondingly improved with the increased business. The stocks on hand are much larger than at this time last year, in anticipation of continued activity in the building trade.

The coal trade has made the greatest progress of any branch of commerce. The imports of anthracite aggregate 1,092,134 tons, bituminous 673,670 tons, and Blossburg 62,000 tons; total, 1,827,804 tons; an increase of about one-third over the imports of 1878. The exports by lake show a corresponding improvement. The manufacturing demand was very large, indicative of increased activity, and the domestic consumption was a little ahead of 1878.

The shipments of grain from the elevators by railroads connected therewith aggregate 16,308,526 bushels; for the corresponding period in 1878 the movement was 19,136,668 bushels; a falling off this year of 2,828,142 bushels.

The exports by lake for the past season include 580,646 tons of coal, 103,858 barrels of cement and plaster, 222,778 barrels and 26,372 tons of salt, and 525 tons of railroad iron; a gain over the business of 1878 of 249,474 tons of coal, 22,145 barrels of cement and plaster, and nearly 40,000 barrels of salt. The tonnage of other western-bound freight carried by propellers was the largest ever known.

The first arrival at this port by lake in 1879 was the steam barge Enterprise from Dresden, Ontario, Canada, on Thursday, April 24th. The Straits of Mackinaw were reported open the same day. Propellers commenced departing hence for upper lake ports on the 28th of April, but the ice blockade soon occurred at this end of Lake Erie, and free navigation was not secured until May the 18th.

Lake freights on grain from Chicago to Buffalo fluctuated considerably during the season; opening at 6c for wheat and 5½c for corn; gradually declining to 1¾c and 1½c on June 7th; then advancing slowly to 8c and 7½c October 25th, and then declining again to 5½c and 5c respectively, the closing rates. Coal was carried from this port to Chicago and Milwaukee at rates ranging from 30c to \$1.25 per ton. Probably the fair average for the season would be 60c per ton, as only \$1.00 was paid for a few days in October and \$1.00@1.25 at the close of November.

Railroad freights opened at 9½c for wheat and 9c for corn hence to New York; gradually declined to 5c and 4½c in July, and then slowly advanced to 12c and 11½c on and after November 10th.

Elevating and storage rates on grain opened at &c per bushel, including &c to vessel: on September 22d and after they were 1c per bushel, including &c to vessel. On November 17th winter rates commenced. From the opening until September 22d, where no storage was had &c per bushel was charged, including &c to vessel.

The arrivals and departures of vessels in the district of Buffalo Creek for the season of 1879 were 8,447, aggregating 4,442,717 tonnage, a small decrease under 1878. The tonnage of vessels built and enrolled was 2,183.11, comprising the propeller New York; tug propellers T. H. Fulton, Minnie Maythem and M. M. Drake; steamers Josephine B. and Mamie Higgins; steam-yachts Musette, Parole, Fanchon and Elizabeth; the yacht Cygnet and the schooner Highland Maid. Twenty-four vessels changed hands by total transfer. total tonnage of the port at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30th, was 211 vessels, of 97,734,46 tonnage, exclusive of canal boats other than steam, of which the custom house does not now keep a record. One hundred and nineteen vessels of all kinds are laid up here for the winter.

The number of vessels passing out of existence on the lakes in 1879 was 78, including 5 propellers, 4 sidewheel steamers, 1 steam barge, 6 tugs, 3 brigs, 8 barges, 9 scows, and 42 schooners, aggregating 18,531 tonnage, and valued at \$316,675. The number of deaths was 208, an excess of 45 over 1878. The new vessels built were 19, of 13,918 tonnage and valued at \$791,500. Net loss of tonnage, 4,013.

The amount of canal tolls collected at this port during the season aggregated \$591,652, as compared with \$628,439 in 1878, a decrease of

\$36,787 under 1879. It should be remembered however, that the canals in 1878 opened April 15th, and this year on May 8th, three weeks later. The number of boats cleared was 8,708; in 1878, 9047; a decrease of 339.

Canal navigation was interrupted on June 26th by the caving in of a culvert near Orangeport, and this accident with a break a few days later at another point delayed boats nearly fourteen days. The dryness of the season also caused frequent low water, and the ice from Rome eastward was troublesome on and after the 20th of November. All boats reached tidewater and the canal was closed officially on the 6th of December. The number of days of navigation was 212.

The exports by canal were 4,750 barrels of flour and 53,868,392 bushels of grain, or, reducing flour to grain, 53,892,142 bushels, as compared with 58,567,734 bushels in 1878. The principal products of the forest shipped were, 107,158,316 feet of lumber, 34,600,000 shingles, and 56,029,617 pounds of staves; an increase of lumber and shingles, and a decrease of staves. Flaxseed was carried to the extent of 22,238,587 pounds, pig fron 923 tons, coal 28,284 tons, petroleum oil 55,435 barrels, and pork 2,131 barrels. The total tonnage was 1,830,843, of the value of \$48,142,030.

The imports are well worthy of special notice, as they show the beneficial result of the free list on water transportation. The aggregate tonnage was 499,453, of the value of \$43,554,105—nearly equal to the value of the exports. The principal articles imported were dried fruits, domestic woolens and cottons, pig iron, iron ore, salt, sugar, molasses, coffee, nails, iron and steel, railroad iron, crockery, coal and gypsum.

Canal freights from Buffalo to New York opened at 5½c for wheat and 5c for corn; gradually declined to 3½c and 3½c for the week ending June 25th; then advanced to 9½c and 8½c at the end of September and beginning of October; fluctuated to the highest point, 12c and 11c, on October 23d, 24th and 25th. During November 10@10½c and 8@9½c respectively was obtained; closing at outside figures. Pine lumber varied from \$2 25@4 00 per 1,000 feet, and staves from \$1 00@2 50 per ton over tolls.

The receipts of flour and grain at tidewater from all the canals this year were 56,977,000 bushels as compared with 63,010,600 bushels in 1878.

The table of comparative prices of leading articles shows a large increase in the values of the articles enumerated, with but few exceptions, as compared with 1878—but our space will not allow of more particular mention.

The live stock trade during the year shows a falling off in cattle, sheep and hogs, but the business done, nevertheless, was very large, and is a material element conducive to the prosperity of the commercial interests of our city.

The receipts of flour and grain at the western lake ports of Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland and Duluth, from January 1st to December 27th, aggregate 228,042,847 bushels as compared with 225,259,114 bushels in 1878. The shipments for the same period from those places were 209,819,924 bushels in 1879, and 198,262,889 bushels in 1878. These figures show a gain for this year's cereal movement.

Comparative Imports by Lake.

The following table shows the imports of principal articles into this port by lake for the years 1877, 1878 and 1879:

1011, 1010 and 1010.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Ashes, easks	214		
Ashes, tons			700
Ashes, leached, tons Apples, bbls	235 802		
Beef, bbls and tes .	506		
Beans, bu	115		
Beans, bbls			56
Barley, bu	1,652,566	1,375,184	610,740
Butter, lbs	5,000	949	
Butter, pkgs Bacon, bxs	251	2,046	
Bacon, bxs	589	6,035	103
Broomcorn, bls Barrels, empty, no	1,385 4,705	953	
Coal, tons	44,247	50,001	34,648
Cheese, bxs	125		02,020
Corn, bu	31,362,866	35,133,853	32,990,993
Cedar posts, no	24,012	8,209	16,730
Cornmeal, bbls	3,702	6,475	2,000
Copper, pkgs	11,623	7,804	12,685
Copper, tons Copper, cakes and	6,342	8,758	6,064
bars	12,616	8,781	17,791
Cattle, no	12,010	11	
Eggs, doz			186
Eggs, pkgs	1,569	6,945	
Fish, pkgs	21,153	8,617	5,120
Flour, bbls	693,044	971,980	897,105
Feed, sks	57,694 195	4,591 65	8,399
Grindstones, tons Grindstones, no	288	331	
Hides, no	4,593	5,140	
Hides, tons	10		
Hides, bdls			132
Horses, no	130	31	****
Hops, bales		178	952
Hams, tcs	619 22,403,700	1,002 $11,500,000$	14 570 000
Hoops, no	19 1,620	200,000	14,579,000
Heading, bbls	6, 98	5,721	14,471
Iron ore, tons	1,997	14,737	25,380
Iron, pig, tons	5,630	5,447	8,431
Iron, tons	340	3,638	127
Iron, scrap, lbs	75,000	64,200	256,000
Iron, bdls	3,639		
Iron, bars Iron, plates	110		
Lead, tons	5.7	147	46
Lead, pigs	51,805	35,719	6,285
Leather, rolls	230	538	40
Lard, lbs	770,600	0.355	249,920
Lard, tes	53,400	88,278	81,831
Lard, pkgs	9,168	2,775	18,568
Lard, bbls			1,850

	1877.	1878.	1879,
Lumber, feet		176,322,464	
Lath, pcs	6,392,200	3,535,000	4,644,000
Millfeed, lbs	407,000	0,000,000	4,022,000
Oats, bu	4,279,229	5,122,972	1,104,793
Oatmeal, bbls	1,557	7,518	2,500
Oatmeal, bags	2,000	*,010	4,443
Oil cake, pkgs	32,084	73,443	51,047
Oil cake, tons	504	245	379
Oil, bbls	3.337	3,340	480
Pickets, no	55,522		7,190
Pork, bbls	41,766	31,937	33,570
Peas, bu	57,450	44,887	25,797
Potatoes, bu	4,688		
Pelts, bdls Potash, tons	3,236	823	754
Potash, tons	219		
Plaster, bbls	1,000		
Rye, bu	1,155,003	2,135,007	1,884,802
Sunaries, pkgs	46,714	41,800	75,000
Silver ore, pkgs	3,540		536
Silver ore, tons	620		
Seed, bu	265,993	351,716	293,742
Seed, bu	0014		344,312
Stone, tons	834	1,175	59
Stone, cords	1,489	1,175	
Salt, bbls	1,000	11 000 000	10 070 507
Staves, no	18,284,985	11,638,863	12,070,597
Stave bolts, cords	4,403 54,254,000	4,512 66,273,000	8,640
Shingles, no	12,775	17,985	59,793,700 1,541
Shooks, no		14,000	767,000
Sheep, no		15	101,000
Tobacco, pkgs	2,766	3,358	4,143
Tobacco, pkgs Tallow, lbs	130,780	83,400	1,110
Tallow, pkgs	1,650	,	100
Tallow, bbls Tallow, tes	590	278	441
Tallow, tes	100	11,258	
Ties, no	172,679	160,000	271,693
Ties, no	27	51	
Wool, bales	942	357	2,427
Wood, bales	2,516	1,084	1,400
Wheat, bu	23,284,405	35,419,136	37,788,501
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AGGREGATE RE		OF FLOT	UR AND
	GRAIN.		
	1877.	1878.	1879.
Flour, bbls	693,044	971,980	897,105
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Wheat, bu	23,284,405	35,419,136	37,788,501
Corn, bu	31,362,866	35,133,835	32,990,993
Corn, bu	4,279,229	5,122,972	1,104,793
Barley, bu	1,652,568	1,375,184	610,740
Rye, bu	1,155,003	2,135,007	1,884,802
Peas, bu	57,450	44,887	25,797
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Total grain, bu	61,794,521	79,231,039	74,405,626
Flour to wheat, bu.	3,465,220	4,859,900	4,485,525
Grand total, bu	65 256 741	84,090,939	78,891,151
Grand total, Du.	00,200,141	01,000,000	10,001,101

Receipts by Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad.

