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The following statement of the sales and loans (in the city and at Westmount) during the first four months of each year for the last eleven years, shows that there is a steady amount of business going on even in dull times, and that the real estate market has not been altogether neglected.

First 4 No. of mos of sales. Amount. Loans. 1890 . . . . 736 . . . . \$2,625,921 \$1,054,768 1891 . . . . 668 . . . . 3,223,900 1.266,435 1892 . . . . 654 . . . 3,827,432 1,315,328 1895 . . . . 653 . . . 3,516,126 2,054,199 1894 . . . . 603 . . . 2,964,378 1,372,355 1895 . . . . 512 . . . 2,345,321 1,450,894 1896 . . . . 516 . . . 2,663,476 1,326,855 1897 . . . . 691 . . . 3,297,690 1,715,840 1898 . . . . 593 . . . . 3,486,494 1,652,388 1899 . . . . 649 . . . . 3,170,503 1,521,672 1900 . . . 663 . . . 3,430,011 1,035,014

Real estate auction sales are still as dull and uninteresting as they have been for some years. The fault lies with intending buyers who do not realize sufficiently that bargains are eften to be had at these public sales.

The sales recorded during the menth of April in the undermentioned suburban municipalities amount to \$140,257, and are as follows: Maisonneuve, \$40,936; De Lorimier, \$3,000; Mile End, \$35,878; Cote des Neiges, \$9,280; Notre Dame de Graces, \$15,-690; Montreal West (Junction), \$500; Verdun, \$6,375; Cote St. Paul,\$2,270; St. Henry, \$12,226; and Ste. Cunegonde, \$14,102.

There were 177 real estate transfers in the city wards and Town of Westmount recorded at the registry offices during the month of April, the particulars of which are given in other colums, amounting to \$1,010,448.

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St. Antoine Ward	'to	\$466,593
St. Ann's Ward	s	16,843
Centre Ward	1	40,000
West Ward i	1	275
St. James Ward	16	95,240
St. Louis Ward	11	40,547
St. Lawrence Ward	7	40,566
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