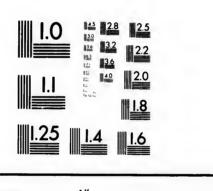
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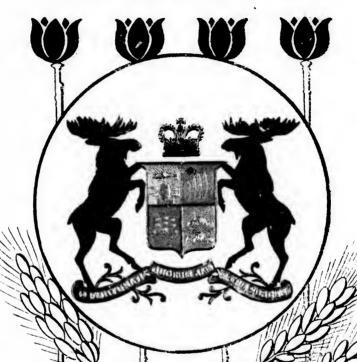
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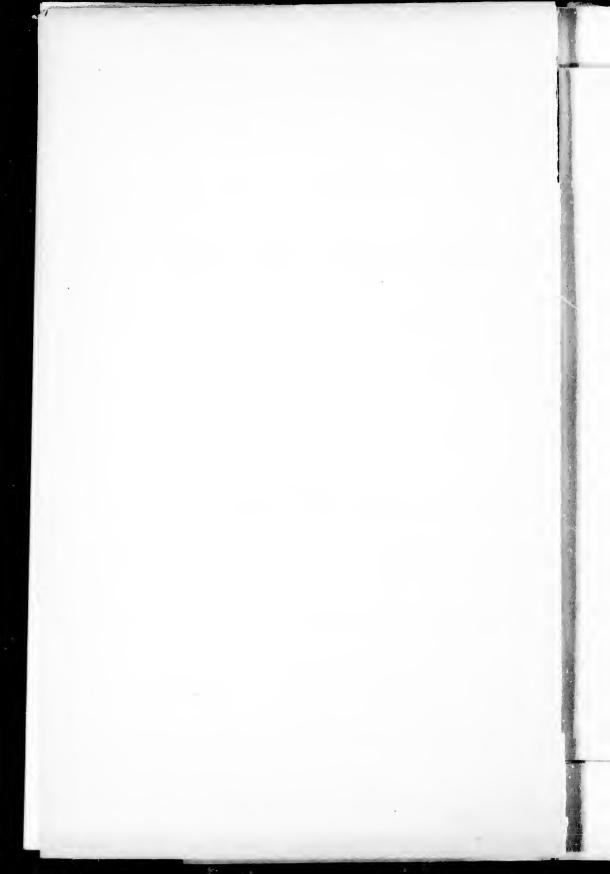
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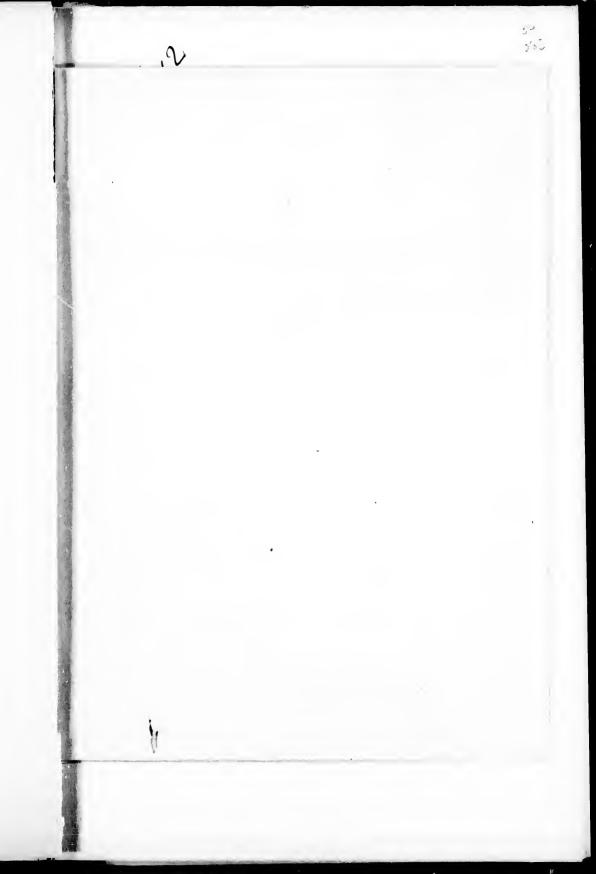
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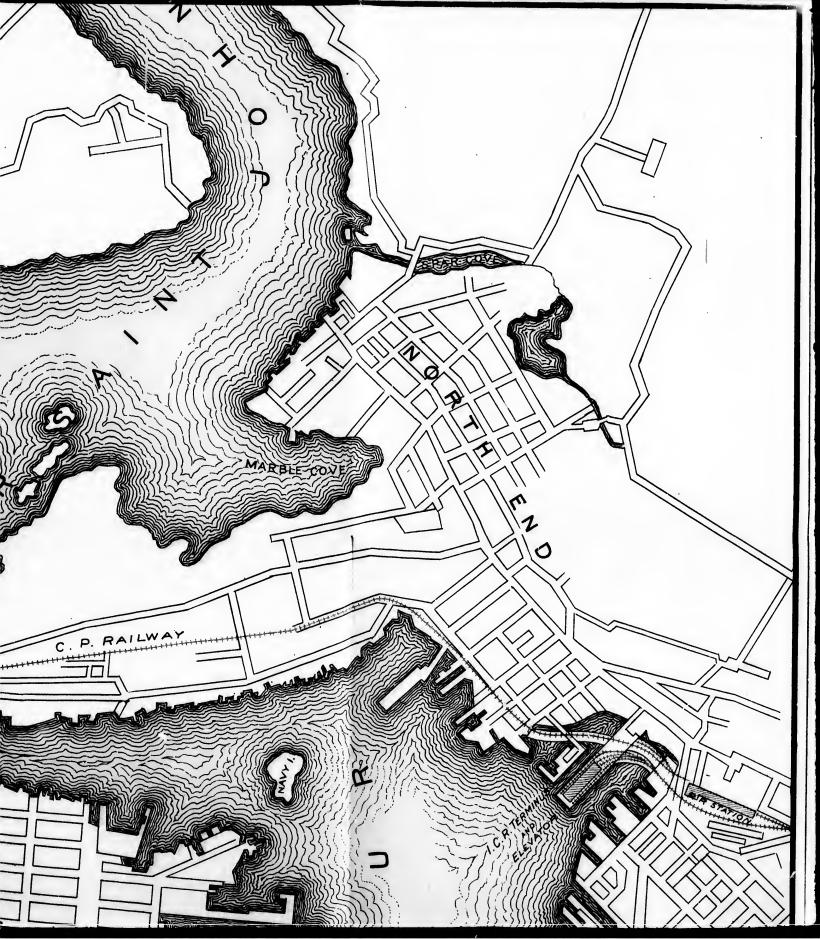


