

The undersigned, wholesale Grocers of the City of Chicago would respectfully represent to your Hon Board that the commercial trade between Chicago and St.Louis in the articles of Sugar and Molasses could be very considerably increased by a concession on the part of transporters in their rate of freights, and they believe that this can only be accomplished by a reduction of Tolls on these articles from Eight to say four or five Mills ~

They would further represent that they have observed for the last three years that nine tenths of the Hhds Sugars sold in the Chicago Market have been brought from the Eastern Cities. When at the same time the Southern Markets have ruled at prices nearly or quite as advantageous to Buyers —

Believeing that such a reduction would in its results not only benefit themselves but greatly increase the revenue derived from tolls on these articles, Your petitioners sincerely hope that your Board may deem proper to concur with their views~

**DOCUMENT 40 – PETITION OF CHICAGO WHOLESALE GROCERS TO REDUCE TOLLS ON SUGAR AND MOLASSES**

**May 1852**

**EXPLANATION**

During 1852, 4,822,297 pounds of sugar was shipped over the canal. Of this amount 3,950,469 pounds originated at La Salle. 2,126,874 pounds of molasses passed through with 1,846,409 pounds entering the canal at La Salle. By large majorities these products were being shipped north from the far South. The trustees passed the following resolution on May 25, 1852: "Upon the application of H. Norton & Co. and others for a reduction of toll on Sugar & Molassess the Board resolve that it is inexpedient to make such a reduction."

A mill is one tenth of a cent. Sugar and molasses each carried a toll of 8 mills per canal mile traveled on each thousand pounds. A hogshead is a barrel containing 63 U.S. gallons. This measure originated as a legal standard in England in the year 1423. The origin of the word is not known.

1. What percent of the sugar shipped originated in La Salle?
2. What is a "hogshead"?
3. How old is this document?
4. What did the grocers what to change?
5. How long has this problem (#4) been going on?
6. How many pounds total of molasses and sugar passed through the canal in 1852

# THE NAVIGABLE ROUTE FROM CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS, 1851

Iron nails	25	Capitoline	3	Oil, Alstead	3	Sticks & slights	30	Wheat	5
Lead	5	Lead, pipe, do	3	Carriage iron	3	Saddle trees	10	Whiskey &	10
Lead	5	Lead, pig	3	Dry	3	Shells, Kammings	3	Light wines	10
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**DRAWBACK ON TOLLS.**

on the following shipped from Mississippi River to tide water: Beef, Pork, Bacon, Lard, Flour, Tallow, Wool, Tobacco, Hemp, Resin, Wax, Furs, Peltries and Buffalo robes ..... 30 per Cent.

on white lead and shot, shipped from Mississippi River to Lake Michigan ..... 50 per Cent.

on Dry goods, Groceries, Hardware, Cutlery, Crockery, Glass ware, Cotton bagging, Paper, Steel, Saleratus, and Veneering, shipped from tide water to Mississippi River ..... 25 per Cent.

on Saline Salt, Lumber, Lath and Shingles shipped from Lake Michigan to Mississippi River ..... 25 per Cent.



What two rivers join at Dresden?

What town is between Randolph and Illinois town?

How far is it from LaSalle to Detroit?

What river is Havana on?

How far is it from Joliet to Bridgeport?

What town is closest to the Fox River?

What direction does the Des Plaines river flow?



**DISTANCES from La Salle to**

Enterprise	3	Erie	162
Newport	8	Beardstown	165
Hennepin	14	La Grange	174
Halls Landing	22	Meredonia	181
Henry	26	Naples	191
Lacon	38	Guggerville	196
Chillicothe	50	Portland	199
Rome	53	Florence	202
Detroit	67	Pike	204
Peoria	73	Montezuma	208
Wesly City	77	Bedford	210
Pekin	83	Bridgeport	212
Kingston	92	Newport	224
Lancaster	94	Columbianna	229
Copperas Ck.	103	Childs Landing	244
Liverpool	113	Guilford	251
Havanna	123	Camden	269
Grand Island	131	Grafton	271
Bath	136	Allon	281
Sparks Landing	146	Missouri River	292
Schuyler	159	Choteaus Is.	297
Frederick	161	St. Louis	310



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