

## IV.—THE GROCERY TRADE.

## TEA, COFFEE, &amp;c.

The figures in the following table show the comparative quantities and values of articles entered at the Port of Montreal during the past three years:—

ARTICLES.	1865		1864		1863	
	Quantities.	Value.	Quantities.	Value.	Quantities.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
Tea ..... lbs.	6,454,458	2,212,920	5,034,937	1,845,793	4,433,882	1,588,893
Coffee, Green... lbs.	820,429	117,520	623,374	94,353	558,689	89,014
Do Roasted lbs.	6	2	2,810	379	3,388	256
Chicory .....	60,599	2,400	93,543	3,847	.....	7,338
Cocoa & Chocolate	10,057	2,125	20,722	3,967	.....	1,167
Spices, ground lbs.	104,042	27,772	83,000	17,674	39,505	8,730
Do. ungr'd. lbs.	414,251	34,360	723,636	55,611	555,353	42,374
Fruits & Nuts lbs.	4,361,423	213,616	3,864,078	185,150	2,165,091	119,360
Pickles and Sauces	.....	10,084	.....	26,601	.....	18,641
Prepared Oils gals.	95,434	77,191	216,275	156,653	161,473	125,983
Mustard ..... lbs.	45,065	7,527	103,052	15,862	108,765	15,776
Soap ..... lbs.	175,465	12,609	777,000	39,835	232,430	16,477
Candles.....	.....	6,223	.....	17,746	.....	11,666
TOTALS.....	.....	2,724,349	.....	2,463,471	.....	2,045,675

The total values of the imported articles here mentioned show an increase in 1865 of 10½ per cent. over that of 1864,—the increase in the latter year as compared with 1863 being 20½ per cent.

TEA.—The quantity of Teas of all kinds imported during 1865 was greater by 1,419,521 lbs. than in 1864, the ratio of increase being 28 1-5 per cent. Direct importations consisted of three cargoes,—one of them taken for New York account. Shipments were also made during the season to Boston, Chicago, and Milwaukee. The entire movement during 1865 may be indicated thus:—

On hand, 1st January, 1865..... 1,775,736 lbs.  
Imported during the year..... 6,454,458 "

Total..... 8,230,194 lbs.  
Deduct stock on 1st January, 1866..... 1,459,350 lbs.  
" Exportations in 1865..... 2,535,345 "  
3,994,695 "

Quantity taken for consumption in Canada in 1865.... 4,235,499 lbs.  
Taken for consumption in 1864..... 4,583,885 "  
" " 1863..... 3,790,277 "