

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES,  
1870 TO 1888.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Casualties.	Tonnage.	Lives Lost.	Damage.
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1870.....	335	.....	210	901,000
1871.....	274	81,035	81	2,100,000
1872.....	290	99,109	237	2,507,338
1873.....	350	99,523	*813	2,844,133
1874.....	308	106,682	109	2,029,965
1875.....	286	99,427	78	2,468,521
1876.....	452	153,368	404	2,942,955
1877.....	468	177,896	153	3,952,582
1878.....	414	161,760	187	3,444,875
1879.....	533	198,364	339	4,119,233
1880.....	445	179,993	217	3,820,652
1881.....	440	210,719	399	4,922,423
1882.....	451	193,655	271	3,138,423
1883.....	366	158,826	259	2,029,752
1884.....	324	119,741	253	2,965,321
1885.....	346	144,726	198	2,753,667
1886.....	377	150,277	54	1,950,799
1887.....	335	149,395	91	1,662,688
1888—11 months ended 30th Nov.....	192	64,063	45	698,889
Total.....	6,986	2,548,559	4,398	51,254,216

\* 545 persons were lost by the wreck of the White Star SS. "Atlantic."

435. It will be seen that the loss of life was considerably less in 1886 than in any other year in the table, while the amount of damage in 1887 was much smaller than any previous year, 1870 only excepted, and since the amount of shipping involved is continually increasing, it would appear as if the improved protection by means of lights, buoys, &c., and the greater attention now paid to the qualifications both of masters and mates, were having beneficial effects in reducing risks both to life and property. Particulars of the principal casualties in 1888 are not yet available.

Decrease  
in loss of  
life and  
property.

436. The proceedings of the Meteorological Service are referred to on page 13. The Superintendent, in his report, calls attention to the value of the excellent meteorological statistics collected by the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, and it is very much to be hoped that the other Provinces will speedily follow their good example.

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service.