

The apparent increase on the Ottawa Canals is due to the increasing number of boats passing from Ottawa to Whitehall. The apparent increase upon the early part of the year 1874 on the Welland Canal, did not, however, continue till the close of navigation. The season of navigation showed a small decrease as compared with that of 1873. There passed through the Welland Canal during the fiscal year 6,485 vessels, with a total tonnage of 1,573,113 tons; 3,821 of these were Canadian, and 1,707 United States vessels—total 11,465, with a tonnage of 1,377,989 tons. Through the Chambly Canal 2,092 Canadian, 1,672 United States—total 3,801 vessels, tonnage 238,822. Burlington Bay Canal, 1,577 Canadian vessels and 108 United States vessels—total 1,645 carrying 287,938 tons. Ottawa Canals, 1,302 Canadian, 1,004 United States vessels, tonnage 357,331. Rideau Canal, 3,148 Canadian vessels and 110 United States—total, 3,528; tonnage 197,152. St. Peter's Canal, 534 Canadian, no United States vessels, tonnage, 19,528 tons. Total Canadian vessels passing through canals, 25,005 with a tonnage of 3,002,331; United States vessels 7,309, with a tonnage of 1,087,513—total vessels, 32,304; tonnage, 4,089,874. During the season of navigation 1874, there passed through the Canadian Canals 31,375 vessels, with a tonnage of 3,950,832. During the same season in 1873 the number of vessels was 31,145 and the tonnage, 3,941,787 tons.

There was a decrease during the season of navigation of 1874, as compared with 1873 on the Welland, Chambly, Rideau and Ottawa Canals, and an increase on the St. Lawrence, Burlington Bay and St. Peter's Canals.

The revenue from Slides and Booms for 1874 was \$150,775 against \$12,173 the preceding year. There is a large and increasing amount of uncollected balances, chiefly of disputed claims for boomage against the Chaudiere mill owners. The following table shows the increase of the Ottawa lumber trade. Of the square and fitted timber, 25,733 pieces are of white and red pine, nearly 2,000 cedars and 10,000 railway ties. The other woods in small quantities.

YEAR.	Square and Platted Timber. No. of Pieces	Saw Logs. No. of Pieces.
Year ended 31st Dec'r, 1854.	302,157	178,779
do 1864	300,841	509,404
30th June, 1874	281,390	2,264,126

The outstanding Balances on Hydraulic Rents increased during the year from \$174,946 to \$188,284. \$31,513 was received for these rents, and \$4,572 from Harbors, Bridges, Ferries, &c., and 10,000 was paid in on account of the purchase of the old P. O. buildings in Montreal.

The fees from Cutting and Measuring Timber amounted to \$35,912, of which \$32,772 was collected, about \$7,500 more than the preceding year. The cost of the supervisor's Office was \$23,412.

BILL STAMPS.

The revenue from Bill Stamps was \$308,238—an increase of \$7,791 about the average yearly rate of increase. The following Table shows the amounts issued:

STATEMENT OF BILL STAMPS ISSUED ON REQUISITION, BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1874.

Supplied to Distributors.	1 cent.	2 cents.	3 cents.	4 cents.	5 cents.	6 cents.	7 cents.	8 cents.	10 cents.	20 cents.	30 cents.	40 cents.	50 cents.	\$1.	\$2.	\$3.	Gross Value.
In Nova Scotia.	10,000	1,000	56,000	5,000	6,000	20,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,000	500	.....	.....	\$ 10,150 00
New Brunswick	5,000	2,100	26,000	2,500	3,500	22,000	2,500	3,000	17,000	4,800	4,500	3,000	4,700	1,400	200	100	13,571 00
Ontario & Quebec.	144,703	128,801	398,023	28,887	54,057	367,003	19,002	21,007	214,254	63,878	24,907	24,907	42,281	18,788	4,211	3,018	168,945 69
To Post Office Department, Ottawa.	140,000	135,000	298,000	3,000	4,500	110,000	.....	3,000	50,000	9,500	7,500	2,800	3,800	1,800	.....	.....	31,805 00
Total.	308,238	271,104	702,023	38,887	70,857	450,003	27,162	82,067	291,252	83,183	80,878	80,807	52,221	22,988	4,441	2,718	228,571 59