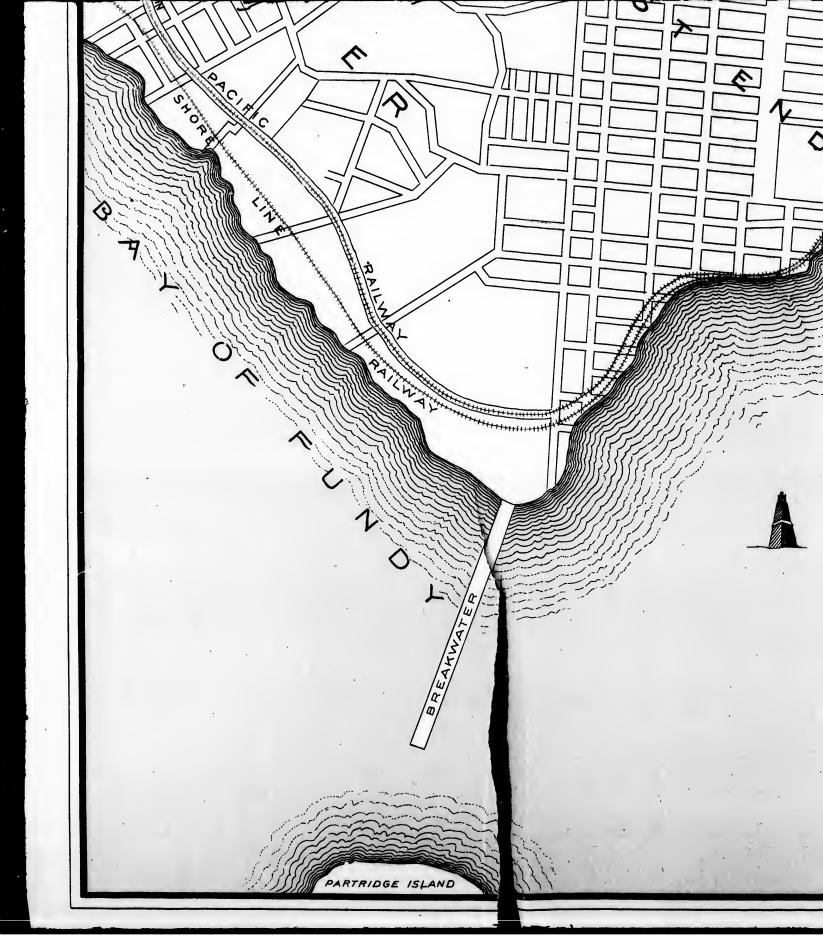
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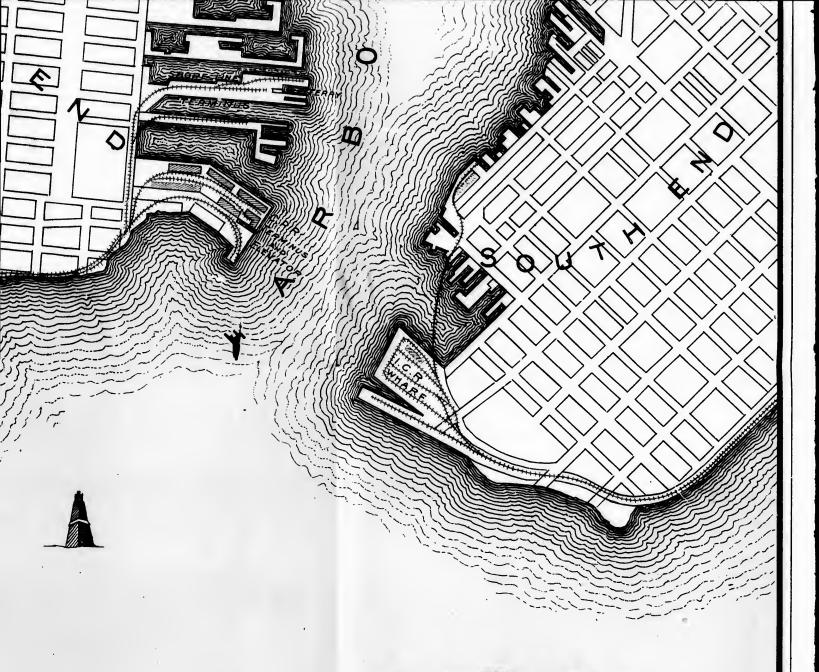








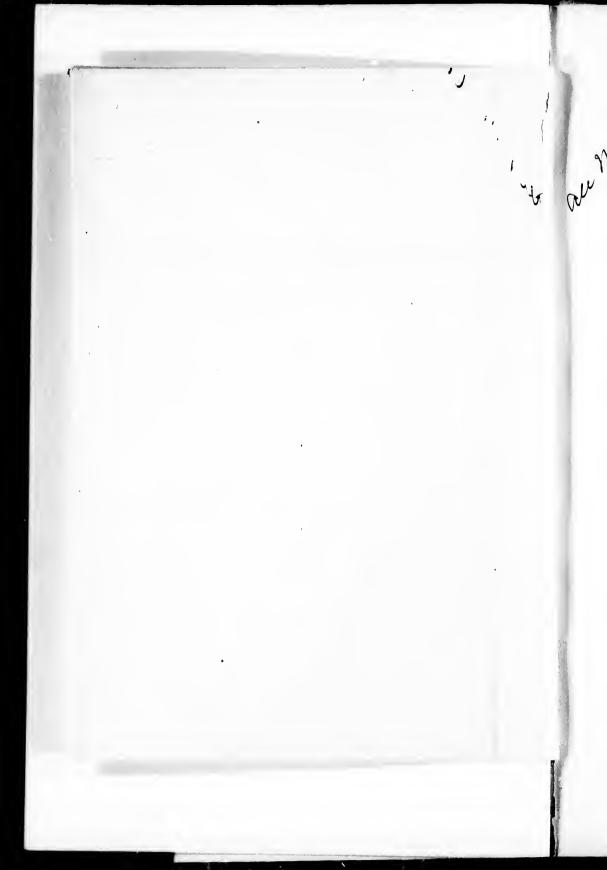




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HOEVER is in any respect interested in the carrying trade of the North Atlantic, or in the Import or Export Trade of Canada and the western and southern portions of the United States, will be interested in the contents of this little book.

It has been prepared under the auspices of the Board of Trade and Common Council of the City of Saint John, and sets forth clearly and impartially the commanding position of the Port of Saint John in respect to the winter trade of the vast region above mentioned.

The actual growth of Winter Port Trade in the last three years; the relative position of Saint John as compared with other North Atlantic Ports; the safety of navigation; the special facilities and advantages of Saint John; the promptness with which merchandise is forwarded by that route; the trade of the Port and other valuable information from official sources is here set down for the benefit of trade in general.

The views of the harbour and the plans which are incorporated with it will be found of material assistance in forming an accurate knowledge of the Port itself and of its relative position.



