

IRON. IRON-WORKS. COAL.

The industrial enterprise of Montreal is perhaps as strikingly manifest in the Iron-Works of various kinds in the city and vicinity, as in any other department of business. The short space of eight or ten years has afforded opportunity for large increase.

Besides the works alluded to in the following notice, there are now within the City limits twelve Foundries, and with each of these fitting and finishing shops are connected. There are also three Rolling Mills; while since 1859 five Nail Factories have been established,—one of the latter having manufactured 2,500 tons of iron into nails and spikes during 1863; the consumption of coal in that establishment in the same year being about 5,000 tons.

A note-worthy fact connected with the progress of these Iron-Works is that during the past few years there has been a steady increase in the quantity of Pig-Iron imported, and a lessened consumption in the city of certain kinds of Manufactured Iron. They also involve an immense consumption of Coal,—the quantity required for the manufacture of Iron from the Pig being about two tons of the former to one ton of the latter.

The value of Pig-Iron imported in 1863 cannot be very accurately ascertained,—that article having been classed with Pig-Lead and Pig-Copper, their united value being \$287,195. The value of the Coal noted at the Custom-House as imported during the same year, was \$152,353. This sum perhaps includes trans-Atlantic cargoes at the invoice price at port of shipment. The receipts of Coal at the Port of Montreal in 1863 embraced 14,423 tons of Anthracite from the United States, valued here at a trifle over \$99,000.

IRON AND HARDWARE.

The following table shows the values of Imports during the past three years:—

DESCRIPTION.	1863	1862	1861
	Value.	Value.	Value.
	\$	\$	\$
Polished Cutlery	72,286	56,126	88,806
Britannia Metal Ware, &c	1,500	611	3,600
Spades, Shovels, Axes, &c	24,765	44,815	39,549
Spikes, Nails, Tacks, &c	61,168	52,100	72,440
Stoves and other Iron Castings..	42,820	38,370	37,717
Other articles	452,191	420,615	443,749

All kinds of hardware have been in fair demand during the past year. Stocks are now light, in consequence of limited importations last fall,—accounted for to a considerable extent by the rise in price of iron noticed on next page. The decrease in Spades, Shovels, Axes, &c., apparent from the above figures, is attributable to another cause. There is now a large quantity of Domestic Hardware Goods manufactured in Montreal, and its immediate vicinity, which are well adapted to the wants of the country, and reputed to be of better quality and finer finish than the same class of goods made in Sheffield and Birmingham,—sold, too, at as low prices. They consist principally of Malleable and Cast-Iron Goods,—Mill, Circular and Cross-Cut Saws,—Nails, Spikes, Axes, Spades, Shovels, Grain-Scoops, Scythes, Augers, Auger-bits, and Edge Tools generally; and their manufacture affords steady employment to a large number of mechanics.

According
kinds of Iron

Canada Plate
Galvanized a
Wire, Nail a
Bar, Rod, or
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Wheels
Boiler Plate
Railroad Bar
Rolled Plate
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