other city in the Union for manufacturing. A healthy location—great water power, the communications now opened, and others in progress of completion to the coal regions of the interior. Coal will be in the greatest abundance in our market, and at the cheapest rate.

We have the staple products of the grain growing countries cheap and abundant. Equi-distant between the north and the south, the great facility of intercourse with the interior and the great west, nothing could stay our onward course to prosperity, if we would use to advantage the means placed within our reach by a kind Providence.

INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1840.

Wheat flour, barrels,	736,479
Do do. half barrels,	30,515
Rye do. barrels,	5,818
Corn meal, hogsheads,	1,264
Do. barrels,	12,593
Do. half barrels,	83
Oat meal, barrels,	50
Total, barrels and half barrels,	786,802

An increase of 203,216 barrels and half barrels over last year.

Tobacco, hogsheads,	40,608

Increase over last year, 12,497 hogsheads.

Beef and Pork—	
Baltimore packed Beef, barrels,	8,252
Do. do. do. half barrels,	410
Foreign do. do. barrels,	696
Baltimore packed Pork, barrels,	999
Do. do. do. half barrels,	1
Foreign do. do.	6,345
Total barrels and half barrels,	16,703

Butter and Lard—

	Stands.	Half bbls.	Bbls.	Kegs.	Total.
Butter,	124	174	156	15,996	16,453
Lard,	68	146	1083	20,066	21,363

Total Butter and Lard,		37,816
Beef Cattle and Hogs—		
Number of Beef Cattle,	11,982—weight,	11,300,223
Do. Hogs,	17,245—weight,	3,795,956
Total, head,	29,127—weight,	15,096,179

Increase over last year, 21,329 head—11,262,808 weight.

Quercitron Bark, hogsheads,	1,228
Lumber, feet,	32,000,000
Sole Leather and Rough Skirting Leather, sides,	201,587
Charcoal, 1,136 loads, bushels,	104,339

Lime, bushels,		176,286
Fire Wood, cords,		155,193
Salted Fish, various kinds, barrels and half barrels,		89,636
Doemstic Liquors, hogsheads and barrels, say		81,788
Staves and Heading—white oak, hogsheads, pipes and barrels,	479,816	
Staves and Heading—red oak, hogsheads, pipes and barrels,	1,102,205	
Total, pieces,		1,582,021
New Houses built during the year,		457
Hay and Straw weighed during the year, tons,		6,400

The necessity of having a House of Industry and Correction for the reclaiming of Juvenile Delinquents having so often and so forcibly been brought to your notice, leaves nothing to be added by me, except to concur fully in all that has been said in favor of it.

The Police Department, with a very inadequate number of men attached to it, have done as much as could be expected of them. The City has been entirely exempt from any very serious outbreaks or formidable combinations to disturb the public peace, except one immediately succeeding the Presidential election. From the strong and decisive expressions of all good citizens at the time against such conduct, the lawless disposed were soon made sensible of their folly and madness. As a consequence, order was soon restored. And to guard against any such attempts in future, it may be well to apprise them that no clemency will be shown, but the utmost rigor of the law will be enforced. The new division of the wards will require two additional police officers.

I have felt much the necessity of the City having a fiscal year, which should end on the 30th of November. Now the reports of the different departments are not made and presented to the Executive, until the day made incumbent by the Charter to present his annual communication to the Councils, so that much matter of interest which ought to accompany his annual communication, is left out. The modification of ordinances, or the recommending of additional legislation, so as to enable the departments to execute properly the duties required of them is entirely overlooked, from the absolute impossibility of knowing what is necessary or proper to recommend under the present system.

The Public School Commissioners have not made their report to me, consequently I am unable to give any account in detail of what has been done by them, except from general reports and some little personal observation. All that I have seen or heard give the satisfactory assurance that the Public Schools are progressing to the highest state of prosperity. Nothing can afford greater satisfaction to an enlightened community, than the knowledge that through the munificence of the City Council, aided as they have been in their praiseworthy efforts, by patriotic and public spirited individuals, education has been placed within the reach of every one, however humble or poor he may be. What a triumph for modern civilization, over ancient darkness