Montreal Harbor Statistics.

The reports of trade passing through Montreal harbor, which were placed before the Harbor Commission recently, showed that though there were increases in both imports and exports, there was a decrease in the number of vessels trading with the port. There was also a considerable increase in revenue, chiefly due to imports, the total increase over the previous year being \$25,830, of which \$20,000 was due to the increased imports. The totals for the year from the opening of navigation to Dec. 31 were:

	1907	1906
Imports	\$225,000.00	\$209,000.00
Exports	95,500.00	91,500.00
l ocal traffic	51,330.60	48,500.71
Total	#274 923 63	#240 000 71

Number of steam and sailing vessels arriving in port, with tonnage, during 1907, compared with 1906:

	1907		1906	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage
Steam	742	1,925,986	787	1,961.859
Sailing			33	11,364
To al	742	1,925,986	820	1,973,223

That no ocean-going sailing vessels used the port during the year is explained by the that the cargoes of sugar, etc., inward and lumber outward shipped under sail in former years are now monopolized entirely by steamers. Of oversea vessels arriving during the year there was a decrease of 18, as compared with the previous year. The business of the lower ports was: entered, 321 vessels, all classes, 531,189 tons; cleared, 93

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vessels, all classes, 61,350 tons; against 376 vessels, 590,935 tons, entered, and 101 vessels, 72,967 tons, cleared, during 1906. The total importation of coal by the St. Lawrence route was 1,555,504 tons, compared with 1,655,454 tons in the previous year. During December there was an average depth of water in the 30 ft. harbor channel of 33 ft., and in the 27½ ft. channel of 29 ft. 10 ins., as compared with a depth of of 29 ft. 10 ins., as compared with a depth of

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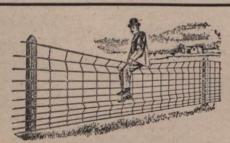
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