

SEA-GOING VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED AT CANADIAN PORTS, 1886 AND 1887.

NATIONALITIES.	Number of Vessels.	Tons Register.	QUANTITY OF FREIGHT.		Number of Mcs.
			Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	
1886.					
British.....	2,960	3,101,285	1,161,923	560,130	86,182
Canadian.....	11,405	1,783,623	659,330	942,200	82,603
Foreign.....	7,006	3,159,663	547,771	881,336	126,617
Total.....	21,371	8,044,571	2,369,024	2,383,666	295,402
1886.					
British.....	2,679	2,657,619	1,152,946	426,424	70,109
Canadian.....	12,901	2,314,109	845,682	941,324	194,652
Foreign.....	10,570	3,390,708	683,601	945,844	148,169
Total.....	26,150	8,362,436	2,681,629	2,313,592	322,930

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581. There was a very decided increase in the shipping of this country during the past year, due partly to the improvement of trade and partly to the increased bulk of merchandise. It has been argued that during the years our trade was decreasing, our shipping was increasing, and therefore the shipping returns could not be correct, but it was overlooked that though through the decline in values the monetary value of our trade had decreased, yet the quantity had materially increased in bulk as pointed out in Chapter IV, p. 196. British vessels formed only 10 per cent. of the total number, but they carried 43 per cent of the total freight, 32 per cent of the remainder being carried by Canadian, and the balance by foreign vessels.

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582. The following is a statement of British and Colonial shipping for 1886. The figures are all taken from official sources :—