

It is worth while, also, to particularize that, in the years when there was no ice-barrier at Quebec, the Montreal steamers plied between the two Ports before the arrival of the first vessel from sea, as follows :—

In 1830.....	9 days	In 1853.....	1 day.
1832.....	5 "	1857.....	11 "
1833.....	22 "	1858.....	11 "
1834.....	18 "	1859.....	7 "
1838..	5 "	1860..	2 "
1839.....	17 "	1864.....	6 "
1842.....	12 "	1865.....	8 "
1844.....	9 "	1866.....	2 "
1849.....	3 "	1871.....	4 "
1850.....	3 "	1881.....	1 "
Total.....		156 days.	

On the other hand, when there was no ice-bridge, vessels from sea came up to Quebec before the arrival of any of the Montreal steamers, as follows :—

In 1831.....	5 days	In 1868.....	5 days
1837.....	2 "	1869.....	3 "
1840.....	4 "	1873.....	4 "
1841.....	2 "	1877.....	1 "
1851.....	2 "	1878.....	1 "
1852.....	15 "	1879.....	3 "
1856.....	7 "	1880.....	1 "
1861.....	4 "		
Total.....		59 days.	

Another result shown in the foregoing "Statement" is, that between 1830 and 1884, in the years when there was no ice-barrier at Quebec, navigation between that City and Montreal was opened as early as the 17th day of April,—the average of the years being the 24th day of that month; whereas, when the barrier did exist, the opening of navigation was retarded until the 11th day of May, the average opening being on the 8th of that month,—or an average retardation of fourteen clear days annually.