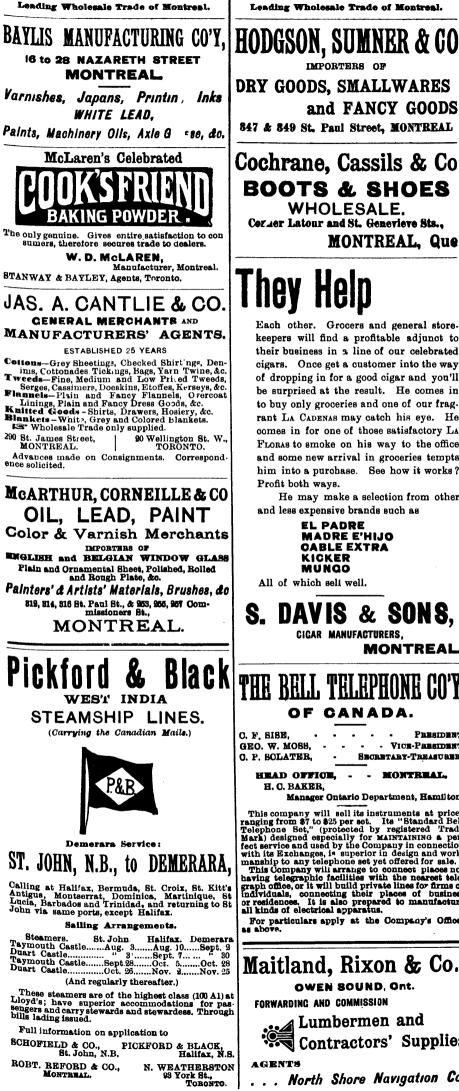
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THE returns of the shipping trade of the port of Quebec continue to show a steady decline in the number of arrivals from sea. From the opening of navigation to date, only 141 sailing vessels have arrived, as compared with 237 during the corresponding period of last year.

At the annual meeting of the N. B. & P. E I. Ry., the old board of directors was re-elected with the exception that Mr. C. E. Freeman, of Amherst, took the place of George Campbell, Esq. The officers for the coming year are :--Josiah Wood, Esq., president; W. C. Milner, secretary; C. B. Trueman, treasurer.

THE annual meeting of the directors of the Mainland & Nanaimo Steam Navigation Co. was recently held in New Westminster, B.C., when the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows : President, A. O. Campbell (re elected); managing director, Capt. Rogers; sec.-treas., Chas. W. Whiley ; directors, Messrs. W. H. Keary, Thos. McNeely, E. E. Evans; auditor, A. Smithers.

DURING the last week Mr. J. J. de Groot, Consul of the Netherlands to Hayti, was in Halifax. This gentleman is a member of a large business firm in Hayti, and is now looking up the prospects of trade between that island and Nova Scotia. He has decided to charter six vessels to carry brick from that province to Hayti, during the present month, and is of opinion that before long Canadian brick will be extensively exported to Hayti.

