

Summary
of traffic
through
Canals,
1883-1887.

309. And the next table is a summary of the preceding one, showing the total amounts, numbers and quantities under the various heads in each year.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TRAFFIC THROUGH THE CANADIAN CANALS, 1883 TO 1887.

YEAR.	CANADIAN VESSELS.			TONNAGE.	UNITED STATES VESSELS.		
	Steam.	Sail.	Total.		Steam.	Sail.	Total.
1883.....	7,513	12,845	20,358	3,318,020	833	3,699	4,532
1884.....	6,153	11,489	17,642	2,775,924	801	3,279	4,080
1885.....	5,845	11,467	17,312	2,681,639	730	3,065	3,795
1886.....	6,590	13,254	19,844	2,945,613	914	3,233	4,147
1887.....	6,750	12,241	18,991	2,847,952	782	3,101	3,883

Tonnage.	Total Number of Vessels.	Total Tonnage.	Passengers.	Freight.	Tolls.	Increase or Decrease.
			No.	Tons.	\$	\$
688,952	24,890	4,006,978	87,719	3,036,571	388,732	+ 33,273
618,004	21,722	3,393,928	84,430	2,622,213	320,401	— 68,331
547,438	21,107	3,229,077	70,571	2,673,641	300,421	— 19,980
667,953	23,991	3,613,566	78,762	2,969,093	347,962	+ 47,541
566,680	22,874	3,414,632	82,914	2,820,525	303,035	— 44,927

Decrease
in traffic.

310. There was a general decrease under each head, except that of passengers, in 1887 as compared with 1886, though there was a small increase in each case as compared with 1885. There was a decrease in the number of Canadian vessels of 853, of United States vessels of 264, in the number of tons of freight carried of 148,568 tons and in the amount of tolls of \$44,927. The increase in the number of passengers was 4,152. There was a decrease in the total tonnage of vessels passing through of 198,934 tons.

311. The following table gives the quantities in tons of the principal articles of freight carried through the Canadian canals during the seasons of navigation in 1886 and 1887.