

has not yet reported. The total distance between the lakes is 235 miles, and about 155 miles of this are available for light draft vessels.

592. The Murray Canal has been built through the Isthmus of Murray, giving connection westward between the Bay of Quinté and Lake Ontario. It has no locks, is  $4\frac{1}{4}$  miles in length, and with improvements at either end in the way of dredging and other work, covers a total distance of  $9\frac{1}{2}$  miles. It was opened for traffic during the season of 1889. Murray Canal.

593. The total amount spent on canals by the Imperial Government previous to Confederation was \$4,173,921, and by the Provincial Governments, \$16,518,323. At the time of Confederation all the systems became the property of the Dominion Government, who have expended the further sum of \$33,903,945, making a total amount spent for construction and enlargement alone of \$54,596,189, the amount expended for repairs not being included in these figures. Government expenditure on canals.

594. The following table is a statement of the number, tonnage and nationality of vessels that passed through the several Canals during the season of navigation in each of the years 1884 to 1888, inclusive, and of the number of passengers and tons of freight carried, and tolls received. Traffic through canals, 1884-1888.