

CANAL TRAFFIC.

The dates on which the Lachine Canal was opened and closed in past sixteen years were :—

OPENED.	CLOSED.	OPENED.	CLOSED.
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.	1863.... 4th May	10th December.

The number of trips made upward and downward by vessels in the Inland trade during the season of 1863, were :—

Canadian Steamers, trips upward.....	1,067	
Do do trips downward.....	1,077	2,144
Canadian Sailing-craft, trips upward.....	4,282	
Do do trips downward.....	4,124	8,406
American Vessels, trips upward.....	82	
Do do trips downward.....	96	178
Total trips.....	10,728	
Number of Passengers carried from Montreal.....	7,590	
Do do to Montreal.....	16,844	24,434

Principal Articles Shipped Westward by Lachine Canal, 1863.

Wheat	bushels	20,559	Rags	tons	420
Peas	bushels	26,004	Miscellaneous Iron.....	tons	8,683
Corn	bushels	1,764	Window Glass	tons	749
Flour	barrels	26,037	Coffee	tons	50
Oatmeal	barrels	54	Dye Stuffs and Copperas.....	tons	142
Ashes	barrels	567	Hemp.....	tons	197
Pork.....	barrels	7,679	Molasses	tons	1,132
Lard.....	barrels	21	Paints.....	tons	283
Butter	kegs	484	Pitch, Rosin, and Tar.....	tons	319
Coals.....	tons	6,736	Soda Ash.....	tons	620
Pig Iron.....	tons	13,467	Steel.....	tons	691
Railroad Iron.....	tons	6,764	Earthen and Glass Ware.....	tons	1,986
Salt	tons	31,258	Sugar	tons	4,959
Fish	tons	2,481	Tin	tons	676
Nails.....	tons	3,085	Whiskey and Highwines....	tons	412

Total amount of Tolls collected, in Season 1863, \$90,501.67.