

" have given a check to the wooden ship building industry, which at one time promised to grow to important dimensions. Every kind of timber suitable for the construction of ships is found on the rivers of the coast districts of the colony, but as the demand for this description of vessel has not increased, little advantage can be taken of our resources in this respect "

579. The following table is a comparative statement of the total shipping of Canada, inland as well as sea-going in the years 1886 and 1887 :

Shipping
of Canada
1886 and
1887.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ALL VESSELS (BOTH SEA-GOING AND INLAND) ARRIVED AT AND DEPARTED FROM CANADIAN PORTS (EXCLUSIVE OF COASTING VESSELS) IN 1886 AND 1887.

NATIONALITIES.	Number of Vessels.	Tons Register.	FREIGHT.		Number of Men.
			Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	
1886.					
British	2,960	3,101,285	1,161,923	560,130	86,182
Canadian	30,011	5,943,341	1,743,575	1,542,946	271,278
Foreign	19,357	4,924,606	1,149,009	1,186,279	206,783
Total	52,328	13,969,232	4,054,507	3,289,355	564,243
1887.					
British	2,679	2,657,619	1,152,966	426,424	70,109
Canadian	30,960	6,245,632	2,100,091	1,380,949	276,057
Foreign	24,296	5,187,747	1,233,342	1,167,792	243,630
Total	57,935	14,090,998	4,486,399	2,975,165	589,796

580. And the next table gives comparative particulars of all sea-going vessels entered and cleared at Canadian Ports in 1886 and 1887 :—

Sea-going
vessels
entered
and
cleared
1886 and
1887.