

PROVINCE.	Number of Vessels.	Number of Steamers.	Gross Tonnage, Steamers.	Total Net Tonnage.
New Brunswick.....	1,042	85	10,983	269,224
Nova Scotia.....	2,929	75	7,391	526,921
Quebec.....	1,650	349	138,916	232,556
Ontario.....	1,248	556	79,034	140,929
Prince Edward Island.....	225	14	3,095	30,658
British Columbia.....	134	81	13,644	11,900
Manitoba.....	66	38	4,755	5,578
Total.....	7,294	1,198	257,818	1,217,766

There was a decrease as compared with 1885, of 21 in the number of vessels, and of 14,090 in the amount of tonnage, and assuming the average value to be \$30 a ton, the value of the total tonnage would be \$36,532,980, being a decrease of \$422,700.

549. There was, it will be seen, an increase in the number of steamers of 67 and in the tonnage of 45,248 tons. This was caused principally by the transfer from the United Kingdom of the registers of a number of the large steamships belonging to the Allan line, a difference in tonnage of 30,965 tons being made in this way. Increase in number of steamers.

550. The next statement shows the number of vessels and of tons on the register in each year from 1873 :— Number of vessels, 1873-1886.

YEAR.	Vessels.	Tons.	YEAR.	Vessels.	Tons.
1873.....	6,783	1,073,718	1880.....	7,377	1,311,218
1874.....	6,930	1,158,363	1881.....	6,394	1,310,896
1875.....	6,952	1,205,565	1882.....	7,312	1,260,777
1876.....	7,192	1,260,893	1883.....	7,374	1,276,440
1877.....	7,362	1,310,468	1884.....	7,254	1,253,747
1878.....	7,469	1,333,015	1885.....	7,315	1,231,856
1879.....	7,471	1,332,094	1886.....	7,294	1,217,766