

harbour receipts in the year 1875, over those of the previous year, of \$476.96, the receipts for the year amounting to \$11,728.09, while the expenditure amounted to \$25,671.18.

2,439 vessels entered the harbour during the season of 1875, of which 1,574 were sailing vessels and the others steamboats and propellers. There was a falling off from the season of 1874 of 84 vessels. The sum of \$12,983.44 was expended by the Harbour Trust in dredging operations and in other works, \$4,974.99, making a total expenditure of \$17,958.43. The expenditure for the past three years has amounted to \$50,818.80, and the receipts from harbour dues for the same period, \$33,457.85.

The Report of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, embracing the report of the Harbour Master and Harbour Engineer, for the year ended 31st December last, will be found, as already stated, in Supplement No. 2. From the returns made by the Harbour Master, it appears that during the past season 642 sea-going vessels, having a total tonnage of 386,112 tons, arrived in port. The number of the previous year was 731, with a gross tonnage of 423,423, showing a decrease during the past season of 89 vessels and 37,301 tons. From the comparative statement for the last ten years, made by the Harbour Master, it appears that the number of sea-going vessels that entered port last season, and amount of tonnage, is the smallest since the year 1871. The number of inland vessels that entered port last season was 6,178, having a gross tonnage of 811,410 tons, against 6,855 that entered in 1874 with a gross tonnage of 956,837 tons. The returns of inland tonnage are smaller than in any year since 1869. It would appear from these returns that during the past season there has been a considerable falling off in the arrivals at Montreal, both of sea-going and inland vessels, owing, no doubt, to the depressed state of trade.

The revenues of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, as will appear from the statements furnished for the year ended 31st December last, amounted to \$248,025.75, against \$280,021.45 for the previous year, showing a decrease of \$31,995.70.

The receipts from other sources, including proceeds of sale of debentures, interest and receipts from the Dominion Government, amounted to \$299,383, making the total receipts \$547,409.52, while the total expenditure on account of improvements, payment of debentures, etc., amounted to \$730,089.85. It will be seen by the report of the Secretary, that the operations within the harbour during the past season, have been on a more extensive scale than in any previous year—\$149,423.59 has been expended in deepening the ship channel between Montreal and Quebec.

From the report of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners and accompanying statements, it appears that the sum of \$67,469.09 was received by the Commissioners as revenue from the rent of wharves, tonnage and other dues, during the past year, while the expenditure amounted to \$64,999.29. Of the revenue stated \$26,111.49