

**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.