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A FINE RECORD.

The annual statement of the Allan Steam-
ship Company, showing the number of cattle
carried from Montreal and American ports
for the year 1892, has been issued. The record
is on the whole not quite as good as last year;
but so far as Montreal is concerned there is a
marked improvement. The statement is very
full and comprehensive, and the record shown
is another evidence of the beneficial results of
the Government regulations and the efficient
manner in which they were enforced by In-
spectors Pope and Morgan. The statement
shows that the company's steamers carried
during the season 63,963 head of cattle, 4,787
sheep and 1,708 horses, the losses being 411
cattle (.642 per cent.), 14 sheep (.295 per cent.),
15 horses (.878 per cent.)

The following table will show the number
of cattle carried from the different ports, with
the losses:—

Port.	Carried.	Lost.
Montreal	23,391	70
Boston	13,086	137
New York	12,502	65
Philadelphia	9,829	75
Baltimore	4,145	61
Portland	1,010	3
Totals	63,963	411

This statement shows that the percentage
of loss was lower from Montreal than from
any American port. For the sake of com-
parison the following figures will no doubt
prove interesting. During the year 1891 the
Allan steamers carried 60,294 cattle, 9,950
sheep, 863 horses, the loss being 417 cattle
(.642 per cent.), 14 sheep (.295 per cent.), 15
horses (.878 per cent.).—*Montreal Gazette.*

—The largest steam derrick in the world is
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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 15th, 1893.

ASHES.—There is little doing at the moment
of writing. Receipts for the first half of this
month have only been about 30 barrels; ship-
ped last week 20 barrels. Prices are stiffer,
and first quality pots may now be quoted at
\$4.30 to 4.40; seconds, \$3.65 to 3.70; pearls
nominal at \$5.25.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Our manufacturers in
this line are all busy, and at present are doing
a fair proportion of shipping in spring goods.
There is no special feature to note as to styles
or prices.

FURS.—Mail advices are now to hand, with
fuller particulars regarding the late London
sales. The unexpected advance is explained
by the statement that unusually severe weath-
er prevailed on the Continent during Decem-
ber and January, reducing stocks particularly
in Germany, and the attendance of buyers
was unprecedentedly large, so that the de-
pressed feeling of the past year was by no
means apparent in the prices realized. In
beaver, firsts only realized a small advance,
but seconds and thirds sold from 10 to 15 per
cent. higher. Of muskrat, 1,800,000 skins
were offered; large skins sold 20 per cent.
higher, but the bulk 10 per cent. higher.
Mink were keenly competed for, and were
purchased mainly for Germany, at from 40 to
50 per cent. advance. Of marten there was a
very small collection, and they sold 20 per
cent. higher. Russian sable brought 10 per
cent. advance. White fox, 15 per cent. ad-
vance; 4,200 red fox went to Leipzig at 10 per
cent. advance; grey fox, 20 per cent. advance.
A poor collection of black bear realized 10 per
cent. advance, brown bear the same, also
grizzly. Wolf skins were few and poor, and
sold at last rates. Coon began selling at 20
per cent. higher, moderating to 10 per cent.
Of skunk there was a good offering, and com-
petition was active, the advance being about
20 to 25 per cent. American possum remained
at last prices. Some 50,000 rabbits brought
25 advance. North-West salted seal remained
stationary for large sizes, but middlings and
smalls brought 10 per cent. advance. The
Lobos collection were of superior quality and
sold fully 20 per cent. higher.

FISH.—There has been a steady good de-
mand for the last two weeks, and stocks in
first hands are now very much reduced indeed,
being in some lines exhausted. Green cod is
very scarce, and No. 1 has been sold at \$6.50
to 7, No. 1 large \$7.50; dry cod \$4.50 to 5.
Labrador herrings have all been sold, even
out of jobbers' hands; C. B. and shore her-
rings, \$4.25 to 4.50; N. S. salmon scarce; No.
1, \$13.50 to 14; sea trout not at all plentiful.
Splits are quoted at \$9.50 to 10, round \$8.75 to
9. Frozen herrings have been very scarce,
but some very fair lots are expected shortly;
as high as \$2 per hundred is being asked.
Boneless cod is in good supply at 5½ to 6½
per pound.

GRAIN.—In the grain market there is nothing
to be noted of an interesting character. The
only trading that is being done consists of
moderate sales of coarse grains for local con-
sumption. We quote:—No. 2 hard Manitoba

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New Assurance taken in 1892,	2,676,250
Cash Income for 1892,	615,956
Cash Paid to Policy-Holders in 1892,	214,320
Assets, December 31, 1892, over	2,000,000

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