The following table shows the principal receipts at Buffalo by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for the year ending December 31st, 1879, as compared with those of 1878 and 1877:

Flour, bbls	1877.	1878.	1879.
	1,100,000	947,400	1,187,700
Wheat, bu	4,219,900	8,243,200	12,916,700
Corn, bu	6,139,200	12,470,400	15,947,800
	3,669,100	5,721,300	8,869,10)
Barley, bu	679,600	1,363,600	753,000
	815,600	972,800	776,200
Total grain, bu	15,523,400	28,771,300	39,262,800
Flour to wheat, bu.	5,502,000	4,737,000	5,938,500
Grand total, bu	21,025,400	33,508,300	45,201,300

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Beef, bbls and tes	191,160	171,550	183,100
Butter, lbs	8,059,000	9,536,000	17,538,000
Bacon, ths	27,140,000	25,560,000	24,540,000
Bacon, lbs	20,612	19,250	14,047
Coal, tons	156,958	98,916	70,808
Cattle, cars	24,746	30,925	36,146
Cheese, bxs	81,860	87,180	121,100
Cotton, bales	110,090	73,550	119,572
Cornmeal, bbls	231,200	192,200	212,700
Eggs, pkgs	13,475	15,876	26,590
Fish, pkgs	22,054	20,949	26,420
Grindstones, no	7,035	11,060	21,170
Hides, no	205,915	222,388	305,997
Horses, cars	660	648	1,061
Hops, bales	3,615	2,020	1,400
Hogs, cars	8,615	13,017	12,503
Hemp, bales	14,885	12,880	9,133
Hams, tes	190.350	166,700	185,730
Iron, plates, uo	41,260	35,830	26,280
Iron, pig, tons	7,128	8,445	10,166
Leather, rolls	10,400	9,570	12,702
Lard, lbs	14,880,000	21,990,000	20,270,000
Lumber, cars	2,558	2,871	2,625
Oil cake, pkgs	153,010	97,470	156,630
Oil, refined, bbls	1,198,630	1,698,750	1,156,745
Oil, crude, bbls	1,370,485	738,832	331,165
Pork, bbls	230,150	201,900	238,450
Pelts, bdls	18,000	13,980	14,370
Seed, bags	47,760	35,511	41,300
Stones, tons	4,590	4,904	8,551
Staves, cars	426	398	440
Sheep, cars	2,157	2,935	2,997
Tobacco, pkgs	27,370	21,810	27,910
Tobacco, hhas .	6,525	5,251	5,623
Tallow,bbls or pkgs	7,779	8,445	7,080
Tanbark, cars	785	623	455
Whisky, bbls	60,670	56,610	73,650
Wool, bales	22,934	20,470	27,755
Of the above rece		377, 1878 an	d 1879 the
following were for t	his city:		
	1877.	1878.	1879.
Flour, bbls	31,300	34,500	31,400
Wheat, bu	58,700	15,200	126,200
Corn, bu	224,000	300,000	136,800
Oats, bu	81,900	100,800	130,000
Barley, bu	14,400	92,000	22,000
Rye, bu	6,000	4,800	2,400
Hides, no	67,075	68,278	103,182
Fish, pkgs	4.264	6,361	7,585
Lumber, cars	4,264 798	1,072	1,145
Oil, refined, bbls	48,626	45,910	36,030
Oil, crude, bbls	8,070	1,275	905
Coal, tons	111,808	87,954	53,118
J, *********************************	22,000	01,001	00,110

Flour and Grain Receipts by Lake and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad.

The following statement shows the receipts of flour and grain by Lake and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad in 1877, 1878 and 1879:

Mienigan Southern	Ranroad	in 1877, 1878	s and 1879:
	1877.	1878.	1879.
Flour, bbls	1,793,444	1,919,380	2,084,805
Wheat, bu	27,504,305	43,662,336	50,705,201
Corn, bu	37,502,066	47,604,253	48,938,793
Oats, bn	7,939,329	10,844,272	9,973,893
Barley, bu	2,332,168	2,738,784	1,363,740
Rye, bu	1,970,603	3,107,807	2,661,002
Peas, bu		44,887	25,797
Total, bu	77,305,921	108,002,339	113,668,426
Flour to wheat, bu.	8,967,220		10,324,025
Grand total, bu	87,273,141	117,599,239	123,992,451

NOTE.—No returns made of the traffic over the International bridge in 1877, 1878 and 1879. The receipts would be largely increased if these figures could be given.

Grain Trade of Buffalo for Forty-four Years.

The following statement shows the grain trade of Buffalo for forty-four years (the receipts by the Lake Shore Railroad not included):

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Years. Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.
1836 189.178	304,090	204,355
1837 126,805	450 350	94,490
1837	450,350 933,117	34,148
1839 194,125	1,117,262	04,140
1810 597,142	1,004,561	71,337
1841 730,040		(1,001
1841 730,040	1,635,000	201,081
1842	1,555,420	454,539
1843 917,517	0.174.500	223,966
1844	1,827,241 2,174,500 1,770,740 4,744,184	137,978 54,200 1,455,258 2,862,800
1845 746,750 1846 1,374,529	1,770,740	54,200
1846	4,744,184	1,455,258
18471,857,000	0,489,100	2,862,800
1847 1,857,000 1849 1,249,000 1849 1,207,485 1850 1,103,039 1851 1,258,224 1862 1,299,213 1865 975,557 1864 739,756	4,520,117	2.235.(NX)
18491,207,435	4,943,978	8,321,651
18501,103,039	8,681,347	
1851	8,681,347 4,167,121 5,549,718 5,420,043 3,510,782	5,988,775
1852	5,549,718	5,136,746
1853 975,557	5,420,043	8,065,793
1854 739,756	3,510,782	10,108,983
1855 986,761	0,022,120	5,988,775 5,136,746 8,065,793 10,108,983 9,711,430
1835 986,761 1856 1,126,048	8,465,671	9,000,211
1857 845,953	8.334.179	5,713,611
18581,536,109	10,671,550	6 621 668
18591,420,333	10,671,550 9,234,652 18,502,645	3,113,653
18601,122,335	18,502,645	11,386,217
1861	27,105,219	3,113,653 11,386,217 21,024,657
1862 2.846.022	30.435.831	24,888 627
1863 2.978.089	21.240.848	20,086,9 2
1864 2.028.520	17,677,549	10.478.681
18-b. 950, (61) 18-56 1,126, (348) 18-57 845, 953 18-58 1,58-66, 109 18-59 1,420, 333 18-60 1,122, 335 18-60 1,122, 335 18-60 1,122, 335 18-61 2,978, (59) 18-64 2,028, 520 18-65 1,788, 398 18-66 1,313, 543 18-67 1,440, 056 18-68 1,502, 731 18-99 1,508, 48-7 18-71 1,278, 977 18-72 762, 502 18-73 1,259, 205 18-74 1,693, 585 18-74 1,693, 585 18-75 1,810, 449 18-77 693, 044 18-78 971, 950 18-79 897, 105 0 0 ats, bu	17,677,549 13,437 888	19 840 901
1866 1.313.543	10,479,694	27,894,798 17,873,658 16,804,067
1867 1 440 056	11.879.685	17.873 688
1889 1 509 731	11,879,685 12,555,215	16 804 067
1869 1 598 487	19,228,516	11,549,403
1070 1 470 901		9,410,128
1971 1 978 077	99 606 917	96 110 769
1070 769 509	14 204 949	26,110,769 34,643,187
1072 1050 905	90 618 379	98 550 898
1873	20,530,122 22,606,217 14,304,942 30,618,372 29,778,572 32,967,686 19,324 612	28,550,828 24,974,518 22,593,891
1814	20,110,012	21,911,010
1879	10 234 610	22,070,071
18/6	19,024 012	20 939,853
18// 693,044		33,362,866
1878* 971,980	35,419,136	35,133,83
1879* 897,105	37,788,501	32,990,993
Oats, bu	Barley, bu	Rye, bu.
1836 28,640	4,876	1,500
	2,010	3.967
1837		3,2h7 909
1839		
1840	****	2,150
10.19	4,710	1 968
1842	2,110	1,268 1,332
1843	1,6.7	456
1844	'	
1845 23,300	47,530	28 250
1846		28,250 70,787
1847 446,000	6	17,859
1848 560,000		11,000
1849 362,884	3,600	• • • •
1051 1 140 940	140 7779	10,652
105)	142,773 497,913	119 951
1000 000	401 (00	107 150
1000	401,098 313,885 62,304 46,327	112,251 107,152 177,066
1804	910,000	177,000
1800	104,304	299,591
1800	40 521	245,810
1857	37,844	45,050
18582,275,231	308.341	48,536 125,214 124,693
1859	30 ,000	124,033
18601 209,594	262,168	80,822 337 784
18611,797,905	361,560 262,158 813,757 423,124	337 764
18622,624,932	423,124	791,564
18637,322,187	041,449	422,309 633,727
186411,632,637	465,057	633,727
1870	820,563	811,010
1849 362,884 1850 357,850 1851 1,140,340 1852 2,596,281 1853 1,589,655 1854 4,401,739 1855 2,693,292 1866 1,733,389 1887 1,214,760 1858 2,275,231 1859 394,002 1860 1209,594 1861 1,797,905 1862 2,624,932 1863 7,322,187 1864 11,632,637 1870 8,494,799 1871 10,227,472	1,606,384	1,245,485

	Oats, bu.	Barley, bu.	Rye, bu.
1872	10,933,166	1,802,598	1,010,693
1873	11,492,472	637,124	947,323
1865	5,459,347	651,339	126,093
1866	6.846,983	1,821,154	626,154
1867	9,006,409	1,946,923	1,095,039
1886	6,050,045	3,088,925	301,809
1861	5,972,346	1,232,507	916,947
1974	5 396 781	1.154 948	167 301
1875		916,889	222,126
1876	2,397 257	2,615,081	. 761,795
1877*	4,279,229	1,652,568	1,155,003
1878*	5,122.972	1,375.184	2,135,0 7
1879*	1,104,793	610,740	1,884,802

GRAIN INCLUDING FLOUR AS GRAIN.

