

CUSTOM house collections in June were large. At Montreal they were \$731,747, against \$706,606, as compared with the same month last year. At Toronto, they were \$312,366, a falling off of nearly \$80,000, probably due to the waiting policy of merchants with regard to the increased British preference. The receipts for the whole fiscal year were \$5,367,248, as compared with \$4,815,054, an increase of over half a million. The report for St. John, N.B., shows the receipts for the fiscal year just closed to be about \$140,000 in excess of those for the previous similar period. For June the increase was \$12,000 over the same month of last year.

BRITISH MARKETS.

S. W. Royse & Co.'s report, dated Manchester, June 23rd, says:

Chemicals.—The general position in the chemical trade is much about the same as it was a month ago, but the quieter tone then perceptible is now rather more noticeable. Bleaching powder may be noted quieter and at easier prices. Caustic soda continues to move off well and is firm. Chlorates of potash and soda are offering rather more freely from second hands. Tar products are dull. Benzoles are just steady, and only little business doing for aniline manufacture. Creosote has quite collapsed, there being heavy stocks at makers' and consumers' works, and many sellers but few buyers. Crude carbolic is quiet but steady, many makers being well sold to the end of the year. Pitch is showing some signs of easing, and contracts have been taken for forward delivery. Sulphate of ammonia has fallen, and is weak; carbonate of ammonia is unchanged. Acetates of lime are firm. Acetate of soda is rather more plentiful. Sulphate of copper maintains well its value. Arsenic is firmer; tartaric acid unchanged.

Minerals.—Higher prices are now asked for iron ore on account of advanced rates of freight. In brimstone there is little alteration in prices; the imports have improved in May, and during the five completed months of this year, as compared with the corresponding period of last there is an increase in weight of 1,043 tons, but a decrease in value of £254. China clay has a good demand, but producers are not ready sellers. Phosphates of lime are unchanged, but not much business doing, rates of freight being high.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, July 4th, 1900.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices.		Average, same date 1899
				Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal	352½	252½	6	260	250	No board same date last year.
Ontario	183	133	25	190	182	
Molson's	238	232	10			
Toronto						
J. Cartier	152	152	8	154	150	
Merchants	146	145	35	150	146	
Commerce	103½	106½	12			
Union				140		
Hochelaga						
Nationale				166	159	
M. Telegraph	103	103	50	103	100½	
R. & O. Nav. ...	24½	248½	245	249½	249	
Street Ry.	236½	236½	25	238	235	
do New Stock ..	181½	181	131	182	180	
Gas	89½	89	2619	83½	88	
C.P.R.						
Land Grant bds ..				85	50	
N. W. Land				130	170	
Bell Tele Co.						
Mont. 4% stock ..						



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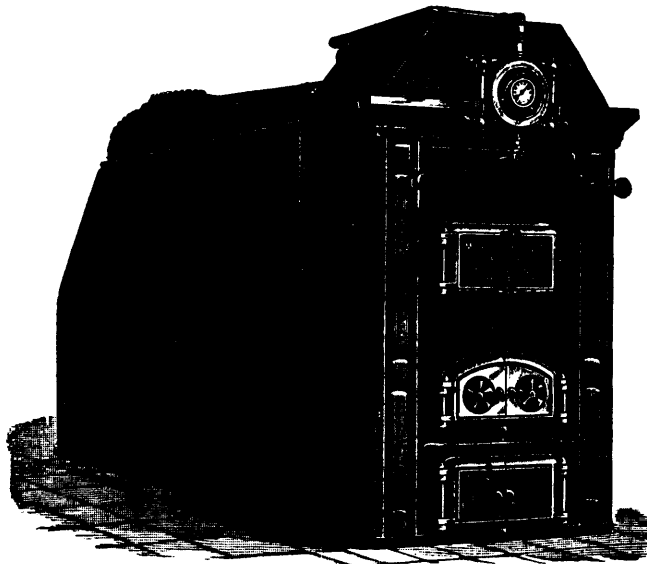
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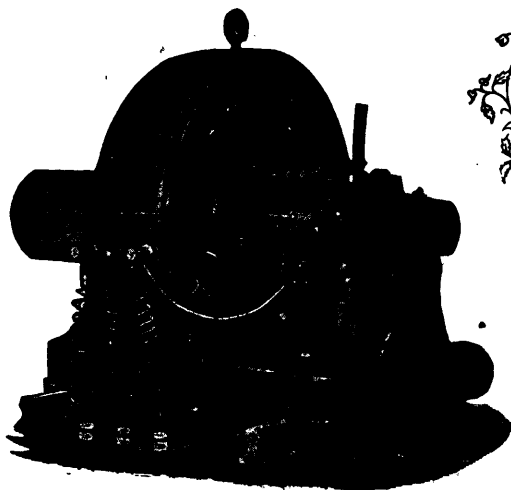


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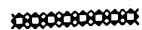
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