

AVERAGE PASSAGES.

	Eastward. Westw'd.					
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Collins line (New York)	11	22	20	13	13	0
Cunard line (New York)	10	23	3	12	15	4
Do. (Boston)	11	6	0	12	13	0
Canadian line (Quebec)	10	15	0	11	1	0

The average time of the Canadian line has therefore been, going east, six hours per trip better than that of the Cunard line to New York; sixteen hours per trip better than that of the Cunard line to Boston; and thirty-one hours per trip better than that of the Collins line. The average time of the Canadian line going west has also been better than that of the Cunard line to Boston thirty-six hours; than that of the Cunard line to New York, thirty-eight hours; and better than that of the Collins line by fifty-six hours.

The shortest trips of the several lines compare thus :—

EASTWARD VOYAGE.

	Days.	Hours.
Canadian line (Indian)	9	11
Collins " (Baltic)	9	23
Cunard N.Y. " (Persia)	9	8
Do. Boston " (Several ves'ls)	10	0

WESTWARD VOYAGE.

	Days.	Hours.
Canadian line (Anglo-Saxon)	9	13
Collins " (Atlantic)	10	12
Cunard, N.Y. " (Persia)	9	16
Do., Boston " (Niagara)	10	19

It should be added that the longest passage by the Canadian line has been that of the "North American," of twelve days to Liverpool, and that of the "Indian," twelve days to Quebec. Whereas the Collins line have made passages of fifteen to twenty days, and the Cunarders of from fifteen to seventeen days.

IMPORTS.

The annual trade returns for the year ending Dec. 31, 1857, have just been completed at the Customs Department, and we now proceed to place before our readers as full a report of the statistical information contained therein as we consider may be of interest to our mercantile friends :—

The total value of Goods received at the Port of Montreal for the Year ending Dec. 30, 1857, subject to duty, amount- ed to.....	£3,394,856
Do. Free Goods	817,277
	<u>4,212,133</u>

In 1856 the total Value of Goods subject to duty which entered at this

port was	3,118,296
Free Goods.....	917,877
	<u>4,036,173</u>

More this year.....£175,960

The total value of Goods which paid duty, ex Ship and Warehouse at Montreal, in 1856 and 1857, was as follows :—

	1856.	1857.
Value of Dutiable Goods	£3,118,296	£3,894,856
Do: Free Goods.....	917,877	817,277
	<u>£4,036,173</u>	<u>£4,212,133</u>

Value of Goods that paid Duty ex Ship.....	£2,331,994	2,117,322
Do. paid Duty ex Warehouse.....	816,479	945,935
	<u>3,148,473</u>	<u>3,063,257</u>

Value of Goods placed in Warehouse.....	786,301	1,277,533
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Value of Goods remain- ing in Warehouse....	128,353	386,269
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Duty paid on Goods ex Ship.....	298,374	290,255
Do. ex Warehouse..	171,346	171,430
	<u>469,720</u>	<u>461,685</u>

Amount of Duty charg- able on Goods in Bond	31,352	93,101
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The above figures do not include goods passing through Montreal for Canada West. In 1856 the total value of bonded goods which passed through our Port for Canada West amounted to L926,299. No correct account has been kept this year, owing to an arrange-ment having been entered into with the Grand Trunk Railway Company to carry such mer-
chandise through in locked up cars.

The value of goods entered, according to the Custom House Books under this head, for 1857, amounted to L822,082. We believe the amount which passed through under the arrangement above referred to has not been large.

From the above figures it will be seen that in 1856 the value of dutiable goods which entered the Port of Montreal, amounted to £3,118,296, against £3,394,856 in 1857—showing an in-crease in favor of the year under this head of £276,560. The free list in 1856, however,