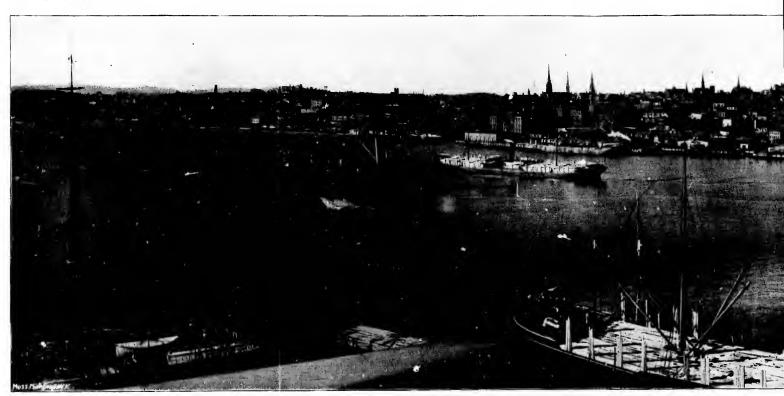
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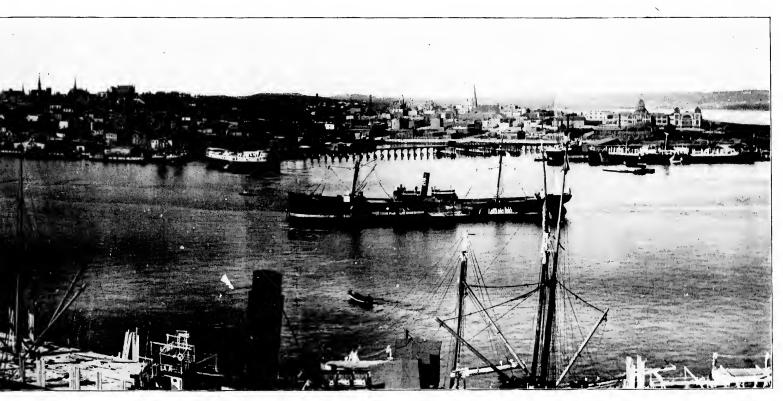


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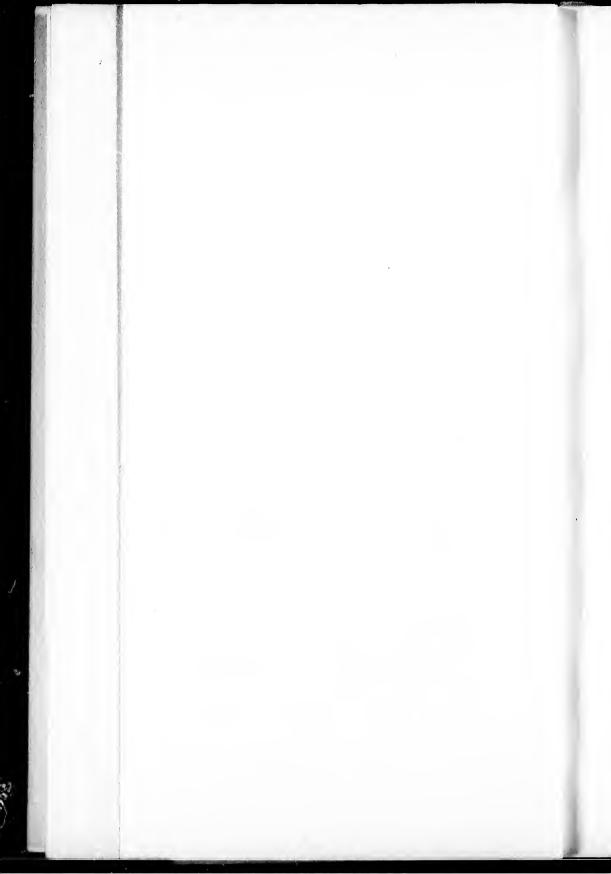
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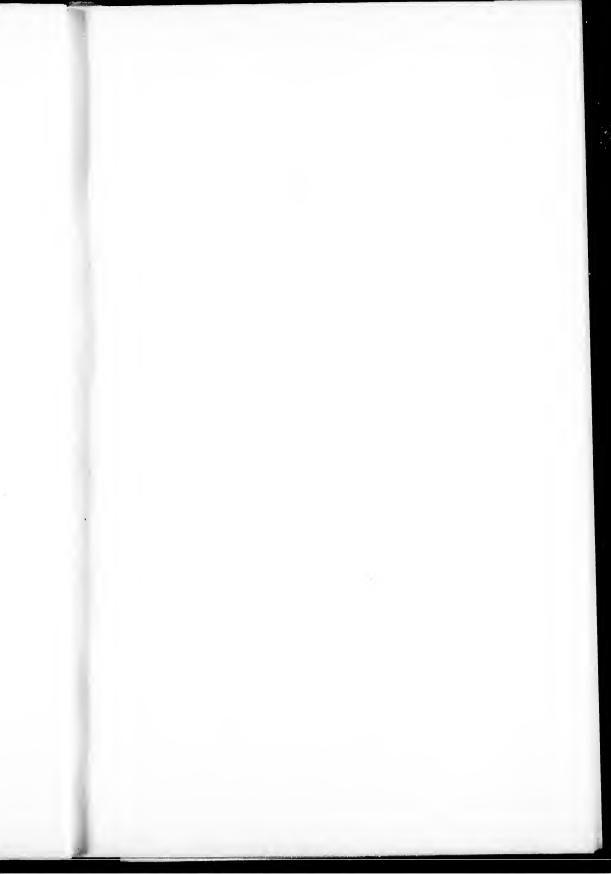
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Canada's Winter Port

HE RISE OF SAINT JOHN, N. B., to the position of the chief winter port of Canada is a very important fact in the recent great development of trade between the Dominion and the mother It has solved the problem of Canadian trade through Canadian channels. There is no longer any necessity, during the period when navigation is closed on the Saint Lawrence, to carry on the import and export trade of the country through foreign ports. It could not, of course, be expected that the trade which had for years been carried on through United States channels would be at once diverted to a Canadian port; but the rapid development of winter trade through the Port of Saint John in the last three years, the prompt despatch and safe carriage of every description of cargo, including live stock, dressed meats, dairy produce and eggs, and the fact that through rates via Saint John are as low as by any rival route, have established beyond question the claim of Saint John to the first place in the consideration of Canadian and British shippers and importers.

All this is comparatively recent history. It was only in the session of 1895 that the Canadian Parliament decided to subsidise lines of steamships to run between Saint John and Liverpool, and to enlarge the existing service between Saint John and London for the purpose of diverting Canadian trade from American ports. It was only in the year 1897 that the mail subsidy formerly given to steamship lines making their terminus at Portland, Maine, was entirely withdrawn. In the winter of 1896–97 subsidies were granted to lines running from Saint John to Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Belfast, and Dublin, and a like course was pursued in the following winter. This

How Trade has Grown

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How Trade year (1898) the port of Manchester is added to the list. A proposition has also been made to the government relative to a dristol service. In view of these facts the following figures, showing the quantity and value of articles exported via Saint John by the subsidised steamship lines to British ports in the winter season of 1897-98, are significant:

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#### WINTER EXPORTS SAINT JOHN, N. B., 1897-98.

