

## SUGARS AND MOLASSES.

*Quantities and Values of Sugar and Molasses Imported during past Three Years.*

ARTICLES.	1865		1864		1863	
	Quantities.	Value.	Quantities.	Value.	Quantities.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
Refined Sugar lbs.	724,202	42,131	25,826	2,036	219,629	12,365
Raw Sugar ..lbs.	30,685,668	1,374,400	22,462,010	1,146,922	21,559,607	863,993
Molasses ....gals.	2,075,583	425,271	1,480,684	338,330	956,900	166,103
TOTALS.....	.....	1,841,802	.....	1,487,282	.....	1,042,461

These figures show largely increased importations of each of the articles mentioned, —the excess in raw and refined sugars being particularly noticeable. There were large direct importations. The business done in 1865, both for home consumption and exportation, was very satisfactory.

The demand for Refined Sugar appears to be upon the increase. There are now (March, 1866,) two Refineries in operation in Montreal; and it is supposed that their united power to manufacture, if fully employed, would be equal to about 600 barrels per day,—say 35,000,000 lbs. per annum,—or a quantity five times greater than the estimated sales during 1865, which were believed to be about 7,000,000 lbs.

The stocks of Sugars and Molasses in hands of Importers here, on the dates specified, were :—

DESCRIPTION.	1866			1865			1864			1863		
	1st January.			1st January.			1st January.			1st January.		
	Hhds.	Tres.	Brls.	Hhds.	Tres.	Brls.	Hhds.	Tres.	Brls.	Hhds.	Tres.	Brls.
SUGARS:—												
Cuba .....	1,201	15	169	725	115	130	372	3	....	655	69	321
Porto Rico.....	306	....	....	225	....	....	305	....	....	574	55	47
TOTALS.....	1,507	15	169	950	115	130	677	3	....	1,229	124	368
	Puns.	Tres.	Brls.	Puns.	Tres.	Brls.	Puns.	Tres.	Brls.	Puns.	Tres.	Brls.
MOLASSES:—												
Clayed .....	534	50	....	197	43	....	280	90	....	821	64	61
Muscovado.....	513	58	11	340	19	251	....	20	11	256	54	75
TOTALS.....	1,047	108	11	667	62	251	280	110	11	1,077	118	136

REFINED.—Prices at the Refinery during the past two years, are given in parallel columns on next page :—