	Grain,	Grain, including
Years.	bush.	flour, bush.
1836	543,461	1,239,351
1837	550,660	1,184,685
1838	974,751	2,587,887
1839	1,117,262	2,362,851
1840	1,075,888	4,061,598
1841	1,852 325	5,592,525
1842	2,015,928	5,687,468
1843	2,055,025	6,642,610
1844	2,335,568	6,910 718
1845	1,848,040	5,581,790
1846	6 491.522	13,366,167
1847	9,868,187	19.153,187
1848	7,396,012	14,641,018
1849	8,628,013	14,665,189
1850	6,618,004	12,059,551
1851	11,449,661 13,392,937	17,740,384
1852	11,078,741	20,390,506 15,956,525
1853	18.553,455	22,252,238
1853	19,788,473	24,472,277
1855 1856	20,123,667	25,753,965
1857	15,348.930	19,578,690
1858	20,202,444	26,812 982
1859	14,429,069	21,530,722
1860	31,441,440	37,053,115
	50,662,646	61,460,601
	58,642,344	72,872,454
1863	49,845,065	64,735 510
1864	41,044,496	51,177,146
1865	42,473,223	51,415,188
1866	51,820,342	53.388.087
1867	43,499,780	50,700,060
1868	42,436,201	49,949,856
1869	37,014,728	45,007,163
1870	39,261,141	46,613,096
1871	60,765,357	67,155,742
1872	58,417,822	62,260,332
1873	67,340,570	73,636,595
1874	61,562,627	70 0 0 552
1875	65 194,716	74,246,726
	46,038,598	50,074,648
1877*	61,731,071	65,199,291
1.78*	79,176,152	84.046.052
1879*	74,379,829	78,865,354

COMPARED BY DECADES.

	Grain,	Grain, including
Years.	bnsh.	flour, bush.
1836	543 461	1,239,351
1846		13,366,167
1856	20,123,667	25,753,967
1866	51.820,342	53,388,087
1876	46,038,598	50,074,648

AGGREGATE RECEIPTS COMPARED.

	Grain.	Grain, including
Decades.	bush.	flour, bush.
1836 to 1845-10 years		41,851,483
1846 to 18-5-10 years		174.717,437
1856 to 1865-10 years.	.344,213,324	432,390,318
1866 to 1875-10 years	.526,976 775	597 121.670
1876	46,038,598	50 074.648
1877*	61,734 071	65,199,291

Decades.	Grain, bush.	Grain, including Flour, bush.
1878* 1879*		84 046,052 78,865,354
Total 44 years1,		1,526,266,253

*Canadian receipts through Custom-house not included in 1877, 1878 and 1879.

Lumber Trade of Buffalo.

The following table shows the receipts and shipments of lumber, etc., for three years:

IMPORTS BY CANAL.

	Lumber, feet Timber, cubic feet. Shingles, no	1877. 328,071 8,225 177,000	1878. 888,145 5,016 10,000	1879. 1,703,849 82,862 30,000
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EXPORTS BY CANAL.

Lumber, feet	79,782,686	95,310,685	107,158,316
Staves, lbs	82,359,650	77,482,200	56,029,617
Shingles, no	30,542,000	29,283,000	34,600,000

IMPORTS BY LAKE.

Heading, bbls	6,198	5,721	14,471
Hoops, no		11,500,000	14.579,000
Hoop poles, no	190,620	200,000	
Lumber, feet		176,312,464	202,443,612
Lath, pieces	6,392,200	3,545,000	4,644,000
Railroad ties, no		160,000	271,693
Staves, no		11,638,868	12,070,597
Stave bolts, cords	4,403	4,512	8,640
Shingles, no	54,254,000	66,273,000	59,793,700
Shooks, bundles	12,775	17,985	1,541
Pickets, no			7,190
Cedar posts, no	24,012		
1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 -	,	0,2	20,100

OTHER IMPORTS BY RAILROADS AND TEAMS.*
Lumber, feet 75,000,000 90,000,000 90,000,000
*Partly estimated.

AVERAGE PRICES.

The prices at the yards during 1879 were about as follows, per 1,000 feet:

Passwood \$14 00@20 00	Chestnut\$22 00@36 00
Pine 8 00@40 00	Walnut 30 00@ 80 00
Ash 14 00@35 00	Maple 18 00@32 00
Whitewood _ 14 00@35 00	Hickory 25 00@45 00
Oak 19 00@37 00	Lath, per M. 165@ 200
Cherry 32 00@45 00	Shingles, do. 180@ 325

Coal Trade of Buffalo.

The anthracite and bituminous coal trade of this city is shown by the following figures:

IMPORTS BY CANAL.

1877, 1878.	1879.
Anthracite, tons 208,609 115,162	92,134
Anthracite, tons	2,000
EXPORTS BY CANAL.	
Bituminous, tons 29,250 30,820	28,290
IMPORTS BY LAKE.	
Bituminous, tons 44,247 50,001	36,648
EXPORTS BY LAKE.	•
Anthracite, tons	550,646
Blossburg, tons 50,000 25,000	30,600

IMPORTS BY RAILROADS.*

Anthracite, tons	550,000	660,000	1,000,000
	214,200	425,973	637,022
Blossburg, tons	, 50,000	45,000	60,000

EXPORTS BY RAILROADS.

No estimate to hand of the movement in detail.

RECAPITULATION.

Total imports, Anthra-		
cite, tons	775,162	1,092,134
Do., Bituminous, tons - 258,447	474,974	673,670
Do. Blossburg, tons 60,000	28,353	62,000
Total exports, Bitumi-	,	
nous	39,820	28,290
Do., Anthracite, tons405,074	306,172	550,646
Do., Blossburg, tons 50,000	25,000	30,000
*Partly estimated.		

The retail prices of anthracite per 2,000 pounds, delivered in city limits, during the year were as follows:

						Bloss-
1879	. 0	Frate.	Egg.	Stove.	Nut.	burg.
Jan'y	1	\$5 15	\$5 25	\$5 50	\$5 00	\$4 00
April	19	3 75	3 75	4 00	3 75	4 00
	24		3 25	3 50	3 50	3 50
May	3	3 50	3 50	3 75	3 75	3 50
Oct.	13	3.90	3.90	4 00	4 00	3 50
Oct.	20	4 10	4 10	4 20	4 20	3 50
Nov.	1	4 35	4 35	4 45	4 60	3 50
Dec.	1	4 65	4 65	4 85	5 10	3 75
Dec.	31	4 65	4 65	4 85	5 10	3 75

The range of prices during 1879 for bituminous, delivered to manufactories, gas works, propeller lines, etc., were from \$2 10 to \$4 00 per ton, according to description. The price at retail varied from \$4 00 to \$6 00 delivered per ton, according to quality, for family use.

About 185,000 tons of anthracite and bituminous coal were consumed by families in this city during 1879.

Comparative Prices of Leading Articles.

The following statement shows the approximate ruling rates of the various articles enumerated at Buffalo December 30, 1879, and the corresponding periods in 1878 and 1877:

Flour, bbl-	1877.	1878.	1879.
City gr. sp. No. 1.	86 25@ 6 75	\$5 00@ 5 50	\$6 75@ 7 25
City gr. sp. No. 2.		3 75@ 4 25	5 50@ 6 25
City gr'd amber.	7 00@ 7 50	5 25@ 5 75	7 25@ 7 75
City gr'd white.	7 25@ 7 75	5 50(a) 6 00	7 50@ 8 00
C. g. new proc's.	8 50@ 9 50	7 25@ 7 75	8 25@ 9 00
Western spring.	6 00@ 6 75	4 25@ 5 25	6 00@ 7 50
Western bakers'	6 50@ 7 00	4 50@ 6 00	7 00@ 7 50
Western amber.	7 00(a) 7 50	4 75@ 5 25	7 50@ 8 00
Western white	7 25@ 7 75	5 25@ 5 75	7 75@ 8 25
Western new pr.		7 00@ 8 00	8 75@ 9 75
Rye	4 00@ 4 50	3 25 @ 3 50	5 50@ 6 00
Buckwheat, cwt	2 65@ 3 00	2 00@ 2 25	3 00@ 3 00
Wheat, bush—			
No. 1 spring	1 27	1 00	
No. 2 spring		95	
No. 1 Duluth sp.		1 07	1 43
No.1 h'dDu'th sp		-	1 45
Red and amber.		95@ 1 00	1 38@ 1 45
White	135@ 141	90@ 1 03	1 40@ 1 47
White			
No. 2 Western	53@ 531/2		
Oats, bu, West'n	31@ 31	26 a 29	45
Rye, bu, do	70@ 74	521/2	90
Barley, bush-			
West, and Can	70 % 85	61@ 110	70@ 90
State, 2 & 4-r'w'd		75@ 92	65@ 80
Barley ma t, bu.		1 10,4 1 30	1 05 @ 1 25
Peas, bu, (free of			
_duty anada.	1 10@ 1 20		95@ 1 00
Beans, bu		1 50@ 1 70	1 50
Seed, clover, bn.		4 50 a 5 25	5 50@ 5 75
Seed, timothy, bu		1 35@ 1 45	2 90
Mil feed, ton -			
Coarse		$11\ 00\ a12\ 00$	
Fine		13 00 @14 00	
Finished	20 00	13 00@14 00	17 00@18 00

Flour, bbl-	18	77.	187	78.	18	79.	
Rye 17	00@1	19 00	14 00@	5 00	18 00@	19 0	0
Cornmeal, 100 lb 1 Oatmal, bbl 5	05 a	1 20	80@	90	1 05 a	1 1	5
Oatmeal, bbl 5	00@	7 00	4 0J@	6 50	6 00@	7 0	0
Mess pork, bbl-	00/201	9.50	8 50@	0.00		13 5	n
Heavy12 Short cut12	0000	12 50	9 00@			$\frac{13}{13}\frac{5}{5}$	
Lard, lb	80	9	614@	61/2	8@	81	
Dres'd hogs, cwt 4	50 a	4 75	2 75.0			6 0	
Highwines, gal. 1	. 09@	1 10	1 07(0)			1 1	
Potatoes, bu	30 ay	90	60@	80	40@	4	
Butter, lb	14 @	25	12 a	20	18@	2	
Cheese, dairy, lb.	13@	12	7@			1	
Do., factory, lb.	11(0)	13	9 v 8 d)	91/2	30@	3	5
Hops, lbs Eggs, doz	21@	23	23 %	25	210		
Cranberries, bbl 7	000	8 00	6 25@			80	
Cranberries, bbl 7 Apples, dried, lb.	51/2(0)	7	31/20	5	7@		8
Do., green, bbl. 2	25@	3 25	1 25@		1 75@	25	
Oranges, case 7	00'a		5 00@		5 00@		
Lemons, box 3	50@	4 00	3 00:@			4 0	
Salt, coarse, bbl.		1 00		80		14	
Salt, fine, bbl	. vot	95	rice de	85 11 vo	rot bar	14	U
Coal, Anthracite	, ret	5 20	rice, de	5 15	ieu, wi	$\frac{1}{4}$ 6	5
Egg		5 20		5 25		4 3	
Chestnut		5 35		5 00		51	
Stove		5 45		5 50		48	
Coal, bituminous 5	50@	650	5 00@			6.0	
Hides, green, lb.	80	9 14	812@				0
Do., cured Leather, lb—	12@	14	14@	18	16@	1	7
Leather, 1b—		31		26		3	,
Best sl'ght'd sole							9
No. 2 do. Cement, bbl 1	00 മ	1 25	1 15@	1 25	80@		
Refined Petrole	ım. g	allo	a. fire t	est-			
112/0/1200	21/20	16		10	8@		9
112/a/1200 Pease's Pr'm oil	30@	35		35			5
Pease's H'dlight		25		25		2	5
Lard Oil—	m= 0	00		00			٠.
Extra winter,gal	75%			60			$\frac{8}{8}$
Do., No. 1, do Linseed oil, raw.	65@	70 55		55 60			5
Do., boiled, gal.		62		65			š
W. V. oil, black.		02		00			
gallon Do., gal., in bbl		25		23			3
Do., gal., in bbl		30		25			25
Sperm on gar		1 50		1 25		10	U
Fish, half bbl-		1.00	0.400	0.50	~ 000		
White	20'0	9 90	3 40@	3 00	5 00@ 4 00@		
Tront	23@	3 00		1 60			
Siscoes		3 00		1 00	5 000	0 2	·U
Bank, cwt	5 25@	5 75		5 00	5 00@	5 5	0
				6.00		11 (S
Mackerel, kit 1	75@	2 30	1 90@	2 40	1 20@	37	15
Do., bbl1	5 00 a	$22\ 00$	12 00@	$18\ 00$	11 00:a	22 (10
Mackerel, kit 1 Do., bbl	1 82@	4 85	4 82@	4 87	4 81@	4.8	54
Gold	1	02%		1 00		1 (JU
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Exports from Elevators by Erie and Central Railroads.

