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wheat, and a falling off in corn and oats. The receipts of butter, wool, hides, seeds, potatoes, coal, cotton, tobacco—all show a handsome increase. We are inclined to think that Chicago does not stand alone in these experiences, but that many communities, as well as many individuals, who were "talking blue" all last year, were simply following the force of the habit acquired by contagion at the time of the September panic, the year before, rather than giving utterance to their actual experiences. Of course, nothing that is here said is to be understood as questioning the unfavorable facts which continue to confront us as to the backward condition of many of the leading industries of the country. There is but little probability, in the prevailing temper of the public mind, that these will be overlooked in any event; and as the tendency is to lose sight of the "silver lining" in the chronic gazing on the black cloud of dead and gone September, it is but right to let it have a fair place in the foreground.

The Montreal Herald says:—

Within the past few years the progress made by the Dominion of Canada is probably unexampled in the history of any of the British Colonies. The success which has attended the efforts of our people in almost all their operations is a remarkable instance of the triumph of enterprise, energy and perseverance over natural difficulties. Our neighbors across the line are proverbially an enterprising people, but Canadians whether by birth or adoption seem to be actuated by the same spirit, prompted to action by the same motives, and encouraged in their work by the same noble aspirations. Twenty-five years ago the total value of goods entered at the port of Montreal only amounted to a little over seven million dollars. Since that year the trade of Canada

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has been steadily increasing. Our commercial relations with the different mercantile countries of the world have been gradually extending. Our shipping has seen so augmented that now Canada ranks fourth in the list of the great shipping powers of the world. The leading states of Europe send us a portion of their productions; China and Japan we are dependent on for our tea, Africa is made to contribute to our tropical produce, South America and the West India Islands send us their sugar, molasses, fruit, etc., while our business connection with the neighboring republic is annually assuming larger proportions. The following statement will show the imports at Montreal, and the countries whence imported, during the year ending 30th June, 1874:—

Countries whence Imported.	Amount of Duties.	Value entered.
Great Britain	\$2,578,615	\$27,061,720
United States	1,064,199	9,450,983
France	507,576	1,521,007
Germany	170,905	667,575
Belgium	37,236	235,034
Switzerland	19,691	132,772
Spain	77,754	323,695
Portugal	17,204	64,297
Italy	2,050	16,505
Sicily	5,511	13,716
Austria	4	300
Denmark	—	8
Prussia	16	136
Asia	193	1,135
Africa	148	980
Greece	2,270	15,458
Holland	152,813	120,632
China	9,697	675,306
Japan	11,227	296,144
Venezuela	—	13,170
Brazil	134,111	439,316
Java	101	906
Spanish West Indies	192,772	522,229
Dutch West Indies	—	7,908
Dutch East Indies	53	7,704
British East Indies	—	203,465
British West Indies	162,597	357,122
R. N. A. Provinces	19,025	393,159
Total	\$5,485,901	\$41,340,956

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