

The following table contains the dates on which the Lachine Canal was opened and closed in the past fifteen years :—

| Opened. | | Closed. | Opened. | | Closed. |
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| 1848 . . . | 24th April . . . | 11th December. | 1856 . . . | 1st May . . . | 3rd December. |
| 1849 . . . | 21st April . . . | 8th December. | 1857 . . . | 4th May . . . | 27th November. |
| 1850 . . . | 27th April . . . | 10th December. | 1858 . . . | 25th April . . . | 1st December. |
| 1851 . . . | 23rd April . . . | 10th December. | 1859 . . . | 21st April . . . | 30th November. |
| 1852 . . . | 3rd May . . . | 10th December. | 1860 . . . | 20th April . . . | 5th December. |
| 1853 . . . | 30th April . . . | 15th December. | 1861 . . . | 24th April . . . | 4th December. |
| 1854 . . . | 1st May . . . | 5th December. | 1862 . . . | 5th May . . . | 6th December. |
| 1855 . . . | 1st May . . . | 30th November. | | | |

The following Statement shows the inland Freight capacity for Flour and Grain employed during the past year :—

| STEAMERS. | | STEAMERS. | | STEAMERS. | |
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| <i>Jaques, Tracy & Co.</i> | Brls. | <i>Royal Mail Line.</i> | Brls. | <i>De Salaberry Line.</i> | Brls. |
| Huron, - - - | 4,000 | Kingston, - - - | 2,000 | Salaberry, - - - | 1,000 |
| Colonist, - - - | 4,000 | Magnet, - - - | 2,000 | Richelieu, - - - | 750 |
| Avon, - - - | 4,000 | Passport, - - - | 1,500 | | 1,750 |
| Indian, - - - | 3,600 | Champion, - - - | 1,500 | | |
| St. Lawrence, - - - | 3,500 | New Era, - - - | 1,000 | | |
| Ottawa, - - - | 3,000 | Banshee, - - - | 1,000 | | |
| | 22,100 | | 9,000 | | |
| | | <i>J. & H. McLennan.</i> | | <i>BARGES, SCHOONERS, &c.</i> | |
| <i>Cowan & Holcomb.</i> | | Wellington, - - - | 3,600 | <i>Glassford, Jones & Co.</i> | Bushels. |
| West, - - - | 4,000 | Boston, - - - | 2,700 | 31 Barges, 1 Schr., - | 387,800 |
| Brantford, - - - | 3,900 | | 6,300 | Chartered, 16 craft, | 127,225 |
| Clyde, - - - | 2,500 | | | | 515,025 |
| George Moffatt, - | 2,500 | | | <i>Cowan & Holcomb.</i> | |
| | 12,900 | <i>Am. Express and Bay of Quinte.</i> | | Barges and Schrs., - | 439,500 |
| <i>Black, Perry & Co.</i> | | St. Lawrence, - - - | 1,600 | <i>Jaques, Tracy & Co.</i> | |
| Bowmanville - - - | 3,500 | St. Helen, - - - | 1,750 | Berry & Co.'s Barges, 200,000 | |
| Whitby, - - - | 3,200 | Castor, - - - | 1,500 | <i>J. & H. McLennan.</i> | |
| Ranger, - - - | 2,900 | | 4,850 | 15 Barges, - - - | 165,000 |
| Magnet, - - - | 2,900 | <i>Osborne Smith.</i> | | <i>M. K. Dickinson.</i> | |
| | 12,500 | Protection, - - - | 2,200 | 45 Barges—capacity, 3,150 M. | |
| | | <i>M. K. Dickinson.</i> | | of Lumber, or 45,000 brls. | |
| | | 2 Steamers, - - - | 2,000 | Flour. | |

The capacity of the steamers employed in the inland carrying trade thus appears to be 75,400 barrels of Flour, besides barges equal to 45,000 barrels,—making a total of 120,400 barrels, in 1862. The grain-carrying capability of the fleet of barges and schooners, owned or chartered by the various Transportation Companies, foots up to 1,313,525 bushels, as enumerated above. Another firm expect to have ready, by opening of navigation, 8 barges capable of carrying 14,000 bushels of grain each; so that the available tonnage next season, so far as ascertained, could start on a single trip with the equivalent of more than two million bushels,—say, Grain, 1,431,525 bushels; Flour, 120,400 brls. We are informed that, notwithstanding the large quantities forwarded from the West last year, some of the heaviest forwarders could easily have made more trips, but for the detentions occurring here.

LIST OF VESSELS, WITH CARGOES FROM MONTREAL, LOST OR NOT HEARD OF.

In December, 1861, we gave a list of vessels in the Fall fleet of that year, which had been lost or were detained by accident or otherwise from reaching their trans-Atlantic destinations. Thirteen vessels had left this port between October 14 and December 3, their cargoes in the main consisting of,—Flour, 14,302 brls.; Wheat, 201,186 bushels; Peas, 5,280 bushels; Oatmeal, 286 brls.; Corn, 95,227 bushels; Ashes, 400 brls. The aggregate Breadstuffs (rendering Flour into Wheat) was equal to 374,663 bushels. As the result of a good deal of labor, we give the subjoined list of vessels which have sailed from this port during the entire season of 1862, collected from a variety of sources,—it being rather remarkable that in a city like Montreal, with so great a shipping interest, a regular list of marine losses is not kept. The vessels named, we believe, have been nearly all wrecked or abandoned,—one or two not having been heard of at all. There are some vessels unenumerated, which, although not heard from, are not out sufficiently long to