

Montreal, 5th February.

We are now enabled to lay before our readers a comparative statement of the value of the Imports and Exports at Quebec during the last ten years; and though it is not official; nor do we pretend that it is exactly correct, yet it may serve to shew the increasing importance of CANADA in a commercial point of view.

Years.	Imports.	Exports. Furs & Peltries not included.
1815	£2,763,045	£243,923.
1816	2,111,691	435,378
1817	1,205,818	646,039
1818	1,223,756	686,869
1819	1,426,471	736,979
1820	1,167,907	797,556
1821	889,698	512,764
1822	1,060,026	757,020
1823	1,019,247	794,043
1824	1,212,217	925,433

On Monday last the Honourable James Reid was sworn into the office of Chief Justice of the district of Montreal, on which occasion the whole of the Bar with the Sheriff and Prothonotaries paid their respects to him in the Judges' Chambers.

The Chief Justice and Judges shortly after went on the Bench, when Stephen Sewell, Esqr. Doyen of the Bar, rose, and addressed his honor the Chief Justice as follows:—

"May it please your Honor,

"The Gentlemen of this Bar through me beg leave to offer you their sincere and respectful congratulations on your appointment to the high and important office of Chief Justice of the District of Montreal which his Majesty has been pleased in his wisdom to confer upon you. Were it permitted to the Gentlemen of this Bar to express what had been their wishes on this occasion, I do assure your Honor that in your appointment those have been fully met, convinced as they unanimously are, from past

experience that in your hands the arduous and extensive duties of that office will be performed in a manner to be excelled by none."

To which his honor the Chief Justice was pleased to reply in an address to the Bar at some length, in which his Honor in a style the most impressive returned thanks to the gentlemen for their congratulations offered to him on the occasion. He said that in the performance of his duties he should receive from his brethren on the bench the greatest assistance. That to the talents and unremitted exertions of the gentlemen who preceded him in office was owing all the rules and the regularity which reigned in the practice of this Court. That for himself he had been associated to practice with several of the gentlemen still at the bar, and when he looked through the greatly increased numbers now before him, he knew that talents were not wanting among them, he knew that they existed in a way to be highly serviceable to the country, but he should fail in his duty if he did not recommend to them unanimity in all their proceedings. Honorable and liberal conduct in practice formed the basis of the character of an advocate; this should beget a reciprocal confidence between the Bench and the Bar. As talents among the younger members were not wanting, he would advise, that in order to reach that eminence in the profession which he hoped was the ambition of all, they would employ the time not given to practice to a continued study of the law, and above all things to consider the deposit of their clients, monies in their hands as sacred. There remained one more point of importance which he would take leave on this occasion to mention, and that was to recommend to unite themselves in a society. He believed that something of the kind did already exist, but it ought to be