GRAIN.	Bags.	Bushels.	Value.
Wheat,		947,174	\$881,896
Oats,	1,160	1,565,481	474,861
Corn,		551,704	163,225
Rye,		139,163	96,350
Peas,	1,738	322,363	143,371
Beans,	2,723		6,374
Buckwheat,	200	19,925	8,320
Barley,		37,511	16,736
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FLOUR AND MEAL.			
Packages,		$\phantom{00000000000000000000000000000000000$	589,417
LIVE STOCK.		Number.	
Cattle,		7,844	414,775
Sheep,		•	24,215
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Deals, Boards, etc.,			143,782
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Butter,	0 100 10 005
Eggs,	392,062
Pulp,	129,803
Liquors,	020 000
Clover Seed,	
Apples,	
Lard,	222 222
Gran	nd Total, \$4,838,768

Winter Exports 1897-98

The outward cargoes included not only Canadian produce and live stock, but cattle, dressed meats, grain and provisions from Chicago, flour from Minneapolis, cotton from the south, and other cargo from United States sources, while more or less of the inward cargo was destined for points in the western states. This fact is very significant, establishing beyond dispute the favourable situation of Saint John, with its railway and steamship connections, as a competing port for the trade of a territory embracing not only Canada but a large section of the United States.

The distance from Liverpool to Chicago by way of Saint John is shorter than by way of New York.

The exports tabulated above were carried by fifty-seven steamers. Those of the Beaver Line made twenty trips to Liverpool; the Donaldson Line ten to Glasgow; the Allan-Thomson Line ten to London; the Furness Line nine to London; the Ulster Steamship Line eight to Belfast and Dublin.

In the winter of 1896-97 there were only forty-six steamer sailings, and in the winter of 1895-96 only thirty-six—compared with fifty-seven in 1897-98. Each year the proportion of Saint John lumber carried by the steamers decreased because of the steadily and rapidly increasing quantities of western produce offered.

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Comparison

Another method of comparing the business of 1897-98 with that of the preceding season (1896-97) presents a very significant contrast. The total outward tonnage of freight carried by subsidised trans-Atlantic steamers from Saint John in the winter season of 1897-98 was 126,622 tons, compared with 77,000 tons in the like period in 1896-97; and the inward tonnage of freight was nearly trebled in the same period.

The quantity of grain carried in the former season was, as shown in the foregoing table, 3,603,694 bushels. season of 1896-97 the total was only 1,436,125 bushels. The items of cheese and butter, meats, provisions, oatmeal, wood pulp, sugar and glucose, asbestos, furniture, and other merchandise also show a marked increase.

Two Notable Facts

An important development of the last season's business was the triumphant test of the adaptability of the port for the trade in dressed meats. Quantities went forward via Saint John not only from Ontario but from Chicago and Kansas City, the result being most satisfactory.

The climatic conditions were pronounced by those interested to be so favourable for trans-shipment, that Saint John had in this very important respect a decided advantage over ports farther south, for the reason that dressed meats by this route reached their destination in a more marketable condition.

An especially notable fact for the consideration of shipowners is that Saint John is a great lumber shipping port, and that there is always lumber available for cargo. The total lumber shipments from Saint John to Europe in 1897 were in round numbers 245,000,000 superficial feet in one hundred and ninety-two vessels; and to the United States and other foreign countries 96,000,000 superficial feet - a grand total of lumber shipments for the year of 341,000,000 superficial feet, valued at \$3,938,401.

Saint John is the Atlantic terminus of the Canadian Pacific Connections Railway, with its direct line across the continent, its extensive branch lines and numerous connections traversing the whole western and southern portion of the continent. The port is also one of the Atlantic termini of the Intercolonial Railway, 1897-98 ts a very f freight tint John compared and the he same

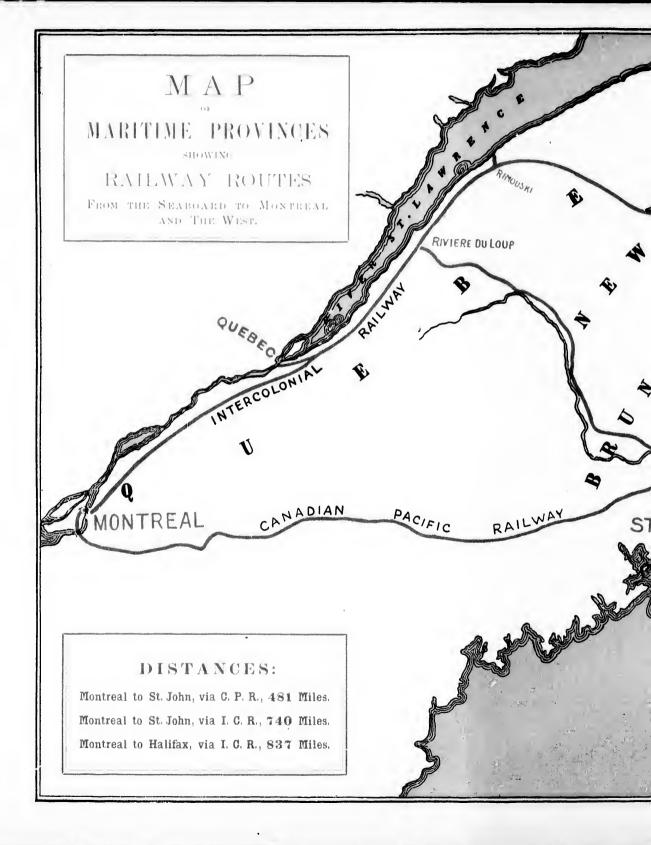
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which has lately secured a line that gives it entry over its own rails to Montreal, where connection is made with the whole Connections Grand Trunk system. There is a third route, the Temiscouata line, by which, with its connections, Montreal may also be reached from Saint John. A fourth line, the Shore Line, extends from Saint John to Saint Stephen, on the United States border, and is to be continued to Portland, Maine, and Boston, Mass. The latter two routes are, however, not as yet factors in competitive traffic.

Saint John is exceptionally well served by the two great lines first mentioned, which bring it into close touch with all of Western Canada and the Western and Southern States. the trade of which contributes to these lines. It will be seen, therefore, that Saint John does not depend upon one line of railway.

While Saint John, as compared with Halifax, has two hundred and fifty miles longer ocean voyage from Liverpool, it has a shorter railway haul of three hundred and fifty-six miles, by the Canadian Pacific Railway, to Montreal, and is served by two distinct competitive lines of railway.

By actual experience merchandise shipped from Liverpool via Saint John reaches Montreal, Toronto, and other western points more quickly than goods shipped at the same time via Having in mind its connection with two great Portland. railway systems, Saint John has clearly a great advantage.

A comparison of distances and times of transit between Liverpool and Chicago, by the New York and Saint John routes respectively, illustrates most emphatically the favourable position of Saint John as a competitor for the trade of the far west.

The actual distance from Liverpool via Sant John to Chicago is twenty-four miles less than the distance via New York, while in point of time consumed in transit of goods the Canadian route has a still greater advantage.