The following statement shows the exports of grain from the elevators of this city by the Erie and Central railroads for the months of—

	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Barley,	Rye,
1879.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
January	334,350	19,605	23,879	9,093	
February .	143,542				
March	336,131		43,000	1,650	
April	196,151	1,400		1,961	
May	567,370	482,782	4,800	6,500	
June	345,442	548,354	1,400	25,000	
July	555,015	1,398,332	72,382		12,029
August]		1,319,718			46,607
Sept'mber.		849,732	42,000		
October 1			850	30,463	18,195
Nov'mber.				2,450	5,000
Dec'mber.		559,011		17,116	
2.00 1111/011					
Total 8	8 575 129	7 369 007	188 229	020 20	81 833

	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Barley, Rye,
	bu.		bu.	bu. bu.
Total 1878	9,173,439	9,300,650	254,057	185,212 223,310
Total 1877	9,323,348	3,854,034	620,009	348,082 90,332
Total 1876	5,984,722	6,581,929	715,049	112,741 278,291
Total 1875	6,198,393	6,433,717	1,091,327	60,437 16,786
Total 1874	4,658,080	5,209,202	1,318,097	191,277 10,318
Grand to	tal, bushe	els, 1874		11,386,974 14,800,660
64	4.6	1875		14,800,660
	44			13,672,732
	44			14,235,805
	4.6			19,136,668
44	4.6			16,308,526
Decre	ase 1879 t	inder 187	8, bushel	s 2,828,142

Lake Exports.

The following statement, collated from the clearances issued during the season of navigation at the Custom-house of this port, shows the exports of the articles named during the seasons of navigation in 1877, 1878 and 1879 westward by lake:

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Coal, tons	455,074	331,172	580,646
Cement and plaster, bbls.	113,623	81,443	103,858
Salt, bbls	321,645	247,452	222,778
Salt, tons	7,235	18,767	26,372
Railroad iron, tons	1,509	283	525
Raitroad iron, bars		2,170	
Pig iron, tons	Not	reported.	

Lake Freights from Buffalo to Chicago on Coal.

The following statement shows the ruling rates of freight on coal per ton, free, by sail vessels from Buffalo to Chlcago during the season of 1879:

				Coal, ton.
April 28	3\$	0 40	Sept.	22\$0 70
	7			24 75
	1		Oct.	6 85
)			14 90
	3		Oct.	15 1 00
			Oct.	22
	3	40	Oct.	25 90
	5			27 75
				17 1 00
	5			18 1 25

The dates given are the days on which the changes were made.

Lake Freights from Chicago to Buffalo on Wheat and Corn.

The following statement shows the ruling rates of lake freights on wheat and corn from Chicago to Buffalo, by sail vessels, on the dates specified in 1879.

1919:					
	Wheat, bu.	Corn,		Wheat,	Corn,
1879.	bu.	bu.	1879	. հա.	bu.
April	17 noml. 6	51/2	Aug.	95	43/4
April	2641/2	4		16512	5
	2314	3		235	
	931/2	3		3051/4	
	123	23/4		65	41/2
	17 3½	3		135	41/2
	24234	21/2		205	41/2
	312½	214		27 61/2	6
	7134	11/2		461/2	
	142	1%	Oct.		7
June	212	134	Oct.		
June		13%	Oct.		71/2
	282				
July	5214	2	NOV.	17½	7
July	12214	2	Nov.	8 7 1/2	7
	19 214	2	Nov.	1561/2	6
	26314	3	Nov.	87½ 156½ 225½	6 5
Aug.	244	4	Nov.	2551/2	5

Railroad Freights from Buffalo to New York on Wheat and Corn.

The following statement shows the *nominal* rates of freight on wheat and corn by railroad from Buffalo to New York during the year 1879:

	Wheat,	Corn,
1879.		bu.
January 1 to May 4	916	9
May 5 to May 15	7.7	61/2
May 16 to May 28	61/2	6
May 29 to July 25	5	4 1/2
July 26 to July 29	51/2	5
July 30 to August 10	6	51/2
August 11 to August 15	7	6%
August 16 to August 25		71/2
August 26 to October 12	9	81/2
October 13 to November 9	101/2	10
November 10 to December 31		111/2

Elevating and Storage Rates at Buffalo.

The following shows the current rates as published by the Western Elevating Company, during the days specified in 1879:

JANUARY 1 to APRIL 30.—Winter storage, which commenced November 18, 1878, was: Elevating, including ten days' storage, one cent per bushel; seven-eighths of one cent to the grain and one-eighth of one cent to the vessel. Storage, each succeeding ten days or parts thereof, one-quarter of one cent per bushel. On grain in store on that date or after, the charge for winter storage will be one-quarter of one cent per bushel for each ten days or parts thereof until such charge (accumulated after November 18, 1878) shall amount to two cents per bushel; then the grain shall be free of storage until five days after the opening of canal navigation in 1879.

MAY 1 to SEPTEMBER 21.—For elevating and transferring half of one cent per bushel; for elevating, transferring and storing for first five days or parts thereof, five-eighths of one cent per bushel; for storage, each succeeding ten days, or parts thereof, in addition, one-quarter of a cent per bushel. The vessel pays, in addition to the above, one-eighth of one cent per bushel.

SEPTEMBER 22 to NOVEMBER 16.—For elevating and transferring, including five days' storage, seven-eighths of one cent per bushel. Storage, each succeeding ten days or parts thereof, one-quarter of a cent. The vessel pays, in addition to the above, per bushel, one-eighth of a

NOVEMBER 17.—The following card was issued: "Elevating, including ten days' storage, seveneighths of one cent per bushel. Storage, each succeding ten days or parts thereof, one-quarter of one cent per bushel. The vessel pays, in addition to the above, per bushel, one-eighth cent. On all grain in store on that date or after, the charge for winter storage will be one-quarter cent per bushel for each ten days or parts thereof, until such charge (accumulated after November 17th, 1879,) shall amount to two cents por bushel; then the grain shall be free of storage until five days after the opening of canal navigation in 1880."

Arrivals and Clearances for the Season of Navigation.

The following is a statement of the arrivals and clearances by lake of vessels of all kinds, with

clearances by take of vessels of		nus, with
the total tonnage, at and from th	is por	t during
the season of 1879:	•	- C
inc season of 101.7.		
COASTWISE ARRIVA	LS.	
	No.	Tons.
May	378	905 907
		225,227
June	400	251,054
July	487	290,026
August September	626	354,283 363,214
September	659	363,214
October	713	295,056
November	355	237,853
December	68	60,875
-		
Total	,686	2,077,558
		_,,
COASTWISE CLEARAN	CES.	
	No.	Tons.
April	24	17.883
May	469	17,883 281,932
June	426	246,119
July	496	293,915
August	625	352,360
Santambar	658	355,213
September		990,215
New are how	706	386,394
November	357	342,763
December	28	27,570
m		
Total 3	,788	2,204,158
AMERICAN FOREIGN AR	T) 7 3 7 A 7	C1
AMERICAN FOREIGN AR		
	No.	Tons.
May	4	551
June	11	953
July	16	2,925
August	17	3,497
September	11	2,045
October	15	1,796
October November	8	603
December	6	478
Total	88	12,848
AMERICAN FOREIGN CLEA	ARAN	CES.
	No.	Tons.
May	5	721
June	11	879
July	18	2,820
August	17	3,677
Sentember	9	1 109
September	13	1,403
	9	1,451
November		696
December	2	71
(Hotel	04	22.510
Total	84	11,718
FOREIGN ARRIVAL	S.	
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Monoh	No.	Tons.
March	į	31
April	5	261
May	52	9,845
June	73	11,901
July	71	11,403
August	55	10,563
September		
	4.5	7,401
October	45 64	7,401 10.746
November	45 64 47	7,401 10.746 8,124
October November December	45 64	7,401 10.746 8,124 725

March
April
May
June
July
August
September

FOREIGN CLEARANCES.

October	No. 55	Tons. 7,924
November	46 2	8,795 534
Total	390	65,435

Lake Arrivals and Departures.

The following is a summary statement of the arrivals and departures of vessels, with their tonnage, in the District of Buffalo Creek, for the season of 1879; also a comparative statement showing the aggregate figures for twenty-eight years:

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Vessels in coastwise trade3,686

No. vessels. Tonnage.

2,077,558

Foreign vessels	504	83,848
Totals, 1879	4.190	2,161,406
Totals, 1879	.4,382	2,364,031
Decrease, 1879	-	202,505
· ·		202,000
DEPARTURES	· .	
No.	vessels. I	Connage.
Vessels in coastwise trade	.3,783	2,204,158
Fo eign vessels	. 474	77,153
FD-4-1- 1970	4.022	0.201.011
Totals, 1879	4,207	2,281,311
Totals, 1878	4,501	2,304,657
D crease, 1879	104	23,346
COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR YEARS.	TWENTY	-EIGHT
		25
No. vessels. 7	3.092.247	Men.
	3,252,978	127,491 128,112
	3,990.284	120,838
	3,360,233	111,575
1856	3,018,589	112,051
1857 7.581	3,226,806	132,183
1858 8,838	3,329,246	86,587
	5,952,626	1 8,119
186011,517	4,710,175	120,497
	5,963,896	144,173
186216,390	6,689,191	166,133
1.63	6,757,903	157,415
1864	6,891,348	148,161
1860	7,032,593	145,074
	6,954,859	144,622
	5,806,960	129,300
	4,254,339	116,320
	4,007,496 4,157,793	103,673 105,798

Opening and Closing of Navigation.

1871 10,894 1872 10,303

1872 10.303 1873 9,959 1874 7,447 1875 6,278 1876 4,624 1877 6,785 1878 8,743 1879 8,447

71,000

Tons. 31 968

7,872 11,262 11,901 8,949 7,199 5,806,960 4,254,339 4,007,496 4,157,793 4,832,641 4,678,058

3,641,019 3,259,839 2,757,986

3,539,219 4,668,688 No report 4,442,717

116,320 103,673 105,798 115,299 106,291 107,785

82,862 71,392 55,459

73,893

Statement showing the dates at which navigation opened and closed at Buffalo for ten years:

				No	days.
		Lake	Canal	Canal	Canal
		opened.	opened.	closed.	open.
	1870	April 16	May 10	Dec. 8	
	1871	.April 1	April 24	Nov. 28	220
	1872	May 6	May 13	Nov. 30	
		A pril 29	May 15	Nov. 24*	208
	1874	April 18	May 5	Dec. 5	215
	1875	May 12	May 18	Nov. 30	197
Ų	1876	Mav 4	May 4	Dec. 1	209

		No	, Days
Lake	Canal	Canal	Canal
opened.	opened.	closed.	open.
1877April 17	May 8	Dec. 7	213
1878 M'ch 16	A pril 15	Dec. 7	237
1879April 24	May 8	Dec. 6	212

*Navigation unimpeded here for several days after this date, but no shipments made except to Lockport; navigation closed by ice cast of Rome about the 24th; re-opened from December 12th to 25th, inclusive.

