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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 42 Vic. (1879), Chap. 16, (amended by Chap. 30, Acts of 1898), it is provided : That in contracts for sale and delivery of any of the under-mentioned 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*.....	56 "	Clover seed.....	60 "
Hemp.....	44 "	Timothy.....	48 "
Blue grass seed.....	14 "	Buckwheat.....	48 "
Lime‡.....	80 "		

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.

By recent Acts it is ordered that for apples the barrel shall be 96 quarts. Size, length, 26 inch between head, (inside measure) ; diameter (head) 17 inches ; middle diameter 18½ inches. Boxes, 11 x 10 x 20 inches containing 2,200 cubic inches.

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