The shorter railway haul from New York to Chicago is joined to a longer ocean voyage from Liverpool, and therefore slower time is made on the New York route. Assuming steamers and trains on the two routes to be of the same

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Comparative Distances

relative speed, the Saint John route is decidedly the faster of the two. It is not necessary to dwell upon the importance of this fact in modern transportation service.

For convenient reference the reader will find the following table of ocean distances of very great value. It was prepared by Captain W. H. Smith, R. N. R., a well known authority on nautical affairs, and is, therefore, official and authoritative:

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Saint John's just claim

The rise of Saint John to the proud position it occupies to-day is not merely fortuitous. It is simply a verification of the justice of claims put forward for half a century. About forty years ago, or nearly ten years before the British Provinces united to form the Dominion of Canada, and before either the Intercolonial or Canadian Pacific railways gave the people access to the western provinces, the late Hon. John Boyd, addressing the Saint John Chamber of Commerce, said:

"Looking at our position with regard to Lower Canada,
John must yet become the winter port of that country,
it is prepare for it. Portland has already taken from us
a portion of that trade, and the geographical and political
bearings of our province with Canada render it desirable
that this trade should not extend in that direction. We
look forward to the early action of Great Britain in
adopting as her own the contemplated scheme of uniting
the eastern and western hemispheres by the Atlantic and
Pacific railroad. Our connection with Canada will place us
in a direct line with this great work, and Saint John in
a few years may thus rise to the position of "The Liverpool
of America."

The phrase, "the Liverpool of America" was flung in scorn from many a political platform as years passed, but the geographical position of Saint John and its adaptability to the purposes of a great ocean port were unassailable. In time the provinces were confederated and the Intercolonial Railway Then came the great Canadian Pacific was constructed. Railway, making its Atlantic terminus at Saint John. small elevator was constructed, which has since been enlarged to a capacity of over a million bushels. The citizens taxed themselves to provide terminal facilities, and within a few years have expended three quarters of a million dollars, providing a number of berths for steamers at the Canadian Pacific terminus, adjoining the elevator. Still later, within the last year, came the extension of the Intercolonial Railway, by the purchase of the Drummond County Railway from Point Levis into Montreal, and the voting by the Canadian occupies iffication century.
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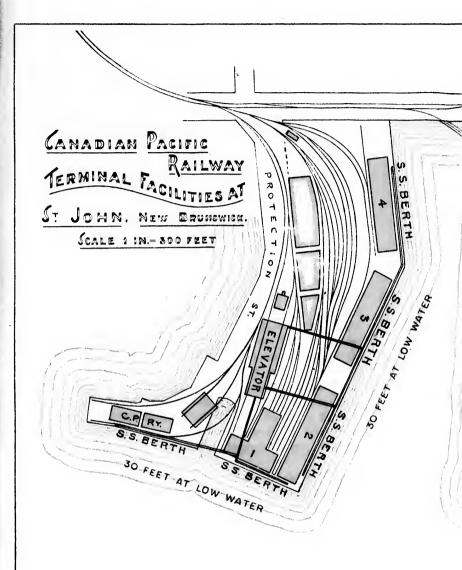
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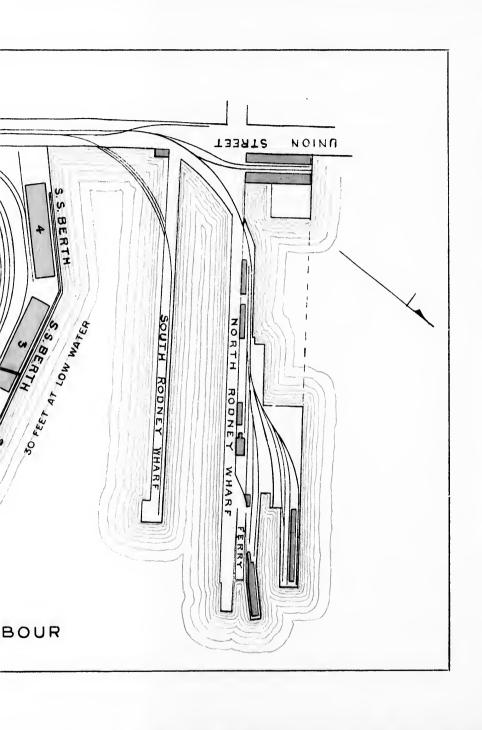
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Parliament of \$325,000 to be spent in providing wharf, Saint John's warehouse and elevator facilities at the head of the harbour just claim of Saint John: and the Minister of Railways stated that a further sum, making half a milion dollars or more in all, would be expended to make the facilities complete.

In the meantime, as already noted, the experience of three winters with lines of steamers running to British ports has established beyond the faintest shadow of doubt what the people of the city have so long urged-that Saint John is a safe port, easy of access, advantageously situated, and possessing exceptional facilities for the safe handling and prompt despatch of cargoes. When to these is added the consideration of its claim from the national standpoint, the conclusion is irresistible. Saint John is, in fact and by right, THE WINTER PORT OF CANADA.

The easy approach to the Port of Saint John by sea, speaks strongly in its favour. No port along the north Atlantic coast is more easy of access in all weathers. There is a straight course from Briar Island, at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, for sixty miles to Partridge Island at the mouth of Saint John The entrance to the bay by the south channel is eighteen miles wide at its narrowest part, and from that point the bay widens immediately to thirty-five or forty miles, which width, free from obstruction of any kind, it holds all the way to Saint John. There is no field ice in the bay. The shores are high and bold, and there is a complete system of steam whistles and light stations.

Captains of long experience have stated over and over again that in a fog or bad weather they would rather make Saint John than any other port along the North Atlantic coast. The soundings are good all the way from Cape Sable Bank to Saint John, in a clear channel of one hundred and eighty-two miles on a direct course, and a vessel can therefore proceed during the densest fog that ever enveloped the coast. Leaving the usual track of Atlantic steamers bound for Portland or Boston a few miles farther west of Cape Sable than is strictly necessary to enter the bay, there is then a straight course to Partridge Island. Arrived at the Island, if the ship is of deep draught and has to wait for the tide, she can anchor

A Port Easy of Access

A Port Easy of Access off the Island, where there is excellent holding ground, or she can lay off and on, there being plenty of sea room. There is nineteen feet of water in the main channel entering the harbour at low water, spring tides. A ship drawing twenty-seven feet can enter at three hours flood. The Canadian Government is now making arrangements for dredging the channel at the harbour entrance, and as soon as the work is completed the largest vessels will be able to enter at all times of tide. The harbour of Saint John has never been frozen, in all its history, which cannot be said of any other harbour north of Hatteras.

Two facts may be noted here in evidence of the safety of the navigation of the Bay of Fundy. First, the vessels of the International Steamship Company, which have been running between Saint John and Boston for nearly forty years, making in summer four to seven trips per week each way, and in winter two, carrying passengers and freight, have never lost a life in all that time. Second, passenger steamers are continually running between Saint John and western Nova Seotia, and have never lost a life.

These facts prove that where proper care is taken neither fog nor snow interferes with steam vessels in their passage to or from the harbour of Saint John.

