

other articles, the amount of Customs duties collected, although a little larger than last year, is much smaller than during the previous six years, or the average of the past twelve.

While the abnormally low price of wheat has made that cereal unremunerative to farmers, dairy produce has commanded good prices throughout the year. The success of Canadian cheese at the World's Fair, where it came out first in almost every competition, was very gratifying, and it is certain that the exhibit of the natural products of Canada at that exposition enlightened an enormous number of the visitors thereto as to the climate and possibilities of this Dominion. The export of hay to Great Britain has been quite an important business during the year, and that trade appears likely to permanently retain fair proportions. There is encouragement, too, in the circumstance that the export of deals from this port is largely increasing. The export cattle trade has continued to be unfavourably affected by charges of disease among the animals, and the continuance of the British schedule against Canadian and United States cattle renders any improvement unlikely.

The returns of the Harbour Commissioners show an increase in the number of sea-going vessels arriving at this port, the number in 1893, being considerably larger than in any previous year, and the tonnage also being greater than ever before.

YEARS.	Sea-going Vessels arrived in Port.	Total Tonnage.	Value of Merchandise Exported.	Value of Merchandise Imported.	Customs Duties Collected.
1893.....	804	1,151,777	\$48,205,531	\$53,796,061	\$7,038,403.51
1892.....	735	1,036,707	45,648,310	47,667,408	6,812,063.60
1891.....	725	938,657	39,464,783	48,418,569	7,297,228.51
1890.....	746	930,332	32,027,176	44,102,786	9,201,426.86
1889.....	695	823,165	32,638,270	47,191,888	9,321,981.91
1888.....	655	782,473	24,049,638	39,866,527	8,778,291.32
1887.....	767	870,773	29,391,798	43,100,183	8,745,526.11
1886.....	703	809,699	28,078,330	40,469,942	8,362,618.94
1885.....	629	683,854	25,274,898	37,413,250	6,672,971.26
1884.....	626	649,374	27,145,427	42,366,793	6,772,675.68
1883.....	660	664,263	27,277,159	43,718,549	7,698,796.12
1882.....	648	554,692	26,334,312	49,749,461	8,395,654.07
1881.....	569	931,929	26,561,188	43,546,821	7,672,266.17
1880.....	710	628,271	30,224,904	37,102,869	5,231,783.80
1850.....	211	46,156	1,744,772	7,174,108	1,009,256.80