

The quantity and value of Gin imported for the first six months of 1857, at this port was, gallons..... 61,384 £ 8,462
 For the same period last year..... 83,421 10,692

Less this year, gallons..... 22,037 2,230

Remaining in Bond July 1, 1857, gallons..... 50,075 6,506

RUM.—Sells slowly, but at full prices. The semi-annual returns show that the quantity and value of Rum entered at this port for the first six months of this year, gallons..... 7,487 £1,839

For same period last year..... 25,791 3,748

Less this year, gallons..... 18,304 1,909

Remaining in Bond, July..... 18,070 2,370

WHISKEY has been dull of sale, although a pure spirit has met with a steady demand for compounding.

Total quantity and value of Whiskey entered at the Port of Montreal, for six months ending July 1, 1857,..... gallons, 44,984 £8,038

For same period last year..... 30,521 3,742

More this year,..... gallons, 14,163 £4,296

In Bond on July 1, 1857..... gallons, 33,856 £5,897

WINES.—The importation, especially of bottled, is much in excess of the demand, which has (owing to the high prices at which it has been held) much fallen off. Sherry has been in rather more request during the week, particularly low grades of pale.

MOLASSES.—Market still quiet.

SOAP.—Liverpool has been sold in large lots, ex ships at 3d. per lb., and 3½d. from store.

SALT.—Considerable (over two thousand bags) has been placed during the week at 3s. 11d. to 4s. for Liverpool, and 6s. 9d. to 7s. for stoved. The market closes firm.

FISH as last quoted. Prime table-cod continues in request at 20s. per cwt.

RICE.—There has been quite a stir in this market within the last few days, and a great part of the stock changed hands at 21s. 6d. to 22s. for cleaned Patna. Some inferior samples have been bought at less; but for prime, holders are firm at 22s. 6d. to 23., at which several parcels have been placed. Prices tend upward.

COFFEE.—Sales light. No alteration to note in prices.

In OILS there is little doing, and prices continue as last quoted. Cod has been offered at 3s. 4d to 3s. 6d. for Gaspe in quantity.

TOBACCO maintains its price.

HARDWARE.—The present is generally the *dullest* period of the year, yet business in this department of trade is not so slack as usual. The demand for heavy goods has been very fair since the navigation opened, the small importation by the Upper Canada trade favoring the Montreal Market very much, and giving a healthy tone to prices. The present stocks are not excessive, and a brisk fall business is confidently anticipated.

Comparative statement, showing the value of Hardware entered at the Port of Montreal, for the first six months of 1857, compared with that of 1856:—

	1856.	1857.
Hardware.....	135,098	140,882
Machinery.....	1,077	3,349
Iron—Bar, Rod and Sheet.....	82,854	74,405
Iron Hoop.....	9,541	14,046
Steel.....	11,829	9,100
Tin and Zinc.....	13,620	20,966
Copper—Bar, Rod and Sheet.....	1,502	2,497
Lead.....	1,255	2,528