Note.—The Welland Canal opened May 5th and closed December 5th. The Straits of Mackinac opened April 22 t.

Vessels Built and Enrolled.

The following is a list of vessels built and enrolled and licensed in the District of Buffalo Creek, N. Y., during the year 1879:

	Connage.
Tug Propeller T. H. Fulton	13.74
Steam Yacht Musette	10.10
Steamer Josephine B	68.49
Tug Propeller Minnie Maythem	12.78
Steam Yacht Parole	5.96
Tug Propeller M. M. Drake	13.31
Steam Yacht Fanchon	16.23
Steamer Mamie Higgins	77,49
Propeller New York	1.921.68
Steam Yacht Elizabeth	13,32
Schooner Highland Maid	14,24
Sloop Yacht Cygnet	15.77
Total tonnage, 1879	2.183,11
Total tonnage, 1878.	3,685,12
Total tonnage, 1877.	

Decrease of tonnage in 1879 under 1878, 1,502.01

The vessels built but not enrolled during the years 1878 and 1879 were not reported at the Custom-house.

Tonnage of Vessels.

The tonnage of the port of Buffalo, N. Y., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, is shown by the following statement:

SAIL VESSELS.	
Schooners 72 Barks	2
Total	
Total tonnage	6,922.90
STEAM VESSELS.	
Iron steamers. 5 Iron yachts	2
Total	7
	6,381.08
Tug propellers. 46 Propellers Steam yachts 13 Sidewheel st'r.	47
Steam yachts 13 Sidewheel st'r.	1
St'm canal boat 1 — Total Total tonnage	108
Total tonnage	19,227.16
BARGES.	
Barges.	22
	97,734.46 98,004.31
Dec. 1879 under 1878 12 vessels: tonnage	359.85

NOTE.—No figures kept of the tonnage of caual boats excepting those propelled by steam power.

Transfer of Vessels.

The following statement shows the number and description of the vessels changing owners by entire transfer at Buffalo during the year 1879:

Schooners 7 Tugs	6
Propellers 3 Yachts	2
Barges 6 Total transfers, 1879	2.1
Total transfers, 1878.	29
Decrease 1879 under 1878	5

Comparative Receipts and Shipments and Cereal Crop Movement at Lake Ports.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS AT SIX WEST-ERN LAKE PORTS—Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland and Duluth, from January 1 to December 31:

Flour, bbls	1879. 6,569,490	1878. 6,246,084	1877. 5,377,222
Wheat, bu	86,139,146	81,632,418	46,904,313
Corn, bu	74,980,433 21,403,837	76,452,177 23,265,194	61,920,121
Rarley, bu	9,306,150 3,365,831	9,384.857 $3,294,048$	6,889,066 2,116,649
Total grain, bu.		194,028,694	135,714,659
Flour to wheat, bu	32,847,450	31,230,420	26,886,110
Grand total, bu.	228,042,847	225,259,114	162,600,769

COMPARATIVE SHIPMENTS AT SIX WESTERN LAKE PORTS—Chicago, Milwankee, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland and Dulnth, from January 1 to December 31:

	1879. 1878. 67,279 6,447,392	
Corn, bu 74,0	36,746 69,419,248 10,330 68,467, 98	59,792,308
Barley, bu 6,8	60,26 $6,000,000$ $6,137,168$ $6,228$ $2,995,567$	6,109,856
Total grain, bu. 175,9 Flour to wheat, bu 33,8		
Grand total, bu 209,8	19,924 198,262,889	

CEREAL CROP MOVEMENT AT LAKE PORTS COMPARED—Including receipts at Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland and Duluth, from August 1 to December 31, in the years named:

years namea.	1879.	1878.	1877.
Flour, bbls	2,852,865	2,657,504	1,988,428
Wheat, bu	51,354,649 33,411,065	47,385,739 34,508,216	38,930,163 28,464,602
Corn, bu	9,709,588 7,200,406	12,163,341 6,735,509	8,822,334 5,880,343
Rye, bu	2,183,260	2,170,853	1,526,542
Total grain, bu.	103,858,968	103,963,658	83,623,984
Flour to wheat, bu	14,264,325	13,287,520	9,942,140
Grand total, bu.	118,123,293	117,251,178	93,566,124

Exports of Breadstuffs from New York.

The following statement shows the foreign exports of flour and grain from New York for ten years:

y Call 5 .			
	Flour,	Wheat,	Corn,
	bbls.	bush.	bush.
1870	_1,950,234	18,446,035	487,792
1871		21,968,600	13,016,600
872		13,144,400	25,292,209
1873		27,801,800	15,587,500
1874	2,177,608	34,791,249	19,000,995
1875		26,192,700	12,938,700
1876		24,135,233	16,677,082
1877		20,712,442	26,174,276
1878		55,062,873	26,580,871
1879	_3,399,793	62,239,144	33,770,838
	Oats,	Barley,	Rye,
	bush.	bush.	bush.
1870	. 28,986		92,431
1871		98,700	525,800
1872	. 31,739	22,066	668,031
1873		19,400	1,069,100
1874		3,560	641,660
1875		1,500	206,900
1876	. 620,536	87,883	1,336,423
1877		2,302,022	2,051,563
1878		1,618,667	2,998 053
1879		156,902	3,558,240
Dadnaina flan			

Reducing flour to grain bushels, the totals compare as follows:

	Bushels.		Bushels.
1870	28,735,714	1875	49,249,100
1871	44,009,000	1876	52,293,652
1872	45,238,845	1877	58,871,221
1873	52,804,355	1878	104,740,191
1874	65,448,033	1879	117,226,312

Crop Returns.

The Agricultural Department at Washington publishes the following figures:

HARVEST.

	1878.	1879.
Wheat, bush	420,122,600	448,775,000
Corn, bush	1,383,218,750	1,544,809,000
Oats, bush	413,078,560	364,253,000
Rye, bush	23,842,790	23,640,500
Barley, bush	42,245,630	40,184,000
Buckwheat, bush	12,246,820	13,145,6 0
Cotton, bales	5,216,603	5,020,387
Tobacco, lbs	$392\ 546.700$	384,059,659
Hay, tons	39,608,096	35,648,600
Potatoes, bush	124,136 650	181,360,000
VALUE	E OF CROP.	

VALUE	OF CROP.	
	1878.	1879.
Wheat	\$326,346,424	\$499,008,000
Corn	441,153,405	580,259,000
Oats	101,945,830	120,855,000
Rye	13,592,826	15,555,000
Barley	24,483,315	23,655,300
Buckwheat	6,15 .120	7,860,488
Cotton	190,854,641	231,000,000
Tobacco	22,137,428	21,454,591
Hay	285,543,752	325,851,280
Potatoes	73,059,125	78,971,000
Total value\$	1,488,570,866	\$1,904,480,659

CANAL COMMERCE.

IMPORTS.

STATEMENT of property left at Buffalo, on the Erie Canal, or which was left between that place and the Collector's Office next in order on the Canal; showing the quantity and average value of each article during the year 1879, going to the Western States, Canada and New York:

The	Forest.		
		Reduced	Value
Articles.	Quan-	tons of	of each
Product of Wood.	tity.	2,000 lbs.	article.
Boards and Scantling,			
feet	1,703,849		\$23,854
Shingles, M	30		105
Timber, cubic feet	82,862		2,072
Wood, cords	253	708	1,012
Total		5,210	\$27,043
Agr	iculture.		
Product of Animals.			
Hides, lbs	19,856	10	\$3,376
111105, 105	20,000		40,010
Total		10	\$3,376
Vegetable Food.			
Wheat, bu	38,516	1,156	\$43,908
Barley, bu	33,329		23,330
Oats, bu	200	3	70
Bran and ship stuffs,			
lbs	71,836	36	718
Peas and beans, bu	11,433		11,433
Apples, bbls	2,498	177	1,998
Total		2,525	\$81,457

Manufactures.		
Furniture the 69 640	31	\$6,364
Luon vier ille 77 000 007	90 ≅10	
110ff, pig, 108 11,020,921	38,513	1,078,378
Furniture, lbs		
Castings and iron 38,513	162	8,079
Castings and iron		
ware, lbs	354	43,036
Domestic salt, lbs130,445,522	65,223	430,470
Fereign salt, lbs 1,273,608	637	9,552
-		
Total	104,920	\$1,575,879
Merchandise.	′	
	**	
Sugar, lbs	50,605	\$8,602,797
Molasses, lbs 25,192,643	12,596	755,779
Nails, spikes and horse		
shoes, lbs	1,060	63,627
Iron and steel, lbs 11,308,043	5,654	339,241
Iron and steel, lbs 11,308,043 Railroad iron, lbs 27.705,443	13,853	664,931
Flint, enamel, crock-	,	,
ery and glassw., 1bs 9,626,003	4,813	770,080
All oth, merchandise,	1,520	110,000
lbs142,270.775	71,138	7,114,539
100000000000000000000000000000000000000	11,100	1,111,000
Total	159.719	\$18,310,994
Other Articles.		410,010,001
Stone, lime and clay,		
lbs	49,475	\$395,801
Gypsum	626	1,246
Anthracite coal, lbs188,267,574	94,134	282,402
1ron ore, lbs 16,322,722	8,161	47,336
Sundries, lbs 91,481,855	45,744	4,574.093
Total other articles	198,140	\$5,300,878
Totals of all of the above arti-		
cles	470.524	\$25,299,627
	1409001	420,400,048

