

STATISTICS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

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The legal weights and measures of Canada are the Imperial yard, Imperial pound avoirdupois, Imperial gallon (of 277·27384 cubic inches), and the Imperial bushel. The Imperial gallon is equal to 4·54174 litres, while the wine gallon, used in the United States, is equal to 3·785 litres.

By Act 42nd Vic. (1879), Chap. 16 (amended by Cap. 30, Acts of 1898), it is provided: That in contracts for sale and delivery of any of the undermentioned articles the bushel should be determined by weighing, unless a bushel 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 "
Pease	60 "	Carrots.....	60 "
Barley	48 "	Parsnips.....	60 "
Malt.....	36 "	Beets.....	60 "
Oats.....	34 "	Onions †.....	50 "
Beans	60 "	Bituminous coal	70 "
Flax seed ^a	56 "	Clover seed	60 "
Hemp.....	44 "	Timothy	48 "
Blue grass seed	14 "	Buckwheat	48 "
Lime‡	80 "	Bituminous coal‡.....	70 "

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.

^aChanged from 50 to 56 lbs. by Act of Parliament, 1898. †Changed from 60 to 50 lbs. by Act of Parliament, 1898. ‡Added by Act of 1898.