

Transhipment of grain at Port Colborne.

27. The quantity of grain transhipped at Port Colborne in 1878 and three previous years is given below. The total number of grain laden vessels lightened at that port in 1878 was 94 against 53 in the previous year. The number unladen without entering the Canal was 47 as against 49 in 1877. The quantity of grain lightened was as follows :—

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
Wheat.....	167,760	94,838	37,440	48,595
Corn.....	129,460	71,680	75,580	147,879
Barley.....			5,600	

The quantity of grain discharged in the port from vessels which did not enter the Canal was as follows :—

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
Wheat.....	653,820	389,000	337,040	163,330
Corn.....	145,800	247,040	422,800	414,452
Barley.....	9,440			

Canal Statistics for the Season of Navigation.

Statistics for season of navigation to follow.

28. Following the plan adopted in previous Reports, the statistics for the season of navigation, 1878, will be given separately, and will be accompanied by the usual comparative statements.

Slides and Booms.

Comparison of revenue.

29. The revenue accrued from these works in 1877-78 amounted to \$83,243. In 1876-77 it amounted to \$111,085, shewing a decrease of \$27,842. The outstanding balances now amount to \$206,119, a decrease of \$15,121. The greater portion of these balances consist of disputed claims, the settlement of which has been delayed from time to time.

Hydraulic Rents and Minor Public Works.

Outstanding balances.

30. The outstanding balances due on account of Hydraulic Rents have been decreased during the past year from \$218,735 to \$200,976. The balances due on Minor Public Works have been increased by \$21,933. This large increase is consequent upon the conditions relating to the sale of the old Post Office buildings at Montreal.