

## PRELIMINARY REPORTS.

"These new works are of the greatest interest to the Department, not only because they occupy precisely the ground where it had been already proposed to build new locks on the enlargement of the canal, but because the question of a proper terminus to our inland navigation is one of the highest importance to the commerce of the country.

"The great consideration of such a terminus is, that ocean vessels, lake boats, railway carriages, elevating warehouses, flouring mills, and general wharfrage, should all be in convenient communication with each other. To the proprietors of vessels, facilities for loading and unloading, insuring celerity and despatch, are even of greater importance than the mere reduction or the entire removal of tolls."

## EXPORTS AND IMPORTS AT PORT OF MONTREAL.

The progress of the export and import trade of Montreal, since it was constituted a Port of Entry, is shown in the following table:—

| YEAR.  | SEA-GOING VESSELS. |          | VALUE OF EXPORTS. | VALUE OF IMPORTS. | YEAR.  | SEA-GOING VESSELS. |          | VALUE OF EXPORTS. | VALUE OF IMPORTS. |
|--------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
|        | No.                | Tonnage. |                   |                   |        | No.                | Tonnage. |                   |                   |
|        |                    |          | \$                | \$                |        |                    |          | \$                | \$                |
| 1833.. | 133                | 30,769   | 1,691,360         | 3,475,648         | 1849.. | 144                | 37,425   | 1,935,592         | 6,749,636         |
| 1834.. | 89                 | 20,259   | 800,076           | 2,234,544         | 1850.. | 211                | 46,156   | 1,744,772         | 7,174,780         |
| 1835.. | 108                | 22,873   | 1,080,808         | 3,783,864         | 1851.. | 231                | 55,660   | 2,319,228         | 9,178,840         |
| 1836.. | 98                 | 22,289   | 1,209,192         | 4,845,568         | 1852.. | 184                | 45,439   | 2,727,464         | 9,245,884         |
| 1837.. | 91                 | 22,668   | 989,916           | 3,375,704         | 1853.. | 245                | 59,500   | 2,983,044         | 14,014,788        |
| 1838.. | 65                 | 14,441   | 872,079           | 2,601,168         | 1854.. | 253                | 70,740   | 1,833,640         | 16,221,004        |
| 1839.. | 110                | 24,311   | 966,936           | 5,764,384         | 1855.. | 199                | 48,139   | 1,910,844         | 12,372,580        |
| 1840.. | 137                | 31,266   | 1,677,124         | 5,036,676         | 1856.. | 232                | 69,962   | 3,815,564         | 16,144,694        |
| 1841.. | 208                | 50,277   | 2,737,772         | 5,663,248         | 1857.. | 209                | 65,712   | 2,917,340         | 16,848,540        |
| 1842.. | 172                | 43,156   | 1,714,644         | 8,075,840         | 1858.. | 191                | 70,183   | 3,042,940         | 11,584,072        |
| 1843.. | 151                | 35,682   | 1,512,192         | 4,745,540         | 1859.. | 193                | 85,319   | 3,044,762         | 15,690,340        |
| 1844.. | 207                | 49,635   | 2,992,076         | 9,902,124         | 1860.. | 259                | 121,599  | 6,020,715         | 15,479,453        |
| 1845.. | 210                | 51,848   | 2,777,096         | 10,459,644        | 1861.. | 574                | 261,793  | 10,415,738        | 16,814,161        |
| 1846.. | 219                | 55,566   | 2,617,220         | 9,215,632         | 1862.. | 571                | 265,243  | 8,765,594         | 20,529,893        |
| 1847.. | 234                | 63,381   | 3,363,668         | 8,253,680         | 1863.. | 504                | 209,224  | 7,557,799         | 18,841,885        |
| 1848.. | 162                | 41,811   | 1,542,316         | 6,829,736         | 1864.. | 378                | 161,901  | 5,654,186         | 25,651,738        |

The values of dutiable and free goods imported during the past four years were:—

| CLASS OF GOODS.                           | 1864       | 1863       | 1862       | 1861       |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                           | \$         | \$         | \$         | \$         |
| Paying specific duties.....               | 39,796     | 43,016     | 17,100     | 6,974      |
| Paying specific and <i>ad val.</i> duties | 3,713,277  | 2,814,722  | 1,606,498  | 62,062     |
| Paying 30 per cent. " "                   | 135,626    | 201,996    | 249,668    | 267,286    |
| Paying 25 " " "                           | 80,953     | 53,512     | 99,985     | 541,429    |
| Paying 20 " " "                           | 13,504,008 | 8,698,327  | 8,099,139  | 9,439,834  |
| Paying 15 " " "                           | 647        | 447        | 537,490    | 1,641,036  |
| Paying 10 " " "                           | 1,595,857  | 1,235,864  | 2,233,243  | 1,127,449  |
| Free Goods, Coin and Bullion..            | 1,448,013  | 949,989    | 1,638,818  | .....      |
| Other Free Goods.....                     | 5,133,561  | 4,844,012  | 6,047,952  | 3,728,091  |
| TOTALS.....                               | 25,651,738 | 18,841,885 | 20,529,893 | 16,814,161 |

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