

The increase in Customs' duties collected at the Port of Montreal during the past seven years is shown by the subjoined statement :—

YEAR.	Total Value of Imports.	Total Value of Dutiable Goods.	Amount of Duty Paid.
	\$	\$	\$
1858	11,584,072	9,698,191	1,673,503
1859	15,690,340	12,025,690	2,335,190
1860	15,479,453	12,305,910	2,452,249
1861	16,814,161	12,459,496	2,391,820
1862	20,529,893	12,492,741	2,490,025
1863	18,841,485	12,803,793	2,988,621
1864	25,651,738	19,070,164	3,963,992

The increase in duties collected in 1864 over 1863, was 32½ per cent.; and these figures make it appear that this Port produced a revenue to Government in 1864, equal to 29½ per cent. of the entire Customs' revenue of the five British North American Provinces in 1863.

An important explanation must be made here, namely, that the imports and exports of Montreal, as given in the foregoing tables, are *exclusively* those entered at the Montreal Custom-House. Quantities of goods are also entered inward and outward, specially for or from this city, at the ports of St. Johns and Coaticook,—the exact figures not being easily ascertained, no account could be taken of them. The table in the next paragraph, however, affords a tolerably accurate view of the proportion of Montreal trade to that of all Canada with the United States.

TRADE OF MONTREAL, COMPARED WITH THAT OF CANADA.

In the section of this preliminary report which refers to the operation of the Reciprocity Treaty, there are statements of the import and export trade of Canada with the United States for a period of years. The following table (collated from returns furnished by the Collectors of Customs at Montreal, St. Johns, and Coaticook,) shows the relative proportions of the trade of this city to that of the whole Province :—

CALENDAR YEARS.	IMPORTATIONS.				EXPORTATIONS.	
	Dutiable Goods.	Free Goods.	TOTAL.	Per-centage of Total Provincial Imports.	Dutiable and Free.	Per-centage of Total Provincial Exports.
	\$	\$	\$		\$	
1856....	3,263,447	2,933,077	6,196,524	26½	2,738,342	15½
1857....	2,867,451	2,761,786	5,629,237	27½	3,699,386	28
1858....	2,714,393	2,199,917	4,914,310	31½	2,199,917	18½
1859....	3,090,656	3,079,660	6,170,316	35	4,180,217	30
1860....	2,907,350	2,934,892	5,842,242	33½	5,013,418	27½
1861....	2,368,785	2,745,565	5,114,350	24½	2,820,846	19½
1862....	1,740,732	4,022,729	5,763,461	23	3,699,129	24½
1863....	1,279,756	4,700,856	5,980,612	26	5,159,121	25½
1864 ½-yr	322,856	2,381,064	3,303,920	31½	2,066,286	26½

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