

CANAL TRAFFIC.

The Lachine Canal was opened for traffic on 3rd May, 1869, and closed on 30th November.

The number of trips made upwards and downwards by vessels in the Inland Trade during the seasons of 1868 and 1869 were :—

	1869	1868
Canadian Steamers—Trips upward.....	1,376	1,437
Trips downward.....	1,363	1,410
	2,739	2,847
Canadian Sailing Craft—Trips upward.....	4,701	4,400
Trips downward.....	4,638	4,201
	9,339	8,601
American Vessels—Trips upward.....	211	147
Trips downward.....	199	142
	410	289
TOTAL TRIPS.....	12,488	11,737
Number of Passengers carried from Montreal.....	15,454	15,784
Number of Passengers carried to Montreal.....	30,257	29,582
TOTAL PASSENGERS.....	45,711	45,366

Principal Articles Shipped Westward by Lachine Canal during the past three years.

ARTICLES.	1869	1868	1867
Wheat..... Bushels.	60,253	40,920	21,846
Barley..... "	4,032	9,576	4,242
Corn..... "	11,304	14,328	9,576
Flour..... Barrels.	21,825	27,108	21,051
Oatmeal..... "	640	220	2,490
Ashes..... "	216	21	702
Pork..... "	1,491	1,127	2,310
Lard..... "	42		28
Butter..... Kegs.	82	88	88
Coals..... Tons.	20,099	36,915	19,322
Pig Iron..... "	39,184	14,521	34,434
Railroad Iron..... "	4,186	1,067	3,450
Salt..... "	13,095	18,986	10,055
Fish..... "	2,435	2,083	2,050
Nails..... "	3,048	3,664	3,382
Rags..... "	751	50	874
Miscellaneous Iron..... "	2,208	621	562
Window Glass..... "	1,218	1,055	901
Coffee..... "	7		30
Dye Stuffs and Copperas..... "	143	74	69
Hemp..... "	8	11	2
Molasses..... "	1,557	3,376	1,062
Paints..... "	255	242	259
Pitch, Rosin and Tar..... "	1,067	633	288
Soda Ash..... "	1,683	954	914
Steel..... "	534	201	355
Earthen and Glassware..... "	1,941	2,244	3,083
Sugar..... "	3,297	5,646	7,606
Tin..... "	696	801	963
Whiskey and Highwines..... "	861	1,103	852
Oil..... "	1,101	1,326	876