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THE value of exports from Kingston for the month of May is placed at \$117,325; and of imports at \$75,562.

THE gross earnings of the Suez Canal for 1879 exceeded \$6,000,000, and, after paying a dividend of 5 per cent., carried forward a surplus of \$550,000.

An order for three car loads of butter and six cars of eggs has been received by Mr. J. T. Brill of Guelph, to be shipped to South Africa in September.

THE decrease of the public debt of the United States during May was \$15,928,033.87; total debt, \$2,159,000,239.82; debt less cash in Treasury, \$1,952,386,719.85.

THE customs and excise returns for the month of May for the ten leading ports of the Dominion, excepting Belleville, all show an increase as compared with the like period of 1879.

THERE is trouble with wharf laborers at other points than Montreal or Quebec. At Brockville. on Monday, 50 men who were employed at 15 cents per hour, loading a vessel, struck because they could not get 20 cents, or say \$2.00 per day.

A SUM of \$5,000 is to be expended in alterations and additions to the Naval Yard at Esquimalt, B.C. Tenders are advertised for. The improvements consist of a new building for carpenters and boatswains, an enlargement of the Royal Naval hospital, additions to the clerks' and store keepers, offices, &c.