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The transfer lists for the last few months have been sufficiently large to justify the opinion that the period of apparently hopeless dulness in the real estate market which has been felt so long, has at last given way to better conditions. It will not do however to base too many hopes or calculations, upon the large amounts of transfers recorded during the last three or four months as compared with the corresponding months of the last two years. A good many of the transactions when inquired into closely turn out to be only exchanges of equities, which, although legitimate trading, is not so important an element in the market as straight sales. In the transfers during the month of July St. Jean Baptiste Ward takes the lead both in number and amount of sales. This section of the city, including St. Denis Ward, is steadily growing. One reason why this is not more noticeable is that the City has been spreading in directions with about equal rapidity. Of late years the electric car facilities have been so impartially extended—excepting up Cotes des Neiges Hill—that houses are being built on every hand.

It is about time that all citizens of Montreal interested in the growth of the city should bestir themselves respecting the harbour improvement question. What makes Montreal what it is, and what will make it the large city that it will be, if it getsany kind of fair play, is its position as the chief port of the Dommion, at the head of ocean navigation. Anything affecting seriously our harbour, cannot fail to affect in its most vital part the growth of the

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