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The following statement of the sales and loans during the first four months of each year since 1888 shows that figures favor the general impression that the corner has been turned, and that an early improvement in the real estate market can be counted upon.

First four Months of	No. of sales.	Amount.	Loans.
1888.....	787	\$2,485,518	\$1,386,217
1889.....	084	3,058,141	1,114,990
1890.....	730	2,625,921	1,054,768
1891.....	088	3,228,900	1,266,485
1892.....	054	3,827,482	1,815,828
1893.....	058	3,516,126	2,054,199
1894.....	603	2,964,878	1,372,885
1895.....	513	2,845,821	1,450,894
1896.....	516	2,668,476	1,326,155
1897.....	091	3,297,090	1,715,840
1898.....	693	3,486,194	1,652,888

The sales recorded during the month of April in the under-mentioned suburban municipalities amount to \$73,710, and are as follow:—Maisonneuve, \$5,500; De-Lorimier, \$780; Mile End, \$1,992; Montreal Annex, \$18,810; Outremont, \$9,157; Cote des Neiges, \$14,350; St. Cuneonde, \$17,350; and St. Henry, \$5,771.

There were 135 real estate transfers in the city wards and Town of Westmount recorded at the registry offices during the month of March, the particulars of which are given in other columns, amounting to \$812,966.77.

St Antoine Ward	15	\$193,781.16
St Ann's Ward.....	8	6,250.00
West Ward.....	1	550.00
St James Ward.....	21	105,915.00
St Louis Ward	12	157,470.00
St Lawrence Ward.....	12	75,247.89
St Mary's Ward	10	56,050.00
East Ward	1	2,750.00
St. Jean Baptiste Ward..	22	70,448.92
St. Denis Ward.....	12	24,631.80
St. Gabriel Ward	2	10,050.00
Hochelaga Ward.....	2	1,730.00
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