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branch of the real estate market is encouraging the operations of professional dealers and builders. Some of them have selected Westmount as the most popular field for their work.

The sales and loans (in the city and at Westmount) recorded during the month of October, for the last ten years are as follows ;

Octr.	No. of Sales.	Amounts.	Mortgage Loans.
1888	157	\$ 599,504	\$352,734
1889	209	936,307	297,272
1890	186	1,014,652	300,266
1891	203	917,360	495,488
1892	127	423,628	537,936
1893	113	572,865	440,864
1894	113	287,414	301,767
1895	127	300,736	503,935
1896	97	261,438	753,244
1897	133	555,026	414,993

There is very little to be said of the real estate auction market. Practically no business was transacted during the month, and it looks as if not much would be done this fall. Buyers often miss good opportunities by not attending auction sales, as the chances for securing bargains are more likely to be met with there than at any other time.

The sales recorded in Maisonneuve, de Lorimier, Mile End, Montreal Annex, Outremont, Cote des Neiges, Notre Dame de Grace, St. Henry and St. Cnnegonde amount to about \$114,500. Of this amount Montreal Annex contributed \$53,000, which includes a transfer of the McLaren grist mill property for \$35,000.

There were 133 real estate transfers in the City Wards and Town of Westmount recorded at the registry office during the month of October, the particulars of which are given in other columns, amounting to \$555,026 60.

St Antoine Ward	12	\$54,888 35
St Ann's Ward	4	39,660 00
Centre Ward	1	32,500 00
St James Ward	14	72,390 00
St Louis Ward	9	37,305 00
St Lawrence Ward	11	33,316 00
St Mary's Ward	15	37,761 00
St Jean Baptiste Ward	16	70,335 00
St Denis Ward	19	14,358 93
St Gabriel Ward	8	2,434 33
Hochelaga Ward	9	82,985 00
Westmount	20	127,142 99
	133	\$555,026 60

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