No delays through Fog

The Bay of Fundy, in common with the whole north Atlantic coast, is visited to some extent by fogs. They are not worse or of longer duration here than elsewhere, and, as the record shows, they do not interfere with the progress of vessels to and from Saint John. Fogs are very rare in winter. One more proof of this may as well be given just at this point. Of the fifty-three steamers that took cargo at Saint John last winter, not one suffered an hour's delay on account of fog. Such periods of fog as there are in winter are of very brief duration; and, as already pointed out, they do not cause delay. There is plenty of sea room, the soundings in the bay are good, and only the most inexcusable carelessness could prevent a vessel from going in or out in perfect safety. In summer, when fogs are rather more frequent than in winter, tramp steamers, coming for deal cargoes, and whose captains have never visited the port before, enter the bay without

hesitation in a fcg, and, without taking a pilot, proceed with perfect confidence and safety.

During the summer there is a large fleet of these steamers sailing from Saint John, and it is not uncommon to see a dozen or more of them in port at one time.

But, after all, official figures are perhaps most convincing, and for the benefit of any who may labor under a misapprehension the following statement from the official record of the keeper of the Partridge Island light and fog whistle is given. It gives the number of hours the fog alarm on Partridge Island, at the mouth of Saint John harbour, was in operation on account of fog during the months from December to April, inclusive, in each year since 1890:

YEAR.	JANUARY.	FEBRUARY.	MARCH.	APRIL.	DECEMBER.
1890					3h. 15m.
1891	2h	25h	9h. 10m.	31h. 20m.	17h. 45m.
1892	8h. 5m.		10h. 15m.	41h. 50m.	
1893	$\dots$ 45 $m$ .			17h. 45m.	7 <i>h</i>
1894	$\dots$ 40 $m$ .		33h. 35m.	80h. 45m.	
1895			13h. 25m.	40h. 45m.	9h. 30m.
1896		8h. 40m.	15h	26h. 30m.	6h. 30m.
1897	23h. 40m.	9h. 55m.	6h	86h. 35m.	26h. 35m.
1898	14h. 35m.	5h. 20m.	46h. 10m.	9h, 45m.	
	49h. 45m.	48h. 55m.	133h. 35m.	335h. 15m.	70h. 35m.

It will be noted that in April, the month showing the most fog, the whistle was sounded, on that account, during eight years, three hundred and thirty-five hours and fifteen minutes, an average of forty-one hours and fifty minutes per month.

Taking the five months for the eight years, the whole period of fog was six hundred and thirty-eight hours and five minutes, an average for forty months of a little less than sixteen hours per month. It may be added that in a hand-book

No delays through Fog Saint John Harbour published in 1887 by the Board of Trade a similar summary was given for the months November to April inclusive for seventeen years (1870 to 1886 inclusive) and it showed an average of nineteen hours and twenty-two minutes per month.

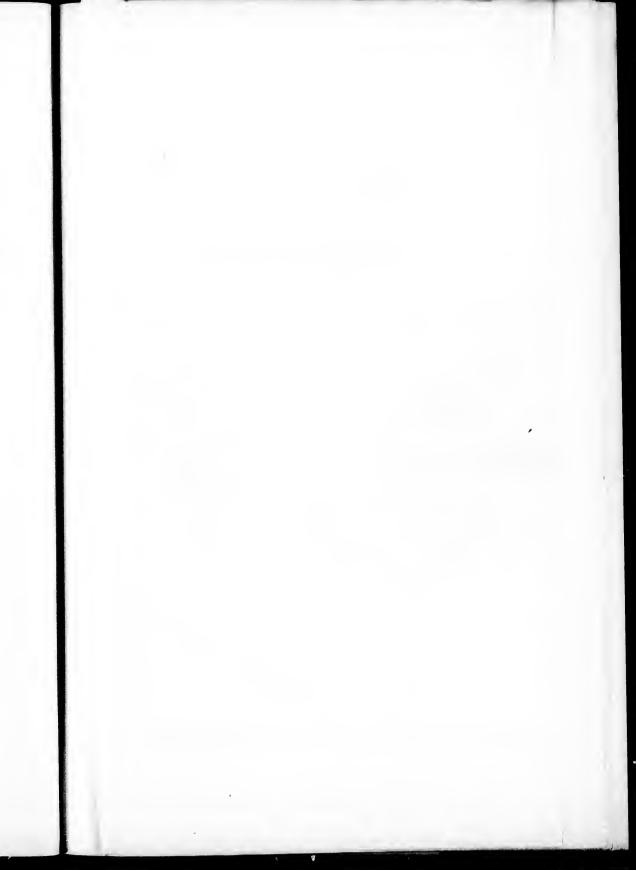
As already stated, vessels drawing twenty-seven feet of water can enter Saint John harbour at any time after hand tide, and the channel is to be dredged to admit vessels and largest size at any time of tide. The depth of the harbour itself varies from six to fifteen fathoms. At the Canadian Pacific terminus, beside the elevator, five steamship berths have been provided, with twenty-seven to thirty feet of water at dead low tide. By doing a little more dredging and simply constructing a wharf, four more berths can be secured, and in this vicinity there is ample scope for much more extended improvements.

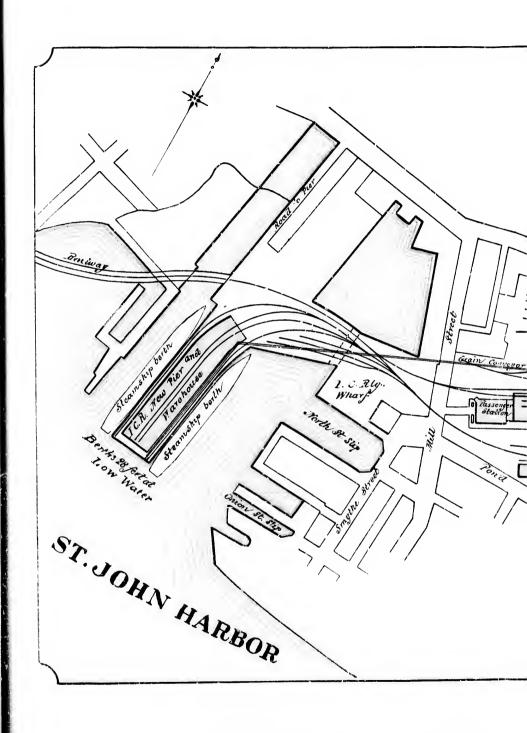
On the opposite side of the harbour, served by the Intercolonial Railway, are three berths for steamers of moderate dimensions, and at one of these wharves there is thirty-two feet of water at dead low tide. Here, also, addidal accommodation can be provided. It is along this part a harbour front that the London, West India, Boston and other smaller steamer lines have their berths, and the coasting schooners, coal vessels and the like.

