

QUEBEC EXCHANGE.

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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE TRADE DURING THE
SEASON OF 1853.

(Compiled chiefly from the Exchange Books.)

It is calculated that the Trade Returns of the present year will exhibit a total Customs Revenue bordering on £1,034,969: it is even thought they will reach £1,200,000; but admitting the first sum to be correct, they show an increase over last year's receipts of £295,706.

TIMBER TRADE.

The Trade in this great staple of the country has been very active throughout the season, and it has been done on a scale that has, beyond all doubt, proved remunerative both to the manufacturer and the shipper.

ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT FROM 1849 TO 1853.

1849.....	1,064	Vessels.....	431,953	Tons.
1850.....	1,979	"	434,294	"
1851.....	1,185	"	505,034	"
1852.....	1,053	"	454,102	"
1853.....	1,193	"	536,083	"

Of the arrivals this year, 154 were Foreign, viz:—78 Norwegian, 32 United States, 26 Prussian, 7 Portuguese, 4 Swedish, 4 German, 1 Russian, 1 Spanish, and 1 Dutch. Their aggregate tonnage amounted to 63,849 tons.

In addition to the large number of arrivals this year, there were built during the year ending 1st December, 1853.

43 Square Rigged Vessels, forming...	46,148	Tons.
1, 193 Arrivals this year.....	536,082	"
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1, 236 Vessels.....	584,230	"

Number of Vessels cleared at this Port for each of the following Provinces, in 1852 and 1853.

1852.

New Brunswick.....	88	Vessels,.....	4785	Tons.
Nova Scotia.....	28	"	2641	"
Newfoundland.....	24	"	1944	"
Cape Breton.....	5	"	337	"
Labrador.....	8	"	529	"
Prince Edward Island.....	2	"	251	"

1853.

New Brunswick.....	104	Vessels,.....	5617	Tons.
Nova Scotia.....	46	"	2778	"
Newfoundland.....	34	"	3575	"
Cape Breton.....	5	"	304	"
Labrador.....	7	"	244	"
Prince Edward Island.....	4	"	176	"
Ragged Island.....	2	"	112	"

It will be seen by the above, that there is a very considerable increase in the amount of tonnage employed in the trade to Newfoundland this year. This is of course to be attributed to the repeal of the duty here of 12½ per cent., on the fish coming from that Island.

SHIP BUILDING.

The great demand for ships, and the high prices they have lately commanded in England, have been the means of increasing ship building here to nearly double what it was last year; and judging from the preparations now being made for building, and the number of ships already laid down, there is reason to believe that there will be a still further increase next year: already are there 29 ships building whose tonnage will amount to 35,030 tons.

Ships Built and Registered at Quebec in 1854 up to the commencement of July.

	BUILDER.
Eclipse,	1303 ... W. G. Ray.
Monica,.....	1363 ... J. J. Nesbit.
Captain Cook,.....	1272 ... Drolet & Leblanc
Lancashire Witch,...	1386 ... Lomas & Sewel.
Bucephalias,.....	1196 ... John Lemelin.
Ocean Monarch,.....	1831 ... Baldwin & Dinning.
Montmorency,.....	751 ... T. C. Lee.
Chapultepac,.....	1084 ... Isaie Julien & Co.
Aliquis,.....	1247 ... John Munn.
Agamemnon,.....	756 ... Jean Elie Gingras.
Typhoon	1403 ... Andrew & Wm. Park.
Exodus,.....	1237 ... Theophile St. Jean.
The Kildare,.....	701 ... John Lemelin Junr.
Echo,.....	1188 ... Wm. George Russell.
Napoleon the Third,1461	... T. H. Oliver.
Nazarene,.....	935 ... John James Nesbit.
Antartic,.....	757 ... T. C. Lee.
Silistria,.....	1025 ... Jolicuer & Lachance.
Jane,.....	755 ... P. Valin & Co.
Caribou,.....	1207 ... Pierre Brunelle & Son.
Ultonia,.....	1398 ... Edouard Trahan.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Arrivals and Tonnage at this port, from sea, in 1853 and 1854, up to the 30th June in each year

1853	519 vessels	208,296 tons
1854	520 do.	236,391 do.
	1	28,095

More this year.

Foreign Vessels arrived in 1854, up to the commencement of July.

United States,.....	34
Norway,.....	36
Hamburgh,.....	1

Bremen,.....	1
Russia,.....	4
France,.....	1
Portugal,.....	6
Sweden,.....	2

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MONTREAL & QUEBEC MAIL LINE OF STEAMERS.

New Freight Tariff, 1854.

	£	s.	d.
Ashes, per barrel.....	0	2	6
Almonds, Nuts, Pepper, Pimento, in bags per ton measurement.....	0	11	3
Apples, per barrel (large).....	0	0	7½
Do " " (small).....	0	0	6
Do " bag of 2 minots.....	0	0	6
Biscuit, per quintal.....	0	0	9
Boat Oars, dressed, each.....	0	0	2½