

understood to be very remunerative. On the other hand, the volume of west-bound traffic, via the St. Lawrence, was unusually small and transportation rates were low.

YEARS.	Sea-going Vessels arrived in Port.	Total Tonnage.	Value of Merchandise Exported.	Value of Merchandise Imported.	Customs Duties Collected.
1896.....	709	1,216,468	\$49,160,364	\$45,900,270	\$6,566,886
1895.....	640	1,069,386	40,348,197	41,996,686	6,466,103
1894.....	734	1,096,909	40,401,392	42,514,582	6,087,625
1893.....	804	1,151,777	47,700,433	53,796,227	7,038,403
1892.....	735	1,036,707	45,638,275	47,670,361	6,812,083
1891.....	725	938,657	39,344,783	48,418,569	7,297,228
1890.....	746	930,332	32,027,176	45,159,124	9,201,426
1889.....	695	823,165	32,638,270	47,415,620	9,321,981
1888.....	655	782,473	24,049,638	39,856,283	8,778,341
1887.....	767	870,773	29,391,858	33,391,715	8,745,526
1886.....	703	859,699	27,925,916	42,086,266	8,362,618
1885.....	629	683,854	25,209,813	37,042,660	6,682,529
1884.....	626	649,374	27,458,775	41,859,299	6,787,721
1883.....	660	664,263	27,122,891	44,073,915	7,730,637
1882.....	648	554,692	26,503,001	50,527,497	8,395,653
1881.....	569	931,929	25,997,155	41,774,660	7,672,268
1880.....	710	628,271	32,245,941	42,312,648	6,349,789

THE HARBOUR.

The annual report of the Board's Representative on the Harbour Commission is as follows :

MONTREAL, 13th January, 1897.

To the President and Council of the Montreal

Board of Trade, Montreal.

GENTLEMEN,—

As your Representative on the Board of Harbour Commissioners I beg to submit the following annual report :—

The large new pier at Hochelaga which was nearly completed in 1895, was finished and macadamized in 1896, and the basins on each side of it were dredged out to ship channel depth. Many of the shoal places which interfered with the passage of deep draft vessels between the ship channel and the wharves above the new pier were also dredged out to ship channel depth.

The Windmill Point Basin has been extended up stream to its intended limit and the wharf continued round the head and a distance of 800 feet down the south-east side. The wharf and the embankment on the southeast side are being made