

494. There was an increase as compared with 1888 of 11 in the total number of vessels, but a decrease of 49,161 tons in the total tonnage, and assuming the average value to be \$30 a ton, the value of the total tonnage would be \$31,214,430, being a decrease in value of \$1,474,830. There was an increase of 63 in the number of steamers, and a decrease of 1,510 tons in steamer's tonnage.

Increases and decreases.

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

Number of vessels on the register, 1873-1889.

YEAR.	Vessels.	Tons.	YEAR.	Vessels.	Tons.
1873.....	6,783	1,073,718	1882.....	7,312	1,260,777
1874.....	6,930	1,158,363	1883.....	7,374	1,276,440
1875.....	6,952	1,205,565	1884.....	7,254	1,253,747
1876.....	7,192	1,260,893	1885.....	7,315	1,231,856
1877.....	7,362	1,310,468	1886.....	7,294	1,217,766
1878.....	7,469	1,333,015	1887.....	7,178	1,130,247
1879.....	7,471	1,332,094	1888.....	7,142	1,089,642
1880.....	7,377	1,311,218	1889.....	7,153	1,040,481
1881.....	7,394	1,310,896			

496. The following is a list of new vessels built and registered in each Province in 1889 :—

New vessels built in 1889.

PROVINCE.	Number.	Tonnage.
Nova Scotia.....	126	19,645
Ontario.....	45	3,259
New Brunswick.....	50	4,792
Quebec.....	27	3,759
British Columbia.....	12	840
Prince Edward Island.....	12	1,503
Manitoba.....	8	548
Total.....	280	34,346

There was an increase of 16 in number and of 9,216 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 \$1,545,570.