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IRISH FAMINE—EXPORTATION OF FOOD.

From the Port of Limerick, to the several British ones, there have been shipped, for the week ending the 6th March, the following quantities of agricultural and other food produce:—6,817 barrels of wheat, 3,662 barrels of oats, 1891 bales of bacon, 43 hhd. of hams, 247 tierces, 439 barrels of pork, 243 casks, 170 kegs of lard, 35 barrels of beef, 2,600 cwt. of oatmeal, 1,130 cwt. of flour, and 238 firkins of butter.

Upon the credit side of the account, and as distinguished from the frequent "quid pro quo" returns of chalk, ballast, &c., we have very gratefully to note the arrival of the Alban, government steamer, from Cork, laden with 45 tons of maize meal, a preparation strongly resembling brick dust, in appearance, and truly not far excelling it in flavour.

Although in ordinary times we might have hailed our large exports as proofs of increasing commercial prosperity, altered circumstances make altered cases; and with famine already set in at Clonlara, within a few short miles of our very threshold, it is not wonderful if we consider the magnitude of those exports as being only now more likely to aggravate the magnitude of our wants. In fact we had rather that government would buy up and store our produce here, and leave the Indian substitute to be applied to its legitimate purpose, the feeding of hogs in America.—*Limerick Examiner.*