

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES,
1870 TO 1889.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER	Casualties.	Tonnage.	Lives Lost.	Damage.
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1870.....	335	82,868	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	3,445,875
1879.....	533	198,364	339	4,119,233
1880.....	445	179,993	217	3,820,652
1881.....	440	210,719	399	4,992,423
1882.....	451	193,655	271	3,138,423
1882.....	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.....	319	105,060	52	1,126,124
1889 do do.....	178	67,784	109	986,449
Total.....	7,291	2,740,148	4,514	52,737,900

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

Marine
disasters
in 1889.

487. In view of the largely increased and increasing efficiency of the Marine Protective Service, it would be disheartening if the figures in the above table did not show some reduction in latter years over those earlier in the period, and it is pleasant to note that the figures for 1888 were smaller than for many previous years, especially when it is remembered that the shipping done now is infinitely larger than in former years. It would not appear from present indications that the returns for 1889 will be quite so satisfactory, the increase in loss of life being considerable. The principal marine disaster, though fortunately unattended with loss of life, was the stranding of the SS. "Montreal" on Belle Isle during a dense fog. The vessel was 2,160 tons register and valued at \$150,000. She became a total loss.