

aggregate tonnage of vessels arriving in port is in excess of all previous years excepting 1898, when special reasons (referred to in the Port Warden's report) largely increased the shipping business of this port.

YEARS.	Sea-going Vessels arrived in Port.	Total Tonnage.	Value of Merchandise Exported.	Value of Merchandise Imported.	Customs Duties Collected.
1899.....	801	1,517,611	\$64,040,982	\$65,018,544	\$8,918,906
1898.....	868	1,584,072	62,729,180	61,117,703	8,188,891
1897.....	796	1,379,002	55,156,956	47,036,196	6,992,360
1896.....	709	1,216,468	49,160,364	45,900,270	6,619,400
1895.....	640	1,069,386	40,348,197	41,996,686	6,463,103
1894.....	734	1,096,909	40,401,392	42,514,582	6,087,625
1893.....	804	1,151,777	47,700,433	53,796,227	7,038,403
1892.....	735	1,036,707	45,638,275	47,670,361	6,812,083
1891.....	725	938,657	39,344,783	48,418,569	7,297,228
1890.....	746	930,332	32,027,176	45,159,124	9,201,426
1889.....	695	823,165	32,638,270	47,415,620	9,321,981
1888.....	655	782,473	24,049,638	39,856,283	8,778,341
1887.....	767	870,773	29,391,858	43,391,715	8,745,526
1886.....	703	859,699	27,925,916	42,086,266	8,362,618
1885.....	629	683,854	25,209,813	37,042,660	6,682,529
1884.....	626	649,374	27,458,775	41,859,299	6,787,721
1883.....	660	664,263	27,122,891	44,073,915	7,730,637
1882.....	648	554,692	26,503,001	50,527,497	8,395,653
1881.....	569	931,929	25,997,155	41,774,660	7,672,268
1880.....	710	628,271	32,245,941	42,412,648	6,349,789

At the close of 1898 the improvement works in the Harbour of Montreal were still in the preliminary stage, but during the past twelve months one pier has been completed, and there is every prospect of the work being pushed forward to rapid completion.

THE HARBOUR.

In view of the very general interest evoked by the proposals of a syndicate to the Harbour Commissioners for the erection of a grain elevator in the harbour, the Council submitted the question at the April quarterly meeting, but the proceedings were so lengthy that, before a vote was reached on the resolution submitted, the attendance, large at first, had dwindled to less than the required number (75) for a *quorum*, and so no decision was arrived at.

The position of matters remained unchanged until Saturday, June 17, when the Minister of Public Works paid a hurried visit to this city for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the organizations interested with