FREE LIST.	Manufactures.
Agriculture,	Furniture, Ibs
Product of Animals.	Pig iron, lbs
Lard, tallow and lard oil, lbs	Castings and iron
Total 41 \$5,143	
Vegetable Food.	Total manufactures, tons 930 \$26,876 Total tolls 244
Vegetable Food. 6,7 2 734 \$40,752 Flour, bbls. 6,7 2 734 \$40,752 Cornmeal, bbls. 570 63 1,140 Dried Fruit, lbs. 22,291,225	Total tolls
Dried Fruit, lbs 22,291,225	Merchandise, Sugar, lbs
Total	Mails anily or and house
All other Agricultural Products. Cotton, lbs	shoes, lbs
Unmanuf. tobacco, lbs 544,666 272 54,467 Hemp, lbs 1,448 1 72	1 ery and glassw., 10s. 1,000 1 04
Cotton, lbs 33,410 17 \$2,673 Uumanuf, tobacco, lbs 544,666 272 54,467 Hemp, lbs 1,448 1 72 Hops, lbs 30,000 15 3,000	All oth. merchandise, 1,160,836 580 58,042
Total 305 \$60,212	Total merchandise, tons 643
Manufactures.	Total value \$61,092
Domestic spirits, gals 3,765 15 \$3,765 Leather, lbs 202,494 101 40,419	Total tolls
Domestic spirits, gals 3,765 15 \$3,765 Leather, lbs. 202,94 101 40,419 Bar and pig lead, lbs. 286,674 143 17,200 Domestic woolens, lbs. 20,767,817 10,371 11,422,300 Domestic cottons, lbs. 30,335,374 15,168 6,067,074	Stone, lime and clay,
Domestic cottons, los. 30,335,374 15,168 6,067,074	
Total25,798 \$17,550,758	Petroleum or earth oil,
Merchandise.	Sundries, 108
Coffee, lbs	Total other articles, tons 41,502
Totals of free list	Total value \$508,473 Total tolls 4,148
Grand total, tons	Totals of all of the above arti-
	cles, tons 1,815,953 Total value \$47,499,904 Total tolls 591,652
EXPORTS. STATEMENT of property first cleared at the Col-	Total tolls 591,652
STATEMENT of property first cleared at the Collector's Office at Buffalo on the Eric Canal during the year 1879, showing the quantity tolls and	TANDAL A TOM
ing the year 1879, showing the quantity, tolls and average value of each article, and also the whole amount of tolls received at that office on each article of property during the same pe-	Boats. Total miles boats cleared
each article of property during the same pe-	The Forest.
riod; also quantity, tons and tolls and average value on each article on the free list for 1879	Ashes, leached, bu 39,502 1,184 \$1,185
New York:	Product of Animals
The Forest. Articles. Product of Wood, tity. 2,000 lbs. article.	Pork, bbls 2,131 341 \$25,562
Articles. Quan- to tons of of each	Pork, bbls
Boards and scantling,	
Boards and scantling, 107,158,316 178,597 \$1,500,216 \$1,500, 216 \$	Vegetable Food. 4,750 513 \$28,500 Cornmeal, bbls. 1,939 209 3,878
Staves, 1bs	Cornmeal, bbls 1,939 209 3,878
Total of the forest, tons 210,937	Total 792 \$32,378
Total of the forest, tons 210,937 Total value \$2,023,52 Total tolls 55,037	
' Agriculture,	Clover and grass seed,
Product of Animals. Hides, lbs	Flax seed, lbs 22,238,587 11,119 500,368
Total prod't of animals, tons 5	Total
Total prod't of animals, tons 5 Total value \$1,700 Total tolls	2.2.0.7.0.0
Vegetable Food.	Domestic spirits, gals 46,950 187 \$46,950 Leather, lbs 17,500 9 3,500
Rye, bu 1,445,401 40,471 910,600	Ray and nig lead the 179 493 90 10.770
Corn, bu 21,506,162 602,171 9,247,65 Barley, bu 299,757 7,193 209,83	0 motel 651 \$75.811
Barley malt, bu 295,683 5,026 295,68 Oats, bu 908,873 14,533 317,93	Merchandise,
Bran and shin stuff.	Coffee, lbs
Ibs 318,460 159 3,18 Peas and beans, lbs 22,441 673 22,44	Totals of free list
Total vegetable food, tons 1,561,486	Totals of free list
	Totals of free list 14,090 \$642,126 Grand total tons 1,830,843

Imports and Exports.

IMPORTS.

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Lumber, ft	328,071	888,145	1,703,849
Timber, cubic ft	8,225 177	5,016	82,862
Shingles, M	177	10	30
Wood, cds	222	288	253
Cheese, lbs		56,189	66,492
Hides, Ibs	459,117	28,055	19,856
Wheet hu	8,107	4,319	6,792
Wheat, bu Barley, bu	$\frac{4,711}{31,847}$	16,000 9.225	38,516
Claren and guage	31,041	J U	33,329
Clover and grass seed, lbs	30,230		
Barley malt, bu	2,500	2,200	
Oats, bu	2, 00	1,100	200
Oats, bu	$\frac{2,00}{188,769}$	87,500	71,836
Beans and peas, bu	2,453	1,221	11,433
Cornmeal, DDIS		875	570
Live cattle, lbs Flax seed, lbs		7,000	
Flax seed, lbs	779,292		
Hemp, lbs	59,301	513,506	1,448
Apples, bbls	7,045	20,772	2,498
Potatoes, bu	278	0.500.000	00.007.007
Dried fruit, lbs	6,695,652	8,583,803	22,231,225
Unmanufact'r'd to-	70.00		
bacco, lbs Dom. spirits, galls.	13,495	77,966	544,666
Dom. spirits, galis.	1,415	4,200	3,765
Fur and peltry, lbs		3,590	
Lard, tallow and lard oil, lbs		49,890	16,472
Wool, lbs		9,126	20,112
Cotton, lbs		15,550	33,410
Hops, lbs			30,000
Dom. woolens, lbs. Dom. cottons, lbs	4,485,588	8,681,641	20,767,817
Dom. cottons, Ibs	2,813,204	14,178,730	30,335,374
Furniture, lbs	10,667,195	290,015	63,640
Pig iron, lbs Castings, etc., lbs	2,095,507	21,749;199 2,116,612	77,026,917 717,269
Bloom and bar iron,	2,000,001	2,110,012	111,200
lbs	1,846,787	3,900,544	323,147
Barand pig lead, lbs	2,020,101	9,623	286,674
Leather, lbs	80,925	82,383	202,094
Leather, lbs.	125,558,812	153,039,875	130,445,522
Foreign sait, ibs	1,891,926	5,704,110	1,273,608
Sugar, lbs	5,063,817	-65.467.013	101,209,371
Sugar, lbs Molasses, lbs	4,739,732	7,962,244	25,192,643
Conee, IDS	233,403	813,566	3,977,021
Nails & spikes, lbs.	1,432,820	1,972,561 2,467,469	2,120,903
Iron and steel, lbs.	555,999	2,467,469	11,308,043
Kamroad fron, ins.	4,757,700	6,888,887	27,705,443
Crockery, etc., lbs_	209,680	5,670,704	9,626,003
All other mase, lbs.	32,374,228	120,918,788	142 270,775
Stone, lime, etc., lbs	69,708,919	103,945,555 135,270	90,950,292 1,246,100
Anthracite coal, lbs.	119,219,210	216,324,286	184,267,574
Bitum's coal, lbs	20,000,000	20,705,112	4,000,000
Sundries, 1bs	60,011,365	78,261,703	91,481,855
Iron ore, lbs	6,580,090	4,686,700	16,322,722
Total tons of arti-			
cles carried Total value of arti-	395,080	415,846	499,453
Total value of arti-	210 210 125	\$11,500,974	\$49 554 10E
cles carried\$	12,010,400	\$14,009,274	649,004,189

EXPORTS.

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Lumber, ft	79,783,686	95,310,685	107,158,316
Staves, lbs	82,359,650	77,482,200	56,029,617
Shingles, M	30,542	29,283	34,600
Furs and peltry, lbs	100,689		
Pork, bbls	36,007	15,198	2,131
Lard, tallow, etc.,			
lbs	9,714.570	294,707	35,500
Hides, lbs	29,600	216,300	10,000
Timber, cubic feet.		700	
Ashes, leached, bu	.*	7,000	39,502
Flour, bbls	4,216	2,811	4,750
Wheat, bu	13,270,120	25,833,877	29,708,699

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Rye, bu	977,334	1,823,736	1,445,401
Corn, bu	25,347,207	25,668,387	21,506,162
Barley, bu	1,078,368	900,562	299,757
Barley malt, bu	205,986	220,723	295,683
Oats, bu	3,407,280	4,327,117	908,373
Peas and beans, bu	514	27,215	22,441
Bran, etc., lbs	313,329	1,301,290	318,460
Apples, bbls	5,001	30	
Potatoes, bu	114	977	1 000
Cornmeal, bbls	1.565	1,008	1,939
Dried fruit, lbs Unmanufact'r'd to-	2,809		
bacco, lbs			2,500
			=,000
Clover and grass			
seed, lbs	4,403,475	1,064,907	• 108,240
Flax seed, lbs	2,628,271	74,040	22,238,587
Dom. spirits, galis.	52,495	74,040	46,950
Oilm'l and cake, lbs	2,644,806	931,427	729,549
Furniture, lbs	973,600	11.710	8,500
Pig iron, lbs	973,600	976,430	1,845,800
Bloom and bariron,			
lbs	19,483	93,578	5,250
Castings, etc., lbs	12,200	117,664	900
Barand pig lead, lbs	2,055,748	81,411	179,493
Dom. cotton, lbs	2,840	.7222	
Domestic salt, lbs		4,500	4 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Sugar, lbs	9,000	19,500	41,100
Coffee, 1bs	02.000	01.510	300
Crockery, lbs	32,960	21,510	1,050
Other mdse, lbs	541,878	828,205 1,980,305	1,160,836 8,000
Stone, lime, clay, lbs. Bitumin's coal, lbs.	3,223,015	79,640,631	56,573,814
Dittimin s coan, ros.	00,100,011	10,010,001	00,010,011
Petroleum oil, cr'de			
and refined, bbls.		155,371	55,435
Sundries Nails & spikes, lbs.	16,370,033	7,982,428	7,924,043
Nails & spikes, lbs.	•	66,800	42,400
Iron and steel, lbs.		7,000	40,000
Leather, lbs		1,000	17,500
Total tons of arti-			
cles carried	1,359,122	1,946,602	1,830,843
Total value of arti-	917 000 000	\$19 400 000	¢40 140 020
cles carried	000,229,716	\$40,400,500	¢45,14±,050
Tolls on boats on			
the canal	• 138		
Total tolls	467,921 74	628,439 45	\$591,652

FLOUR AND GRAIN RECAPITULATION.

The exports of flour and grain, compared for three years, are shown thus:

Canal opened	1877.	1878.	1879.
	May 8.	April 16.	May 8.
Flour, bbls	4,216	2,811	4,750
Wheat, bu	13,270,420	25,833,877	29,708,699
	25,347,207	25,668,387	21,506,192
Oats, bu	3,407,280	4,327,117	908,373
	1,078,368	900,562	299,757
Rye, bu	977,334	1,823,736	1,445,400
Total, bu	44,680,609	58,553,679	53,868,392
	21,080	14,055	23,750
Grand total, bn .	74,101,689	58,567,734	53,892,142

NOTE.—In 1874 there were shipped 104,754 bushels of barley malt, 153,853 bushels in 1875, 215,238 bushels in 1876, 205,986 bushels in 1877, 220,723 bushels in 1878 and 295,683 bushels in 1879. Of peas and beans 208 bushels in 1874, 3,844 bushels in 1875, 826 bushels in 1876, 544 bushels in 1877, 27,215 bushels in 1878 and 22,441 bushels in 1789.

Eastward and Westward Movement on Erie Canal.

The following statement shows the amount of freight by tons moved on the Eric Canal eastward and westward for ten years:

SHIPMENTS OP EASTWARD MOVING FREIGHT FROM BUFFALO.

