

CHAPTER IV.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Weights
and
measures.

238. 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.

Measures
by weight
deter-
mined.

239. By Act of 42nd Vic. (1879), c. 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 "
Pease.....	60 "	Carrots.....	60 "
Barley.....	48 "	Parsnips.....	60 "
Malt.....	36 "	Beets.....	60 "
Oats	34 "	Onions.....	60 "
Beans.....	60 "	Bituminous coal.....	70 "
Flaxseed	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.

Customs
valua-
tions.

240. Customs valuation upon goods imported subject to duties are made at the fair market value thereof, value of packages included, when sold for home consumption in the principal markets of the country whence they were exported. The values of goods subject to export duty, if any, are to be their actual cost, or the value which they truly have at the port and time of exportation.

Classifica-
tion of
imports
and
exports.

241. The classification of goods in the following table is the same as that previously adopted in this work, the principle being that articles of a like nature shall be classed together. A copy of the tariff at present in force, as well as an index with reference numbers to the orders in the following table, will be found at the end of this book, so that the order in which any article is placed in the table can be immediately ascertained.