



MELVILLE ISLAND

the port on regular schedules in summer, and in the winter half a dozen other lines besides. The latest additions are direct lines to Mexico, South Africa and France. The arrivals and departures, foreign and coastwise, have averaged about 10,000 to 11,000 in recent years, with an aggregate tonnage of three millions. With the exception of Japan and China the flag of almost every nation in the world may be seen at one time or another during a given year in the harbor. In the matter of commercial intercourse with the Antipodes, the commercial agent of Canada at Sydney, New South Wales, has advised the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa that ocean transit (especially for Canadian manufactured goods) between Canada, Australia and New Zealand is more desirable via the Atlantic

than by the Pacific. The exports of Halifax from the latest annual returns approximate \$6,000,000; fish leading with close upon \$4,000,000, agricultural products and animals about \$3,000,000, lumber rather under the normal average of \$1,000,000 and manufactures rather over three-fourths of a million. Apple shipments footed up 370,000 barrels, potatoes 527,000 bushels.

The chief items in the imports are sugar and molasses, which figure rather over \$3,000,000. 432,000 barrels of flour were received during the past year and 440 cars of oats. The valuation for Civic Assessment for 1904-05 was not quite \$27,000,000 and the rate \$1.60 per \$100. The Civic Debt including Water Debt is slightly over \$3,000,000. The enumerators for McAlpine's City Directory, record 17,205 individual names, which multiplied