

RETURN of Vessels Owned and Registered in the Dominion of Canada.—(Continued.)

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Description of Vessel.	Total.		Occupation.								Value.	No. of Men employed
			Sea Going.		River or Lake.		Trading.		Fishing.			
			No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.		
Steamers, Paddle	147	13402	1	789	146	12613	147	13402			1283400	1688
Do Screw	74	12849	8	7337	66	5512	74	12849			769140	907
Ships	25	26157	25	26157			25	26157			807220	582
Barques	22	10118	19	9368	3	750	22	10118			323290	294
Brigs	3	561	3	561			3	561			12772	20
Brigantines	32	5187	29	4627	3	560	32	5187			143797	234
Schooners	575	37854	219	14173	356	23681	533	36123	42	1731	729894	2590
Sloops	34	2571			34	2571	34	2571			51420	128
Barges	338	34137			338	34137	338	34137			384472	1503
Scows	33	2346			33	2346	33	2346			23460	117
Bateaux	129	8689			129	8689	129	8689			86890	426
Not Rigged	16	1819			16	1819	16	1819			18190	59
Total	1428	155690	304	63012	1124	92678	1386	153959	42	1731	4633945	8548

RECAPITULATION—DOMINION OF CANADA.

Steamers, Paddle	221	27108	9	2613	212	24495	221	27108			2539070	2535
Do Screw	114	18658	9	7615	105	11043	114	18658			1188660	1294
Ships	164	168612	164	168612			164	168612			4964474	3555
Barques	397	177044	377	170910	20	6134	397	177044			5491970	5039
Brigs	117	27562	117	27562			117	27562			789352	1071
Brigantines	537	97337	520	92625	17	4712	537	97337			2926651	4225
Schooners	3471	191080	2774	134191	697	56889	1713	136235	1758	54845	4899983	16365
Sloops	61	3686	4	54	57	3632	59	3632	2	54	65760	226
Barges	343	35253			348	35258	343	35258			397472	1555
Scows	65	5940			65	5940	65	5940			68360	267
Bateaux	129	8689			129	8689	129	8689			86890	426
Woodboats	121	7193			121	7193	121	7193			71930	360
Not Rigged	77	8176			77	8176	77	8176			92690	317
Total	5822	776343	3974	604182	1848	172161	4062	721444	1760	54899	23583062	37235
Ontario	481	66959	1	125	480	66834	480	66937	1	22	2787800	3192
Quebec	1428	155690	304	63012	1124	92678	1386	153959	42	1731	4633945	8548
New Brunswick	826	200777	588	188399	238	12378	717	198132	109	2645	5904505	6207
Nova Scotia	3087	352917	3081	352646	6	271	1479	302416	1608	50501	10256812	19288
Total	5822	776343	3974	604182	1848	172161	4062	721444	1760	54899	23583062	37235

Shipping owned and registered at the Ports of Amherst in the Province of Quebec, and Guysborough and Pugwash, in the Province of Nova Scotia, not included in the above, no returns having been received.

The column of values (says Mr. Bouchette, the Comr. of Customs) represents but a mere rough approximation. The age of a vessel was probably in most cases the basis upon which the value was deduced; but this is often a fallacious criterion. Some of the returns differed widely from others in their estimate of values. In some the values were omitted altogether, and the omissions supplied by the best data at hand.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The accounts of the Dominion and of the Provinces for the first year of the Union are not yet (October) ready for publication. A great deal of time and thought have necessarily been given to the form and the substance of these accounts, and, the proper methods of keeping them having now been arrived at, it is to be hoped that in future years the balance sheets—those of the Provinces, at least—will be ready at an earlier period of the season.

In our last *Year Book*, pages 53 to 59, are to be found careful and detailed exhibits of the finances of all the Provinces composing the Union. We will here only reprint one of the tables; that which shows the ordinary revenue and expenditure of the whole, for the year before Confederation (1865-6):—

	Ont. & Quebec.	Nova Scotia.	N. Brunswick.	Total.
Ordinary Revenue	12,672,481	1,737,127	1,432,772	15,842,380
Ordinary Expenditure	11,957,053	1,920,434	1,349,701	15,227,188

All we can now give, to compare with this, is the Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion as at present ascertained. Moreover, in reading this it should be borne in mind that it is liable to sundry alterations in matters of detail. The Public Accounts, which are under the supervision of Mr. Auditor