

orders on account of purchasers in the United States,—the Canadian manufacturer competing successfully in that market, in the teeth of a duty of 20 or 35 per cent. *ad val.*, according to quality.

Besides introducing the latest improvements in machinery, paper-makers in Canada have not been inattentive observers of the progress made in finding "substitutes" for rags; and, perhaps, one of the best of these,—Espanero, a grass found on the Spanish coast of the Mediterranean,—has been imported in considerable quantity. As an evidence of the usefulness of Espanero, it may be stated that 39,878 tons of it were imported for paper-making purposes in the United Kingdom, during eleven months of 1865.

The following are values of the articles mentioned, imported at Montreal during the past three years:—

| | 1865 | 1864 | 1863 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Paper | \$36,083 | \$70,705 | \$63,231 |
| Paper Hangings..... | 22,093 | 38,079 | 20,970 |
| Playing Cards..... | 3,384 | 7,100 | 6,131 |
| Stationery | 92,644 | 88,432 | 64,908 |
| Rags..... | 11,621 | 25,824 | 23,116 |
| Totals..... | \$165,825 | \$230,140 | \$178,356 |

The decrease in total value in 1865, as compared with 1864, was \$64,315, or 28 per cent.; there was an increase in 1864 over 1863 of \$51,784, or 29 per cent.

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The following figures show the receipts of Cord-wood during the past three years:—

| | 1865 | 1864 | 1863 |
|---|---------|--------|--------|
| Entered at Wharfinger's Office...cords. | 80,144 | 70,523 | 67,120 |
| Entered at Canal Office.....cords. | 78,238 | 21,567 | 23,187 |
| Totals..... | 158,382 | 92,090 | 90,307 |
| Less passed from Canal to Harbor.... | 29,339 | 8,087 | 8,695 |
| Actual receipts..... | 129,043 | 84,003 | 81,612 |

The remainder of the whole quantity required for use of the population (the estimated annual consumpt being about 180,000 cords,) is brought to the city by railway and by the *habitants*.

The recorded quantities of Coal brought to the city, as entered at the Wharfinger's Office were:—

| | 1865 | 1864 | 1863 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| May.....chaldrons. | 1,293 | 969 | 218 |
| June....." | 4,990 | 1,483 | 397 |
| July....." | 2,344 | 1,751 | 581 |
| August....." | 875 | 599 | 580 |
| September....." | 2,537 | 2,077 | 2,953 |
| October....." | 3,987 | 4,015 | 2,850 |
| November....." | 3,760 | 3,242 | 1,868 |
| December....." | 590 | 6,880 | 693 |
| Totals..... | 20,386 | 21,016 | 9,920 |

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