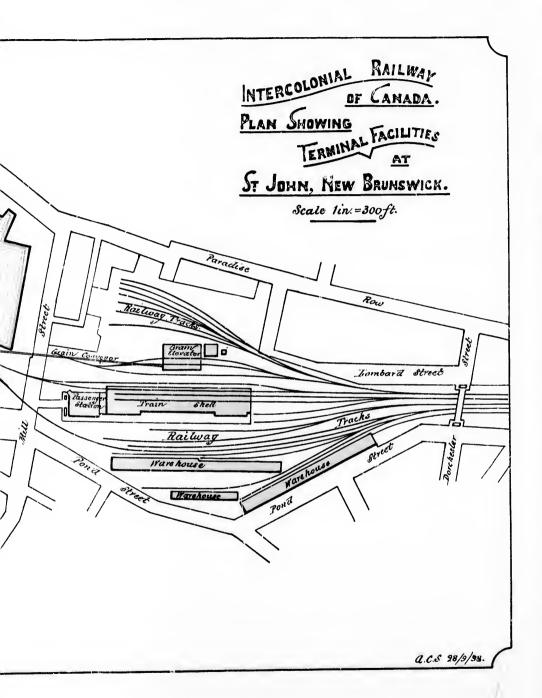
Large sailing vessels and tramp steamers also lie along the wharves on the eastern side to load deals, though most of these steamers, for convenience of loading from lighters, prefer to lie in the stream.

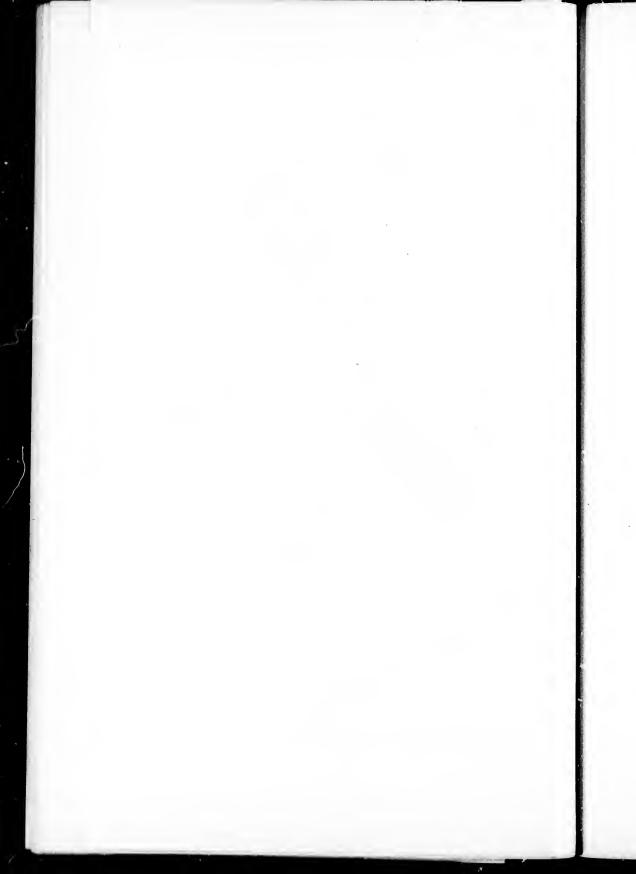
At the head of the harbour the principal Intercolonial Railway terminus for winter business is located. As already noted, about half a million dollars will be expended there in providing facilities. The plans elsewhere shown in this book have been perfected and the work is now in progress. The present plans provide for berths for two of the largest ocean steamships, with elevator, warehouses, stock yards and all necessary equipment for the most prompt and easy handling of ocean trade. There is ample scope for the provision of more steamship berths whenever they are required.

The attention of the reader is directed to the plan of Saint John harbour, the photographic views of it, and the









plans of the terminal facilities at the Canadian Pacific and Intercolonial Railway wharves.

Speaking in general terms, there is at present ample accommodation in Saint John harbour to meet the immediate requirements of trade, and ample scope for an extension of the facilities to meet the demands of the future.

A Safe Port

The safety with which the Bay of Fundy is navigated at all times of the year is not a matter of more assertion, but of indisputable record.

The following statement is official, having been compiled by a member of the customs staff from the official records in the Saint John Customs House. It shows the percentage of losses in the Bay of Fundy, which occurred during the ten years from 1887 to 1896, to sea-going vessels sailing from and to the Port of Saint John, N. B., to have been as follows:

- (1.) The percentage of loss of tonnage of steamers as compared with total tonnage of steam vessels entered and cleared is .0006 of 1%.
- (2.) The percentage of loss of tonnage of sailing vessels as compared with total tonnage of sailing vessels entered and cleared is .0017 of 1%.
- (3.) The percentage of loss of cargoes of steam vessels as compared with the total amount of imports and exports is .0003 of 1%.
- (4.) The percentage of loss of cargoes of sailing vessels as compared with the total amount of imports and exports is .0017 of 1%.
- (5.) The percentage of loss of tonnage of both steam and sailing vessels, as compared with total tonnage entered and cleared, is .0011 of 1%.

In the face of these figures there can be but one conclusion: that for safety to shipping the Bay of Fundy and the Port of Saint John occupy a pre-eminent position. Prejudice is completely disarmed by such a remarkable showing.

A great Shipping Port In the palmy days of wooden ships Saint John was fourth in the list of ship-owning ports in the Empire. The city was long famous as a builder of wooden ships. But that industry declined and finally ceased. Then the shipping men turned their attention to iron ships, and still later to steamships, built in the old country. The Battle Line, a group of modern freight steamships, is managed and owned in Saint John.

From an official statement of sea-going steam and sailing vessels and coastwise steamers arriving at and departing from the Port of Saint John from 1887 to 1897 inclusive, the following is compiled:

Number.Steam vessels arrived.3,207Sailing vessels arrived.18,094Coastwise steamers arrived.3,851Total.25,152	Tons. 3,109,326 2,727,189 1,559,479 7,395,994
Number.	Tons.
Steam vessels departed 2,939	2,791,113
Sailing vessels departed	2,963,622
Coastwise steamers departed 4,037	1,848,676
	7,603,411
SUMMARY.	
Number.	Tons.
Total arriving	7,395,994
Total departing	7,603,411
Grand total $\dots 50,836$	14,999,405

The following statement of sea-going vessels arriving during the years 1887 and 1897 respectively, is given, because it shows how rapidly sailing is being replaced by steam tonnage in the ocean trade. The comparison is as follows:

1887. Steamers		Tonnage. 215,427 278,300	A great Shipping Port
То	tal	493,727	
1897.	Number.	Tonnage.	
Steamers		393,450	
$Sailers_{\perp},\ldots,\ldots$		168,608	
То	tal	562,058	

The tonnage last year exceeded that of ten years before by 68,331 tons, though there were seven hundred and sixty-five less vessels arriving. The number of steamers arriving shows an increase of one hundred and twenty-two, and the sailers a decrease of eight hundred and eighty-seven.

The steam tonnage increased from 215,427 to 393,450 and the sailing tonnage decreased from 278,300 to 168,608 tons.

The customs records show that for the ten years, 1886 to 1895, inclusive, the average annual local exports from the port of Saint John were valued at \$3,744,907, and the local imports at \$3,808,866.

