

The comparative statement of imports for the first eleven months of the years 1867-68, are as follows :

	1867.		1868.	
	<i>Valuz.</i>	<i>Duty.</i>	<i>Value.</i>	<i>Duty.</i>
January.....	\$7,131	\$1,257.45	\$6,127	\$1,052.09
February.....	3,399	660.32	7,036	1,232.87
March.....	11,760	1,858.83	17,260	2,370.85
Apr.	18,358	1,325.73	15,285	2,757.68
May.....	22,292	921.12	14,564	834.05
June.....	8,394	834.70	10,779	1,178.75
July	11,630	1,077.85	10,241	1,674.24
August	12,925	1,274.35	23,469	1,963.76
September.....	17,636	1,916.97	24,397	2,750.08
October.....	17,227	1,663.10	20,907	1,890.78
November.....	10,623	1,721.07	35,999	1,971.03
	<u>\$141,375</u>	<u>\$14,511.50</u>	<u>\$186,064</u>	<u>\$19,076.18</u>

The disparity between the amount of imports and duty for November, is accounted for by grain being admitted free under the tariff of 1868. Had the former tariff remained in force, the collections for this month would have more than doubled that of the corresponding period of 1867.

SHIPPING.

One of the most important commercial advantages of Belleville, is the facility for building ships. Our forests furnish everything for the building of any description of vessel, and everything else is obtainable here from the keel to its complete outfit. Within the last few years several vessels of the largest class have been built here, and have found profitable employment in the carrying trade between this port and Oswego. Many of these schooners may also be found on Lake Erie as well as Lake Ontario.

ITS FUTURE.

Few places in Canada have such a promising future before it as Belleville. Being the outlet of the vast mineral wealth of the Hastings district, surrounded with a good agricultural County,