Consumption of Fuel.—It appears from a statement by the city inspector, that the amount of hickory wood measured in this city during the year 1831, was 38,683 1-2 loads, costing $107,198 40; oak, 190,297 1-2 loads, costing $408,839 91; pine, 46,777 loads, costing $81,114 83. Total, 275,758 loads, costing $597,153 14. The highest average price of hickory during any one month, was $3 71, viz. in February; lowest, $2 24 1-3, in June. Highest average monthly price of oak, February, $3 12 3-4; lowest, June, $1 62 1-2. Pine, highest monthly average, February, $2 47; lowest, June, $1 47. June then is the time to buy wood; February to burn it.

The amount of anthracite coal inspected during the year, was 54,313 tons, costing $440,743 86. Average price $8 11 1-2. Virginia coal, 12,177 chaldrons, at an average price of $7 35 1-2, costing $89,548 28. Charcoal, 272,179 tubs, at an average price of 27 3-4 cts. per tub, costing $75,729 47 1-2. Total cost of these three kinds of coal, $606,020 61 1-2. Add wood, as above, and we have a total of $1,203,174 75 1-2. More money is expended for coal than for wood.

Grain and Salt.—The amount of wheat inspected in the city during the year was 466,559½ bushels, costing $562,294 69½; rye, 438,114½ bu. costing $352,243 19½; corn, 1,028,674 1-2 bush. costing $717,095 04 1-2; oats, 1,067,692 1-2, costing $432,095 90; barley, 129,297 1-2, costing $148,810 84 1-2; malt, 37,018, costing $39,476 11; salt, 74,008 bush costing $34,299 99. After the above statement was made up, additional returns of 25,865 1-2 bushels of grain were received, costing $19,372 03. Total bushels of grain, 3,267,231; value, $2,305,687 81.

* A load is about one third of a cord.

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