

This accumulating tonnage from our western plains and our eastern forests must call for a proportionate extension of export facilities which should attract tonnage to the St. Lawrence. Already Montreal has eighteen regular lines of steamers to transatlantic ports, exclusive of tramps. New York alone of the Atlantic ports exceeds this in number. Montreal has five regular lines to Liverpool and the same number to London, two lines to Glasgow and two to Hamburg, and one each to Bristol, Manchester, Belfast and Antwerp. Baltimore has twelve regular lines of steamships to Europe, Boston nine, and Philadelphia eight. No doubt all these Atlantic lines exceed Montreal in number and tonnage of vessels as well as in cargo carried, as they have twelve months navigation against seven for the St. Lawrence. The real significance of Montreal's eighteen regular lines of steamships is the demonstration, that, in spite of climatic drawbacks, or inferiority in other respects, the St. Lawrence is the route towards which northern exports will gravitate during its open season.

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I am indebted to the Director of the Meteorological Service, R. F. Stupart, Esq., for the tables of mean annual as well as minimum precipitation of rain and snow in all provinces, excepting British Columbia. Some of these figures are printed upon the map, in blue, to distinguish them from others in black showing the height of lakes, so far as known, above tide level.

The map will not be engraved in time to be bound with the "Transactions," but will be distributed later.