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On the 29th April, 1879, the tug steamers "St. Peter" and "St. Louis" arrived in port from Sorel with a portion of the Harbour plant. On the 1st May the steamer "Montreal" (of the Quebec Line) arrived in port from Sorel, and left on the first trip for Quebec the same evening. SS. "Circassian" from Liverpool, and SS. "Waldensian" from Glasgow, arrived in port on May 1st, the first vessels from sea. After this date vessels arrived daily, and by the middle of the month there was a considerable number of vessels in port, and business fairly commenced.

The water in the Harbour was unusually low during the navigable season; from the 21st May, when there was 25 feet 7 inches of water on No. 1 Lock Sill of the Lachine Canal, or 8 feet 7 inches above the summer level, it gradually kept falling until the 8th November, when it reached its lowest point, 15 feet 5 inches on No. 1 Lock Sill, or one foot seven inches below the usual summer level, (the lowest on record). This was a great drawback to the Trade, as vessels of heavy draft of water had to have a large portion of their cargoes carried inwards and outwards in lighters, causing great expense and much delay.

The Lumber Trade to South America has not been quite equal to that of last year—20 vessels of the aggregate tonnage of 10,868 tons, carrying 8,663,563 feet of lumber, loaded at this port in 1879, against 20 vessels of the aggregate tonnage of 11,013 tons, carrying 8,860,000 feet of lumber the previous year, showing a difference of 145 tons, and 16,437 feet of lumber less than in 1878.

Six hundred and twelve (612) sea-going vessels arrived in this port during the season, of the aggregate tonnage of 506,969 tons, 321 of which were built of iron, of the aggregate tonnage of 405,442 tons, and 291 were built of wood of the aggregate tonnage of 101,527 tons, 289 of which were propelled by steam, of the aggregate tonnage of 378,353 tons, and 323 were propelled with sail, of the aggregate tonnage of 128,616. They were navigated

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