	E ROM B	OFFALO.	
	Products of	of Products o	f Veg'ble
	the forest		food,
Years.	tons.	tons.	tons.
1870	402.390	250	802,541
1871	309,080	179	1,344,941
1872	347,695	52	1,322,981
1873	296,128	29	1,433,653
1874	216,893	38	1,164,392
1875	151,953	39	1,007,559
1876	124,379	23	783,122
	183,019	10,633	1,220,249
	234,433	2,686	1,635,082
	212,121	364	1,562,208
1010			Mer-
	Other ag		chandise,
Years.	products tons.	tures,	tons.
1870		5,152	767
1871		2,654	534
1872		564	367
		906	853
		846	530
1875		11,602	337
1876		373	335
		3,364	292
		1,406	472
1879		1,581	643
Years. 1870	Other articl	les, Total	Total
Years.	tons.	tons.	value.
1870	93,194	1,393,904	\$37,333,208
1871	112,944	1,742,157	99,426,629
	101,962	1,774,906	52,855,537
	94,035	1,825,623	49,772,070
1874	65,269	1,448,172	46,244,875
	38,051	1,219,538	49,608,163
1876	33,213	941,474	24,411,554
1877		1,459,122	38,229,716
1878	75,758	1,946,602	43,46 ,806
1879	41,952	1,830,843	\$48,142,030
Total	Amount of	f Tolls Receive	
1870 \$		1875	\$789,830 24
1871	1,389,909 81	1876	583,644 42
1872	1,416,049 31	1877	467,921 74
1873	1,415,634 33	1878	628,439 45

	Products of	Products o	f Veg'ble
	the forest,	animals,	food,
Years.	tons.	tons.	tons.
1870	4,276	11	9,266
1871		31	711
1872	3,467	187	2,337
1873	2,465	72	5,170
1874	2,014	37	15,174
1875	1,529	266	7,521
1876		88	3,452
1877	1.356	230	5,881
1878		72	7,211
1879	5,210	51	3,321
	Other agr'l	Manufac-	
	products,	tures.	chandise.

	Other agr'l	Manufac-	Mer-
	products,	tures,	chandise,
Years.	tons.	tons.	tons.
1870		78,066	103,967
1871		86,696	126,576
1872		101,519	151,560
1873		108,526	63,369
1874		99,305	36,145
1875		111,531	30,921
1876		69,547	4.627
1877	442	74,426	24,655
1878	304	204,893	106.060
1869	305	130,708	161,708

	Other articles,	Total	Total
Years.	tons.	tons.	value.
1870	438,333	633,849	\$29,591,501
1871	321,662	538,593	23,124,220
1872	430,846	609,616	32,178,888
	522,051	701,653	19,568,226
1874	373,903	526,311	8,646,610
1875	403,465	555,237	9,193,785
1876	242,815	313,036	5,045,911
1877	287,760	395,080	12,310,455
1878	212,038	432,472	22,474,227
1879		499,453	\$43,554,185

Canal Tolls.

The following table shows the aggregate receipts of tolls at Buffalo from the opening to the close of navigation for a series of years:

	9		J C C C C C		
1879		\$591,652 00	1874	 1.196.634 3	3
1878		628,439 43	5 1873	 1,415,634 3	3
1877		467,921 74	1872	 1,416,049 3	1
			1871	 1,389,909 0	Ю
1875		789,830 2	1870	 1,060,072 0	3

Canal opened May 8th, 1879; April 15th, 1878; May 8th, 1877; May 4th, 1876, and May 18th, 1875.

The tolls for 1879 from Buffalo to West Troy are as follows (distance 345 miles): Wheat, bushel of 60 lbs, 1e 0m 35f; corn, bushel of 56 lbs, 0e 9m 66f; rye, bushel of 56 lbs, 0e 9m 66f; barley, bushel of 48 lbs, 0e 8m 26f; oats, bushel of 32 lbs, 0e 5m 52f; malt, bushel of 34 lbs, 0e 5m 86f.

Canal Clearances.

The following statement sliows the number of boats cleared from the opening to the closing of navigation for a series of years:

1879	8,708	1874	7,628
1878	9,047	1873	9,058
1877	6,938	1872	8,659
1876	4,853	1871	8,795
1875	6,349	1870	6,835

Canal Freights from Buffalo to New York.

The following table shows the ruling rates of freights to New York from Buffalo (tolls included, excepting for staves) on the dates specified in 1879:

					Pine	Staves,
		Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	lumber	p. ton
1879.		bu.	bu.	bu.		o'r toll.
May	8	5½c	őс	4c	\$2 50	****
May	10	4 1/2	4	3	2 50	
May			41/4	3.4	2 50	
May	24		4	3	2 25	
May	31	41/2	4	3	2 30	\$1 20
June	7	4	31/2	234	2 25	1 20
June	14	434	33/4	3	2 25	1 20
				017		5 1 00
June	21	3¾	3.4	21/2	2 25	@1 13
June	28	41/2	4	3	2 25	1 00
July	5		41/2	31/2	2 40	1 13
July	12		41/2	314	2 50	1 38
July	19	5	41/2	31/4	2 60	1 44
July	26		5	31/2	2 65	1 44
	2		51/2	3 5%	2 75	1 50
	9		51/2	334	2 90	1 63
Aug.	16		53/4	4	3 00	1 75
Aug.	23		63/4	434	3 50	1 88
Aug.	30		612	4 1/2	3 50	1 83
Sept.	6	71/2	61/2	4 1/2	3 60	2 00
Sept.	13	7¾	7	43/4	3 60	2 00
Sept.	20	812	734	5 1/2	3 50	1 80
Sept.	27	914	81/2	6	3 50	2 00
Oct.	4	734	7	41/2	3 75	2 13
Oct.	11		614	4	4 00	2 25

					Staves,
	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats, L	umber,	p. ton.
1879	bu.	bu.		M. ft. o	er toll.
Oct.	18 9	8	534	3 85	2 00
Oct.	23, 24, 2512	11			2
Oct.	2511	9	7	4 00	2 38
Nov.	110		6	4 00	2 38
Nov.	810	9	61/2	4 00	2 38
Nov.	15101/4	9	6 %	4 00	2 50
	22101/2		63/4	4 00	2 50
Nov.	2510½				

Receipts at Tide-Water by Canal of Flour, Grain, Etc.

The following comparative table shows the quantity of the principal articles of produce left at tide-water from the commencement to the close of navigation in the years indicated:

Canal opened Flour, bbls	1877. May 8. 29,500	1878, April 15, 14,400	1879. May 8. 8,400
Wheat, bu	12,739,600	26,557,500	20,178,000
	23,623,100	25,304,600	30,074,000
	5,473,700	3,270,800	3,130,800
	1,282,700	2,149,300	2,053,900
Oats, bu	4,208,900	5,156,400	1,118,900
Malt, bu	607,500		379,400

Canal opened	1877.	1878.	1879,
	May 8.	April 15,	May 8,
Total grain, bu.	47,935,500	62,938,600	56,935,000
Flour to wheat, bu	147,500	72,000	42,000
Graud total, bu.	48,083,000	63,010,600	56,977,000

The receipts at tide-water by canal of the new crop of barley were 3,045,400 bushels, against 2.988,000 bushels in 1878, 5,126,500 bushels in 1877, 3,632,100 bushels in 1876, 3,833,600 bushels in 1875. 3,354,300 bushels in 1874, 2,130,800 bushels in 1873 and 4,147,100 bushels in 1872.

The receipts for ten years compare as follows (malt not included):

	Grain and flour,		
Year.	Flour, bbls.	reduced, bush.	
1870	452,700	37,641,205	
1871	288,285	54,695,930	
1872		51,996,660	
1873	153,500	47,803,200	
1874	165,200	48,687,200	
		37,674,200	
		30,845,300	
		47,475,500	
		62,510,600	
1879		56,597,600	

LIVE STOCK TRADE.

Range of Prices on the Principal Sales Day of Each Week During the Year.

We present below our usual tables showing the receipts and shipments of Live Stock by the different routes during the year 1879, with comparative tables of the total receipts, showing the growth of trade for the last 23 years, and a carefully prepared table of the range of prices on the principal market day of each week during the year:

RECEIPTS.

PER LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Month.	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	Horses
	cars.	cars.	cars.	cars.
January	1.872	982	174	53
February		1,201	244	92
March	2,589	948	305	143
April		877	299	163
May		980	314	126
June		871	493	107
July		709	412	55
Angust		829	239	57
September		1,029	154	76
October	3.009	1,636	146	81
November		1,673	151	75
December		1,212	259	69

Month.	Ca	ttle H	ogs She	ep Horses
	ca	rs. ca	rs. car	s. cars.
Total,	187936,0	506 12.9	947 3.	90 1,097
· · · · · ·	187831,		309 2,9	83 597
	1877 24,	485 7.	744 2,1	44 610
	187629,		999 2,4	
	187522,	935 7.	300 2.1	31 915
	187422,	147 11,	049 - 2,0	36 1,103
	187322,	401 14.	078 - 2.3	62 1.687
	187220,		019 1,8	38 1,188
	187117.	080 7.	252 1.6	55 722
	187015,		354 2,2	
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Month. Hogs Sheep Horses

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February	$\frac{27}{11}$ 12	134	34	11
March	$\frac{11}{12}$			
		237	OF	
April	0		69	17
May	9	190	47	13
June	1	224	12	7
July	1	185	18	11
August	0	188	63	7
September	3	302	62	5
October	5	219	48	3
November	13	157	32	1
December	3	142	56	0
5.0				
Total, 1879	232	2,141	592	91
1878	3,123	2,955	7,020	80
1877	4.174	1,006	649	50
1876	3,597	·919	598	87
1875	3,477	837	562	81
1874	4,141	898	431	204

