

ASHES.

The traffic in this product of the forest has been largely increased within the past year or two. Receipts by Grand Trunk Railway in 1863 were 17,046 barrels; in 1862, 16,426 barrels; in 1861, 10,611 barrels,—showing an increase last year over the one preceding of 620 barrels, and over 1861 of 6,435 barrels. Receipts by Lachine Canal in 1863 were 13,362 barrels; in 1862, 10,772 barrels; in 1861, 11,402 barrels;—increase in 1863 over 1862, 2,590 barrels. Receipts by Montreal and Champlain Railroad in 1863 were 1,158 barrels; by River-craft, 597 barrels. These figures leave a wide margin for Ashes brought into the city by teams, as will be seen on comparing the totals in table below.

Receipts of Ashes at Inspection Stores for Three Years.

MONTH.	1863			1862			1861		
	POTS.	PEARLS.	TOTAL.	POTS.	PEARLS.	TOTAL.	POTS.	PEARLS.	TOTAL.
	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.
January	2,446	492	2,938	1,453	406	1,859	1,285	298	1,583
February	1,908	412	2,320	1,432	302	1,734	767	152	919
March	2,338	293	2,631	1,344	216	1,560	1,286	334	1,620
April	1,144	233	1,377	1,228	292	1,520	655	115	770
May	3,542	747	4,289	2,592	567	3,159	3,292	827	4,119
June	3,401	744	4,145	2,875	789	3,664	2,478	716	3,194
July	4,664	1,283	5,947	3,782	1,734	5,516	3,115	1,032	4,147
August	3,514	1,826	5,340	3,636	1,878	5,514	2,794	1,366	4,160
September	2,331	1,528	3,859	2,544	1,448	3,992	2,204	1,203	3,407
October	3,041	1,249	4,290	2,664	1,285	3,949	2,235	960	3,195
November	2,727	1,186	3,913	2,551	986	3,537	1,778	739	2,517
December	1,889	723	2,612	2,224	505	2,729	966	288	1,254
TOTALS..	32,945	10,716	43,661	28,325	10,408	38,733	22,855	8,030	30,885

According to this Statement, the increase in Receipts last year over 1862 was 4,928 barrels, the difference being nearly altogether in Pots; increase in 1863 over 1861, 12,776 barrels.

There were 26,633 barrels of Ashes shipped to trans-Atlantic and other ports during navigation in 1863,—their destinations being particularized on page 14. The quantity which found an outlet *via* Portland in 1863 was 8,024 barrels; 4,185 barrels were dispatched by the Montreal and Champlain Railroad to New York, a considerable proportion of them being Pearls; while 577 barrels were shipped westward by Lachine Canal and St. Lawrence River.

In connection with these shipments to New York by Railroad it may be stated, that the manufacture of Ashes in the State of Pennsylvania is alleged to be almost wholly suspended; and that those engaged in the trade in that City have found it necessary to seek supplies in this market.

These figures, however, do not accurately represent deliveries; they are fully shown in the annexed table.