

British Companies.		
Commercial Union.....	\$ 127,253	\$ 65,287
Guardian.....	50,805	24,275
Imperial.....	126,945	105,942
Lancashire.....	71,455	46,393
Liverpool and London and Globe.....	138,480	193,477
London.....	47,450	16,544
North British & Mercantile.....	292,563	220,639
Northern.....	60,830	44,184
Phoenix.....	182,030	121,577
Queen.....	160,594	123,729
Royal.....	361,514	293,758
Scottish Commercial.....	37,446	9,977
Total.....	\$1,637,465	\$1,266,782
American Companies.		
Aetna.....	\$ 152,835	\$ 113,761
Hartford.....	96,054	65,394
Phoenix.....	15,506	2,558
Total.....	\$ 264,395	\$ 181,713
Grand total.....	\$3,605,828	\$2,624,559

U. S. FOREIGN IRON TRADE FOR FIVE YEARS.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Edward Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, we have received such information that we are enabled to present the table appended hereto of the total value of the imports and exports of iron and steel and manufactures thereof for each of the calendar years ended December 31, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875.

Calendar years.	Imports.	Domestic Exports.
1871.....	\$47,919,226	\$15,206,179
1872.....	61,724,227	14,360,617
1873.....	43,764,670	16,687,754
1874.....	24,660,720	20,460,732
1875.....	15,273,315	20,417,635

The above exports include iron and steel and such manufactures thereof as carwheels, stoves, machinery, steam engines, cutlery, firearms, agricultural implements, scales, sewing machines, fire-engines, etc. While the exports of 1875 exhibit a slight falling off as compared with 1874, their value far exceeds that of the iron and steel imports for 1875. In 1874 the excess of imports over exports was \$4,139,988; in 1875 the excess of exports over imports was \$5,144,320, which is certainly a very gratifying exhibit to American iron manufacturers.

The leading articles imported in 1875, the weight of which can be ascertained from Dr. Young's tables, are as follows: pig iron, 66,457 net tons; castings, 23 tons; bar iron, 24,591 tons; boiler iron, 46 tons; band, hoop and scroll iron, 228 tons; iron rails, 1,942 tons; steel rails, 16,316 tons; sheet iron, 3,616 tons; old and scrap iron, 25,856 tons; anchors, cables and chains, 2,004 tons. The value of the pig iron, bar iron, iron rails, steel rails, and sheet iron imported in 1875 was \$5,365,608, being more than one third of the total value of the imports of iron and steel and their manufactures.—*Iron and Steel Bulletin.*

—The Messrs. Eaton, of Eatonville, Nova Scotia, have done a large business in lumbering this winter, having hauled about 3,000,000 feet of logs for their steam mills, started a few days ago. They have about 1,250,000 feet of sawn lumber on hand, and have effected large sales in England for summer delivery. In addition to the sawn lumber business, they have put out and moulded, during the winter, the frame for a ship of 1,500 tons register, and are now engaged in getting out another ship frame.

WINE YIELD.—The following is an estimate of Wine production in the principal countries of the world:

Austria and her provinces, acres	2,685,950
" " " " " galls	714,000,000
Greece & Grecian Islands, acres	41,871
" " " " " galls	8,160,000
Italy, acres.....	2,887,970
" galls.....	1,251,000,000
Switzerland and Belgium, acres	67,400
" galls.....	2,550,000
France, acres.....	5,013,774
" galls.....	884,000,000
Spain, acres.....	955,000
" galls.....	144,000,500
Portugal, acres.....	238,751
" galls.....	25,500,000
Germany acres.....	359,143
" galls.....	210,500,000

Estimating the cash value of the product at twenty-five cents per gallon, the following figures, give us some idea of the amount of revenue the wine business yields in Europe:

Austria and her provinces.....	\$178,500,000
Greece.....	2,040,000
Italy.....	318,750,000
Switzerland and Belgium.....	637,500
France.....	221,000,000
Spain.....	36,125,000
Portugal.....	6,375,000
Germany.....	13,026,250

SHIPBUILDING IN KENT COUNTY (N.B.)

