

## REPORT.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE:

GENTLEMEN:—

The Council of your Board, in presenting its report of proceedings for the year 1886, is able to congratulate Members upon the manifest general improvement in trade and manufactures throughout the Dominion during that year, upon a fair average harvest, and upon a very marked increase in the shipping and commerce of this Port as shewn by the returns from the Custom House given below. It will be noted therefrom that there arrived in port 74 more vessels than during 1885, the increase in tonnage being 125,845 tons. The exports of merchandize shew a gain on the previous year of \$2,803,433, the total value being higher than any year since 1880 which they do not equal by \$2,146,573. In imports an increase over last year is shewn of \$3,056,692 though the total falls below the average of the five years 1880 to 1884 by \$2,827,156. The total amount of duty collected during 1886 exceeds the preceding year by \$1,689,647.

YEARS.	Sea-going Vessels arrived in Port.	Total Tonnage.	Value of Merchandise Exported.	Value of Merchandise Imported.	Customs Duties Collected.
1850 .....	211	46,156	\$ 1,744,772	\$ 7,174,780	\$1,009,256.80
1880 .....	710	628,271	30,224,904	37,103,869	5,231,783.80
1881 .....	569	531,929	26,561,188	43,546,821	7,672,266.17
1882 .....	648	554,692	26,334,312	49,749,461	8,395,653.07
1883 .....	660	664,263	27,277,159	43,718,549	7,698,796.12
1884 .....	626	649,374	27,145,427	42,366,793	6,772,675.68
1885 .....	629	683,584	25,274,898	37,413,250	6,672,971.26
1886 .....	703	809,699	28,078,331	40,469,942	8,362,618.94