

In endeavoring to perform the duty assigned, he presents as the basis of subsequent remarks and deductions the following

STATEMENT.

Showing dates of arrivals at Quebec of the first Ship from Sea, and the first Steamboat from Montreal, during each of fifty-five consecutive years (1830 to 1884, inclusive),—those in bold-face figures indicating the existence of an Ice Bridge between Quebec and Levis.

YEARS.	FROM SEA.	FROM MONTREAL	YEARS.	FROM SEA.	FROM MONTREAL
1830....	April 26.	April 17.	1858....	April 29.	April 18.
1831....	April 16.	April 21.	1859....	April 29.	April 22.
1832....	May 4.	April 29.	1860....	April 25.	April 26.
1833....	May 10.	April 18.	1861....	April 22.	April 26.
1834....	May 6.	April 18.	1862....	April 16.	April 30.
1835..	May 2.	May 4.	1863..	May 4.	May 4.
1836..	May 11.	May 11.	1864....	April 27.	April 21.
1837....	April 29.	May 1.	1865....	April 29.	April 21.
1838....	May 3.	April 28.	1866....	April 28.	April 26.
1839....	May 8.	April 21.	1867..	April 17.	May 3.
1840....	April 25.	April 29.	1868....	April 23.	April 28.
1841....	April 29.	May 1.	1869....	April 27.	April 30.
1842....	May 3.	April 21.	1870..	April 16.	April 25.
1843..	April 18.	May 5.	1871....	April 22.	April 18.
1844....	May 3.	April 24.	1872..	April 30.	May 6.
1845..	May 1.	April 25.	1873....	April 28.	May 2.
1846....	April 24.	April 17.	1874..	April 28.	May 10.
1847..	May 8.	May 8.	1875..	April 29.	May 9.
1848..	May 1.	May 6.	1876..	May 6.	May 9.
1849....	April 28.	April 25.	1877....	April 25.	April 26.
1850..	April 28.	April 25.	1878....	April 20.	April 21.
1851....	April 20.	April 22.	1879....	April 29.	May 2.
1852....	April 15.	April 30.	1880....	April 30.	May 1.
1853....	April 24.	April 23.	1881....	April 28.	April 27.
1854..	April 29.	May 5.	1882..	May 5.	April 28.
1855..	May 6.	May 6.	1883..	May 1.	May 6.
1856....	April 20.	April 27.	1884..	May 1.	April 30.
1857....	April 28.	April 17.			