

Excess of expenditure.

525. There was an excess of expenditure during the whole period of \$15,138,190, but it must be remembered that the expenditure includes the construction of a large number of lighthouses and other permanent works, as well as of several steamers, besides which \$141,875 has been spent on the survey of Georgian Bay, and \$71,000 on the taking of observations in Hudson's Bay.

Number of vessels on register, 1890.

526. The following table gives the number of vessels and number of tons on the registry books of the Dominion on 31st December, 1890. All sailing vessels, steamers and barges are included :—

NUMBER OF VESSELS, &c., ON THE REGISTRY BOOKS OF CANADA ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1890.

| PROVINCES. | Number of | | Gross Tonnage, Steamers. | Total. | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | Sailing Vessels. | Steamers. | | Sailing Vessels and Steamers. | Net Tonnage. |
| New Brunswick | 888 | 93 | 9,450 | 981 | 209,460 |
| Nova Scotia | 2,689 | 104 | 10,371 | 2,793 | 464,194 |
| Quebec | 1,129 | 270 | 71,962 | 1,399 | 164,003 |
| Ontario | 603 | 709 | 88,032 | 1,312 | 138,738 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 213 | 18 | 3,678 | 231 | 26,080 |
| British Columbia | 76 | 120 | 17,997 | 196 | 16,024 |
| Manitoba..... | 29 | 50 | 5,365 | 79 | 6,475 |
| Total..... | 5,627 | 1,364 | 206,855 | 6,991 | 1,024,974 |

Increases and decreases.

527. There was a decrease, as compared with 1889, of 178 in the total number of vessels, and a decrease of 15,507 tons in the total tonnage, and assuming the average value to be \$30 a ton, the value of the total tonnage would be \$30,749,220, being a decrease in value of \$465,210. There was an increase of 16 in the number of steamers, and an increase of 1,253 tons in steamer's tonnage.

Number of vessels on register, 1873-1890.

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