

The many important improvements projected, and the numerous buildings that have been in progress even in mid-winter, are indubitable evidence of prosperity. In 1856, the buildings erected, of all descriptions, numbered 543; in 1857, 376; in 1858, 292; in 1859, 342; in 1860, 594; in 1861, 579; in 1862, 552; and in 1863, 736,—total in eight years, 4,014. The aggregate values of Real Estate for the last five years were:—

	Assessed Value.	Gross Revenue to City.
Nine Wards.....1859.....	\$26,812,290	\$286,252
Do.1860.....	27,649,550	316,323
Do.1861.....	28,976,270	366,389
Do.1862.....	29,857,480	401,363
Do.1863.....	34,832,930	406,532

The large increase in assessed value, last year, is explained by the circumstance that certain valuable properties belonging to Religious Orders, &c.,* exempt from assessment by law, and which had been formerly omitted from the roll, were included.

The condition of the various Banks doing business in Montreal, as indicated by the official returns made to the Provincial Auditor, on 31st December last, is shown in the annexed statement:—

NAMES OF BANKS.	CAPITAL PAID UP.	LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
	\$ c	\$ c.	\$ c
Bank of Montreal	6,000,000.00	9,635,892.89	16,661,299.72
Bank of Upper Canada	1,925,403.00	5,749,832.40	8,201,374.51
Commercial Bank	4,000,000.00	4,022,874.68	8,452,326.38
City Bank	1,200,000.00	1,278,832.19	2,546,270.91
Bank of British North America...	4,866,666.00	2,955,621.00	7,109,218.00
Banque du Peuple	1,555,360.00	804,108.47	2,560,623.41
Molsons Bank	1,000,000.00	1,292,118.16	2,472,932.08
Bank of Toronto	800,000.00	1,337,415.71	2,308,653.65
Ontario Bank	1,598,283.00	2,160,844.49	3,955,310.12
Banque Jacques Cartier	497,315.00	336,255.07	854,016.61

Montreal was merely an out-port of Quebec until 1832; it was then constituted a Port of Entry. The progress of the Export and Import trade,

* (Note to Third Edition.)—The "&c." in the text was inadvertently omitted in the former editions of this Report. A more explicit statement has since been supplied, according to which it appears that the approximate values of properties in this city, yielding no revenue to the Corporation, are as follows:—

Property belonging to Religious Institutes or Orders	\$1,284,500
" the City	760,394
" the Provincial Government	665,800
" the Military Government	223,800

\$2,934,494

This sum deducted from the amount placed opposite 1863, leaves \$31,898,436 as the assessed value of all other property in Montreal,—showing the increase to have been much larger in that year than in any of the preceding four.

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YEAR.	SEA- VEN
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1833..	133
1834..	89
1835..	108
1836..	98
1837..	91
1838..	65
1839..	110
1840..	137
1841..	208
1842..	172
1843..	151
1844..	207
1845..	210
1846..	219
1847..	234
1848..	162

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