In Richibucto Town Henry O'Leary, Esq., M.P.P., is building a barque of 400 tons, which he expects to launch in August. The vessel will be owned by a company, among whom are Capt. Wm. Bulmer, who takes eight shares. Mr. P. O'Mullin, of Halifax, and Messrs. James D. Sowerby, and Martin Flanagan of Richibucto, four shares. Hon. W. M. Kelly and Messrs. James D. Phinney and Robert Caie, each two shares, and Hon. Edward Willis, of St. John, one share. The remaining shares will be taken by the builder and some gentlemen whose names have not as yet been made known. At Kingston, Messrs. J. & T. Jardine have a fine barque of 800 tons nearly ready for launching. On the arrival of the rigging they propose to launch, when the keel of another craft will be laid, which these enterprising builders hope to have ready for sea this fall.

At Bass River Mr. Robert Brown has a barque of 1000 tons, well advanced towards completion. This craft which is being built for a Glasgow firm will have a very high class, and it is claimed, will be the finest vessel constructed in Kent County. On the Big Buctouche River, six miles above the bridge, Mr. John McNairn is building a barque for Geo. McLeod, Esq., M. P. P., to be launched about July. Mr. McNairn has the reputation of being a first-class builder. The barque "Annie McNairn" and the barquentine "Sutherland" were constructed by him.

There are several other smaller crafts in frame on the Richibucto River below Kingston Bridge, viz., one by Mr. George Long, and another by Mr. William Eddy, both to be launched this year; one by Mr. J. Dickinson and another by Messrs. Wright Bros. to be launched in 1877.—*Ex.*

NEW BOOK.—A reprint from the Times. The annual summaries for a quarter of a century, 1851 to 1875 inclusive. 598 pages 16mo., paper covers 30 cents; cloth 60 cents. For sale by Dawson Bros., Montreal.

The period embraced by these reviews is perhaps of greater interest to the adult portion of the present generation than any equal portion of the *Times* career. The value to be attached to them answers to a knowledge of that middle place between news and history which is always more useful to practical business men than either one or the other, and is somewhat the position which the best reviews of the day aim at in their relation to them.

—The *Kingston Whig* says: Vessel men are complaining of the discouraging effects of the present dulness. Several craft have been obliged to sail for the west light, being unable to get any upward freight. Bad as was the outlook at this date last year, they say it bears no comparison to the present prospects. Downward freights, too, are such as to be little inducement to carriers to leave "in ordinary" for trade, which at best is scarcely remunerative.

—A London (Ont.) paper, commenting on the exports and imports for the first quarter of 1876, gathers some comfort, and says the record does not show so badly as grumblers led us to expect. Imports have decreased and exports have increased. The aggregate exports were \$6,682,860, as against \$4,941,151 for the corresponding period last year; an increase in favor of 1876 of \$1,741,709, or about 35 per cent. In detail the exports compare as follows:—

Produce of Mine.....	\$ 74,399	\$ 104,910
" " Fisheries.....	984,164	954,635
" " Forest.....	464,440	387,193
Animals and their produce.....	1,278,658	1,677,772
Agricultural products.....	1,314,396	2,245,269
Manufactures.....	420,208	647,343

The lumber interest has not improved, but the foreign market for Canadian manufactures has grown better, and the grain movement is in excess of last year. The aggregate importations for the quarter were \$18,552,611, as against \$20,877,849 in the corresponding period of 1875.

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MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, MAY 25th, 1876.

The business of the week has been marked by no change for better or worse. A fair business continues to be done in most departments, but remittances are discouraging. The fine weather is having a beneficial effect on the crops. Money is still easy and credit the very opposite.

ASHES.—Receipts have not been quite so heavy though fully equal to the demand. Sales about 500 brls. First Pots at \$4.15 to \$4.20; Seconds, \$3.40; Thirds scarce and nominal, but not required for. The market closes steady. In Pearls we have nothing to report, the latest sale noted was at \$5.25; Seconds continue dull with no business doing. Pots have again declined in Liverpool. The receipts for the year to date have been 5042 brls. Pots and 279 brls. Pearls; the deliveries, 2523 brls. Pots and 219 brls. Pearls; and the stock in store this evening was 4600 brls. Pots, and 1065 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has been some demand for light goods the past week, stocks of which are quite low. The spring trade seems, however, to be nearly over, and manufacturers are turning their attention to fall production. See *Prices Current.*

CATTLE.—At the St. Gabriel market on Monday there were 20 carloads of cattle and three cars of hogs offered for sale. Business was not so active as that of the previous week. There was a slight increase in prices. Some distillery