

439. There was a decrease as compared with 1887 of 36 Decrease in number and value. in the number of vessels, and of 40,605 tons in the total tonnage, and assuming the average value to be \$30 a ton, the value of the total tonnage would be \$32,689,260, being a decrease in value of \$1,218,150. There was an increase of 45 in the number of steamers, and of 28,953 tons in steamers tonnage.

440. The next statement shows the number of vessels and of tons on the register in each year from 1873 :— Vessels on the register 1873-1888.

YEAR.	Vessels.	Tons.	YEAR.	Vessels.	Tons.
1873.....	6,783	1,073,718	1881.....	6,394	1,310,896
1874.....	6,930	1,158,363	1882.....	7,312	1,260,777
1875.....	6,952	1,205,565	1883.....	7,374	1,276,440
1876.....	7,192	1,260,893	1884.....	7,254	1,253,747
1877.....	7,362	1,310,468	1885.....	7,315	1,231,856
1878.....	7,469	1,333,015	1886.....	7,294	1,217,766
1879.....	7,471	1,332,094	1887.....	7,178	1,130,247
1880.....	7,377	1,311,218	1888.....	7,142	1,089,642

441. The following is a list of new vessels built and registered in each Province in 1888 :— New vessels built 1888.

	Number.	Tonnage.
Nova Scotia.....	116	12,965
Ontario.....	62	5,095
New Brunswick .....	32	2,530
Quebec.....	23	2,669
British Columbia.....	18	448
Prince Edward Island.....	12	1,412
Manitoba.....	1	11
Total.....	<u>264</u>	<u>25,130</u>

There was an increase of 41 in number and of 2,614 in tonnage, as compared with the preceding year. Assuming the value of the new vessels to be \$45 per ton, the total value would be \$1,130,850.