

MONTHS.	1863		1862	
	IMPORTS.	EXPORTS.	IMPORTS.	EXPORTS.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	155,946	721,102	124,081	13,310
February	257,900	219,653	26,000	1,909
March	216,162	365,940	2,879	110,114
April	343,969	426,519	109,100	15,400
May	206,894	23,031	4,515	36,319
June	137,543	328,266	165,342	379,853
July	576,590	102,370	139,039	787,233
August	295,021	19,548	435,044	191,222
September	82,841	111,624	444,430	135,439
October	331,665	701,595	673,741	224,231
November	351,979	884,145	786,135	95,614
December	145,802	808,181	186,496	852,985
TOTALS	3,102,312	4,711,974	3,094,802	2,843,620

The following table shows the steady increase in Customs' Duties collected at the Port of Montreal, until now that they constitute a large proportion of the entire Customs' Revenue of Canada:—

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

Within the past two years the arrangements connected with the movement of Grain at Kingston, *en route* for Montreal,—as well as the facilities in this city,—have been very much improved. Detention of vessels there, in 1861 and partly in 1862, caused serious difficulty and loss to vessel-owners,—so much so indeed, that they almost uniformly accepted from 2c. to 3c. less per bushel for Grain to Oswego than to Kingston. The handling of cereals at the latter place, however, was soon after greatly expedited; and during the Fall of 1862, and the entire shipping season of 1863, prompt discharge was ensured to all vessels. The elevators at Kingston, six in number, are capable of discharging 12,000 bushels of grain per hour; the storage capacity there is 100,000 bushels, and the carrying capacity of all craft employed in transportation in 1863, between that city and Montreal, was equal to 1,100,000 bushels per trip. Barges average thirteen round trips between Kingston and Montreal in a season; the capacity employed, therefore, would move about 15,000,000 bushels. This is exclusive of propellers and schooners in direct trade between Lake Michigan and this city. The average time for barges from Kingston is about 3 days; schooners from Lake Michigan, 15 to 18 days; propellers from Lake Michigan, 8 to 10 days.