history of the growth of the trade and commerce of Canada since the time when Montreal was merely an outport of Quebec in 1832, when the channel between those two cities was scarcely 14 feet in depth, would be impossible at this time, but he would give them a few figures and facts which would bear out his statement that, in proportion to the size of our population, we had within the last fifty years outstripped in trade and commerce any other country. It was very gratifying to be able to speak of these things in the presence of one, who, for nearly forty years, had been so closely indentified with the trade, commerce and government of this country; and might they not say that much of the prosperity of this country which we were so proud of to-day, was attributable to those wise statesmen who had successively through this long period down to the present time guarded the interests of trade and promoted commercial intercourse beyond our borders. [Applause.]

The Imports at the Port of Montreal, had, in 1835, been \$3,543,600; in 1840, \$5,428,263; in 1845, \$8,515,324; in 1850, \$7,835,775; in 1855, \$15,120,321; in 1860, \$16,019,584; in 1865, \$24,301,702; in 1870, \$31,524,861; in 1875, \$35,106,948; in 1880, \$42,412,648, and in 1882, \$50,527,497.

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This had, he remarked, been in Imports a gain of 1,400 per cont., and, in Exports, of about 2,400 per cent. He went on to speak of the tonnage and class of vessels which had visited this port from 1835 to the present, which the following tabulated statement will best illustrate :---

	No. Steam.	Tonnage.	No. Sail.	Tonnage.	Total No.	Total Tonnage		
1835			•		(108	22,873		
1840	(There were no separate figures				137	31,266		
1845	previous to 1855, but all were sailing ships.)				210	51,848	4	
1850					211	46,156		
1855	6	5.545	197	48,454	203	53,999	INLAND CRAFT.	
1860	37	45,385	222	76,174	259	121,359	No. Toun	age.
1865	63	78,015	295	74,928	358	152,943	4,771 626	,550
1870	144	133,912	536	182,934	680	316,846	6,345 819	476
1875	256	255 35	386	130,677	642	386,112	6,178 811	,410
1880	354	475,741	356	152,530	710	628,271	6,489 1,044	380
1882	379	475,679	259	79,013	648	554,692	5,947 848	,780