

CHAPTER IV.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Legal
Weights
and Mea-
sures.

237. The legal weights and measures of Canada are the Imperial yard, Imperial pound avoirdupois, Imperial gallon and the Imperial bushel.

Measures
by weight
deter-
mined.

238. By Act of 42nd Vic., cap. 16, it was provided:—That in contracts for sale and delivery of any of the undermentioned articles the bushel should be determined by weighing, unless a bushel by measure be specially agreed upon, the weight equivalent to a bushel being as follows:—

Wheat.....	60 lbs.	Castor beans	40 lbs.
Indian corn	56 "	Potatoes	60 "
Rye	56 "	Turnips.....	60 "
Peas.....	60 "	Carrots	60 "
Barley	48 "	Parsnips	60 "
Malt	36 "	Beets	60 "
Oats.....	34 "	Onions.....	60 "
Beans.....	60 "	Bituminous coal	70 "
Flax seed	50 "	Clover seed	60 "
Hemp	44 "	Timothy	48 "
Blue grass seed... ..	14 "	Buckwheat.....	48 "

And by the same Act the British hundredweight of 112 pounds, and the ton of 2,240 pounds, were abolished, and the hundredweight was declared to be 100 pounds and the ton 2,000 pounds avoirdupois, thus assimilating the weights of Canada and the United States.

System of
classifying im-
ports.

239. In the following pages will be found a systematic classification of the goods imported, which, it is believed, will be considered an improvement on the semi-alphabetical arrangement at present in use by the Customs Department. The mode of classification adopted is that in use in Victoria and other Australasian Colonies, the principle of which, says Mr. Hayter, is that articles of a like nature shall be classed together; he also adds that the system has met with the