Trade of Saint John

For the last three years an exact stroment cannot be given, because no account is taken at the Saint John Customs House of the value of goods imported for points in the west, and no account is taken of the value of goods for export that are cleared at western points. But the following statement taken from the customs records, though incomplete, will give an idea of the rapid increase in export trade since the winter steamship service was inaugurated:

Year.	Exports.
1886-1895 (average).	\$3,744,907
1896	4,380,271
1897	5,750,575
1898	7,663,992

These figures are in each case for the fiscal year, ending June 30th.

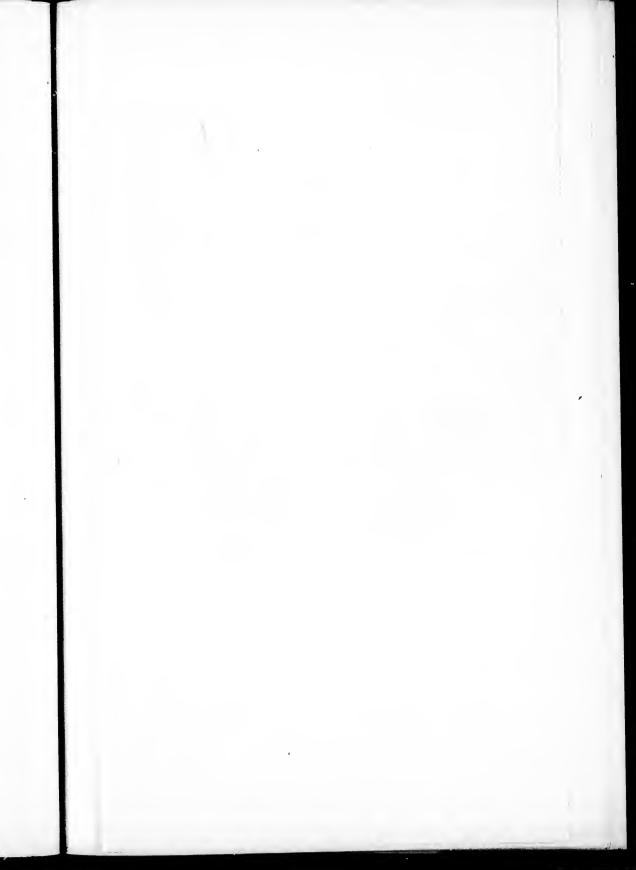
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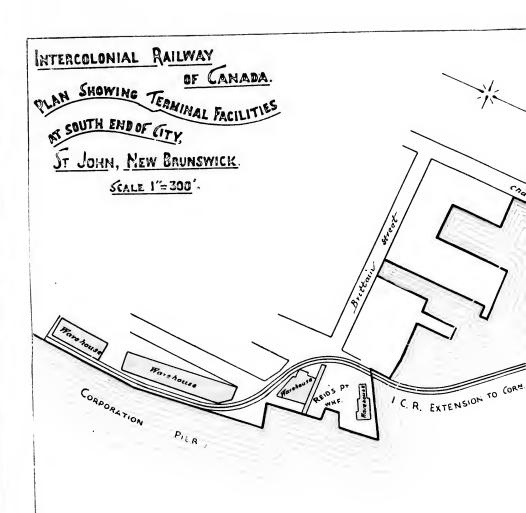
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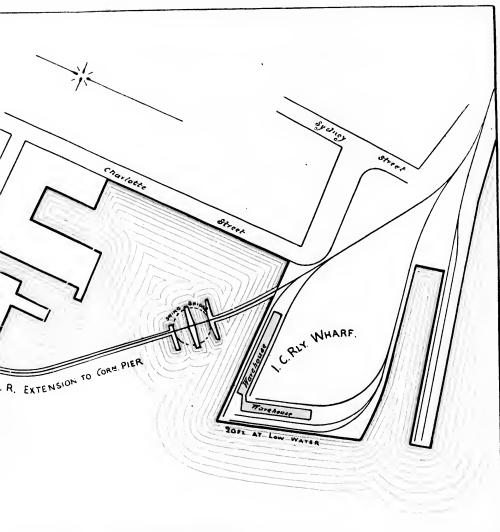
The Lumber Trade The total exports of lumber from Saint John last year were 341,000,000 superficial feet, of which 245,000,000 superficial feet went to trans-Atlantic ports. Taking the ten years previous to 1897, the average total exports were about 300,000,000 superficial feet per year, of which 160,000,000 superficial feet went to trans-Atlantic ports, principally to the British Islands; and 140,000,000 superficial feet to the United States, South America and other parts of the world. As an illustration of the wide range of this trade, it may be noted that in one week of the present season cargoes were cleared for the British Islands, France, North Africa, Argentine Republic, Australia, and the United States.

The following table shows the quantity of deals, etc., birch timber and pine exported from Saint John to trans-Atlantic ports alone during the past ten years:

YEAR.	DEALS, ETC. SUPERFICIAL FEET.	BIRCH TIMBER. TONS.	PINE TIMBER. TONS.
1888	154,897,068	5,844	457
1889	190,038,613	7,209	485
1890	136,792,583	5,082	1,740
1891	134,275,376	5,861	2,248
1892	138,529,725	8,370	<b>2</b>
1893	152,323,523	6,216	110
1894	149,462,494	4,041	116
1895	129,426,948	8,878	324
1896	168,059,970	10,860	128
1897	245,539,358	8,155	92







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A branch of the lumber industry that is growing in importance and is destined to attain very large proportions is the manufacture of pulp. Considerable quantities are shipped from Saint John, and the number of mills is increasing. With over ten million acres of land on which lumber operations of some kind could be carried on, and with far more of spruce than any other kind of timber, the Province of New Brunswick must become a great centre for the pulp and paper business. Saint John has exceptional facilities for manufacturing as well as shipping these products. The steady development of industries which naturally grow out of the possession of a practically inexhaustible forest wealth, will add greatly and continually to the importance of Saint John as a shipping Among these industries is the manufacture of box shooks, boxes, match wood, maple blocks, and other such small wood products as are in great demand in the old country. A number of mills are now exporting box shooks to England and Scotland, and the export of spool wood is also considerable. Each year witnesses some new development of the wood industries of the province, of which Saint John is the commercial capital and greatest shipping port.

National and Imperial

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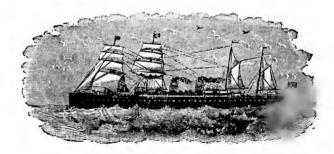
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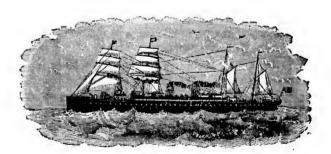
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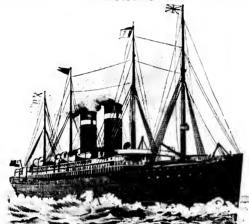
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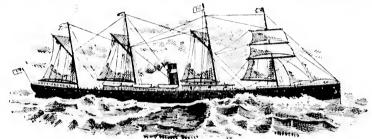
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