	UNK RAILW	VAY.	Month, Cattle	Hogs Sheep Horses	,
Month. Caitle		cep Horses	cars.	cars, cars, ears,	
cars.	cars. c	ars. cars.	June	314 38 25 186 51 15	
January 48	1	38 3 23 4	August	202 104 10	
February	$\frac{0}{2}$	55 10		310 122 15)
April 29	8	48 4	October 410 November 386	421 144 20 300 124 29	,
May 13	0	14 3 8 7	December 371	187 83 18	5
July0	8	36 2	Total, 1879 4,403	3,133 1,089 233	
August		104 1 174 4	1878 8,634	3,646 1,143 170	
September 6 October 31	69	132 4	1878 8,634 1877 8,385	2,296 949 104	Ŀ
November 28	66	83 10	1876 7,783 1875 4,252	2,563 986 98 2,366 1,058 100	
December 5	30	101 4	1874 2,913 1873 4,050	1,693 1, 46 89	2
Total, 1879 202	252	816 56	1873 4,050 1872 2,716	3,399 1,408 17 3,666 658 14	Ļ
1878 1,150	166	773 36	1871 6,945	2,666 702 15	3
1877 278 1876 1,290		227 39 631 80	1871 6,945 1870 7,826	2,671 1,146 11:	
1875 2.604	76	879 37	RECAPITU	LATION.	
1874 2,533	321	919 38	GRAND TOTAL REC	CEIPTS FOR 1879.	
PER GREAT WES			Rontes. Cattle	Hogs Sheep Horse	
Month. Cattle		eep Horses	L. S. & M. S. R. R. 36,606	cars. cars. cars 12,947 3,190 1,09	
January 32	cars. c	ars. cars.	Canada Southern 232	2,141 592 9	ί
February 23	158	70 5	Grand Trunk 202 Great Western 228		
March 34 April 35	141 88	$\begin{array}{ccc} 51 & & 7 \\ 22 & & 16 \end{array}$	Great Western 228	1,321 500 6	6
May 5	128	10 11	Total, 1879 37,268	16,661 5,098 1,31	
June 6	159	9 10	1878 38,625 1877 31,348	17,947 5,161 85 10,598 3,818 76	
July 4	109 61	27 4 64 2	1876 3 ,223	10.001 - 4.359 - 78	1
September 16	140	58 4	1876 3 ,223 1875 30,203	9,281 4,200 1,13	7
October 55	$\frac{177}{72}$	36 • 0 52 4	1874 29,682 GRAND TOTAL SHII		1
November 24 December 10	35	57 3		Cattle Hogs Shee	n
	1.0.7	500 67			
Total, 1879 228 1878 3,028	1,321 142	500 67 655 70	Rontes. N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R.	31,482 10,825 3,57	1
1877 2,409	485	496 67	Erie Railway	4,403 3,133 1,08	9
1876 1,565 1875 1,192	1,023 1,065	714 51 633 98	Total, 1879	35,885 13,958 4,66	0
1874 860	164	530 26	GROWTH OF T	HE TRADE.	
SHIP	TENTS.		The following table she	ws the growth of th	e
		CON DIVIDA	trade since 1857:	Hogs Sheep Horse	
PER NEW YORK CENT	KAL & HUD LWAY.	SON RIVER	head. h	ead, head, head	
Month. Cattle			1857108,203 1.	7 169 967 640	
	Hogs Sh	ieep "Horses	1000 194 079	7,168 307,549	
cars.	cars.	neep Horses	1858134,073 1859103,337	345,731	
cars.	cars. 6	224 cars	1858 134,073 1859 103,337 1860 156,972	73,619 189,579 35,770 145,354	
cars.	cars. 6 708 965 797	224 60 285 8 319 149	1858	73,619 189,579 85,770 145,354 91,679 238,952	-
cars.	cars. 6 708 965 797 790	224 60 285 8 319 143 322 150	1858 134,073 1859 103,337 1860 156,972 1861 141,921 1 1862 129,433 1863 151,789	73,619 189,579 35,770 145,354 01,679 238,952 03,671 524,976	
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cars.	cars. 708 965 797 797 790 864 758 629 717	ears, cars 224 6 285 8 319 14: 322 15: 276 12: 422 10 4415 4: 330 4:	1859 103,337 1860 156,972 1861 141,921 1862 129,433 11863 151,789 1864 135,797 3	13,619 189,579 145,354 115,770 145,354 11,679 238,952 13,671 524,976 22,128 474,849 11,629 155,959 150,014 207,208 125,831 341,560 175,00	
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RANGE OF PRICES.

The following exhibit shows the prevailing prices per cwt. during the principal market day in each week on cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs:

in each week on cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs: Cattle.					
	Common Good to Stockers & best, feeders. 4\$2 000 3 75 \$4 1005 50 \$2 000 3 25				
January	4\$2 00@3 75 \$4 10@5 50 \$2 00@3 25 11 2 00 3 75 4 0@5 50 2 00@3 00				
	10 00000				
February	25 2 15@3 90 4 00@4 50 2 75@3 25 2 2 00@3 90 4 00@5 25 2 90@3 50				
Ecornary	8 2 00@4 15 4 25 5 25 2 90@3 50				
	15 2 00@4 35 4 45@5 50 3 00 3 50 22 2 15 4 35 4 40@5 30 3 25@3 65				
March	22 2 15 ° 4 35 4 40 65 30 3 25 65 1 2 00 64 35 4 40 65 30 3 50 4 4 00				
	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
	22 2 25@4 40 4 50@5 80 3 00 @3 75				
April	29 2 50@4 50 4 60@5 32 3 00 a 3 75 5 3 00@4 65 4 70@5 50 2 75@3 75				
227744	53 00@4 65 4 70@5 50 2 75@3 75 123 00@4 40 4 50 a 5 60 3 50@3 85				
	19 2 50 a 4 25 4 30@5 40 3 40@3 85 26 2 50 a 4 25 4 30@5 62 3 40@3 85				
May	26 2 50 @4 25 4 30 @5 62 3 40 @3 85 3 3 00 @4 30 4 40 @5 50 3 30 @3 85				
	10 3 00 \$\alpha 4\$ 30 4 40 \$\alpha 5\$ 25 3 30 \$\alpha 4\$ 25 17 3 00 \$\alpha 4\$ 60 4 70 \$\alpha 5\$ 70 3 75 \$\alpha 4\$ 25				
	24 3 00@4 50 4 60@5 50 3 30 74 25				
June	31 3 00@4 40 4 50@5 40 3 50@4 40 8 2 50@4 25 4 40@5 25 3 00@4 00				
	15 2 75@4 25 4 30@5 25 3 00@4 17				
	21 2 50@4 35 4 40@5 00 2 90@4 15 28 2 50@4 50 4 50 5 25 2 75 03 75				
July	5 2 50@4 25 4 35@5 00 2 65@3 50				
	12 2 25@4 25 4 35@5 00 2 75@3 50 19 2 50@4 25 4 35@5 40 2 25@3 35				
	26 2 00 ā4 10 4 20@5 12 2 75@3 35 3 1 75@4 10 4 20@5 25 2 75@3 25				
August	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
	16 2 00@4 25 4 35@5 35 2 75@3 25 23 2 25@4 40 4 50@5 40 2 75 a 3 25				
	23 2 25@4 40 4 50@5 40 2 75 a 3 25 30 2 25@4 40 4 50 5 25 2 75@3 40				
September	6 2 25@4 40 4 50@5 35 2 90@3 40 13 2 00@4 40 4 50@5 50 2 50@3 40				
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October	4 2 00@4 00 4 10@5 35 2 25@3 40 11 2 00@4 00 4 10@5 35 2 25@3 40				
	18 2 00@4 10 4 15@5 10 2 25@3 45 25 2 00@4 35 4 40@5 25 2 50@3 40				
November	25 2 00@4 35 4 40@5 25 2 50@3 40 1 2 00@4 25 4 30@5 25 2 40@3 40				
	8 1 80@3 90 4 00@5 12 2 40@3 10 15 2 00@3 90 4 00@5 00 2 35@3 00				
	22 2 15@4 15 4 30@5 75 2 20@3 10				
December	29 2 00.u 4 15 4 30.05 35 2 40.03 10 6 2 25.04 25 4 30.05 00 2 40.03 10				
December	13 2 50@4 50 4 60@5 50 2 50@3 40				
	20 2 15@4 50 4 55@6 75 2 45@3 35 27 1 75@4 25 4 30@5 05 2 40@3 15				
	Ilogs.				
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	Vorkers and heavy				
January	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
	18 2 90@3 20 2 25@3 45				
February	25 3 20\overline{a}3 60 2 75\overline{a}3 75 2 3 50\overline{a}3 85 2 50\overline{a}4 05				
2 cordary	83 75@4 10 3 00@4 33				
	15 3 90@4 13 2 75@4 35 22 4 10@4 20 3 75@4 30				
March	1 3 90@4 35 3 75@4 40				
	1 3 90@4 35 3 75@4 40 8 3 90@4 15 3 75@4 35 15 3 75@4 07 3 50@4 15				
	22 3 90@4 50 3 50@4 25				
April	29 3 90@4 50 3 25@4 60 5 3 75@4 00 3 25@4 25				
	12 3 80@4 00 3 65@4 35				
	19				
May	3 60@3 70 2 75@3 80				
	103 60@3 80				
	24 3 60@3 75 3 25@3 77				
	31 3 50@3 70 3 25@3 75				

		Medium
T	Yorkers, 8 3 60/a3 70	and heavy.
June	8	3 25@3 85
	15	3 25@4 15 3 25@4 15
	28 3 90@4 05	3 20@4 05
July		3 25@4 10
	12 4 10(a)4 15	3 25@4 17
	10 0 0000 000	3 25@4 00
August	20	3 25@4 00 3 00@3 75
Zingust	33 70@3 80 93 15@3 85	3 00@3 75 3 00@3 90
	10 3 30(0/4 30)	3 25@4 10
	25 3 30(0/3 80	3 00@3 75
Co	30 3 40@3 60	3 00@3 63
September	3 50@3 75 13 3 40@3 80	3 00@3 70 3 00@3 90
	20	3 10@4 00
	27 3 50@3 85	3 20@4 00
October	4 3 30@3 90	2 75@3 80
	11	2 25@4 15
	18	3 00@4 07 2 75@4 00
November		3 00@4 10
	8 3 40@3 70	2 50(a)3 90
	15 3 45(@3 95	3 15@4 00
	22	3 25@4 35
December	6	3 40@4 30 3 55@4 90
December	134 25@4 60	3 65@4 90
	20	3 75@4 75
	20 4 15@4 25 27 4 50@5 00	3 75@4 75 3 75@5 00
	Sheep and	Lambs.
	NY and an	
	Western	Canada
January	sheep, 4\$3 25@4 50	lambs.
	11 3 60@ 5 00	\$4 25@5 37 4 75@5 00
	18 3 25@4 40	4 75 0 4 90
Estima	25 3 75@5 00	4 75@5 00
February	2	5 25@5 50 5 00@5 75
	84 10@5 50 154 25@5 75	5 00@5 75
	22 4 25@5 30	5 00@5 75
March	1	5 10@5 75
	8 4 25@5 75	5 00@5 75
	15	5 00@5 75
	22	5 00@5 50 5 00@5 50
April	5 4 90@6 25	No sales
•	12 4 93(4)0 23	
	19	66
May	26	46
Dicty	33 75@6 00 103 90@5 80	66
	17 4 00@5 25	66
	24 3 20@0 20	66
T	31 3 23(@5 25	66
June	8	44
	15	66
	28 2 40@5 00	6.6
July	0 5 UU(a/0 UU	66
	12 5 20(@5 00	
	19	5 40@5 80 5 40@5 80
August	3 3 00@4 75	4 75@5 40
	9 3 00@4 75	5 25@5 50
	16 3 00@5 00	5 00@5 35
	23	5 00@5 35 5 00@5 35
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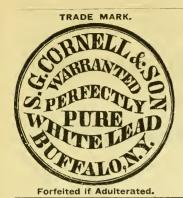
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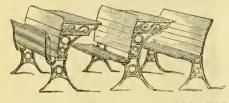
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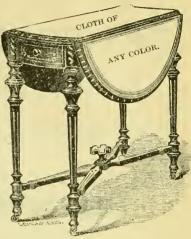
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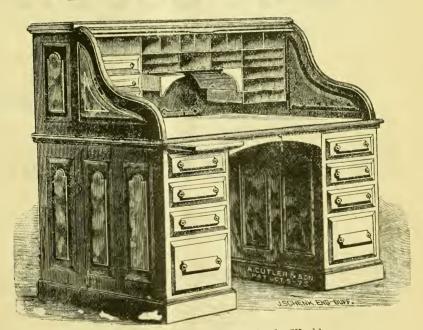
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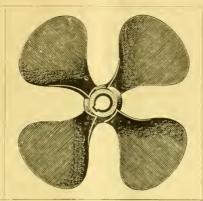
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