

smaller vessels of a few years ago. In connection with this, it may be interesting to state that the first ocean-going steamer arrived at Montreal in 1853, in which year four arrived, of a total tonnage of 1,951 tons, and in the same year 248 ocean-going sailing vessels arrived, of a tonnage of 57,752 tons. In the next year, 1854, six steamers, of 5,545 tons aggregate, 252 ocean-going sailing vessels of 65,365 tons, and 4,251 inland vessels of 323,578 tons arrived at the port, making an aggregate tonnage of 394,488 tons, and the average tonnage of sea-going vessels 274 tons. In 1890, 36 years after, the total tonnage that arrived in Montreal was 1,897,291 tons, of which 930,332 tons belonged to sea-going vessels, 624 of which were steamers and 122 sailing vessels, the average tonnage of each sea-going vessel having increased to 1,247 tons. In 1880, 354 steamers, 42 ships and 143 barques, sea-going vessels, arrived at Montreal. In 1890 the numbers respectively were 624, 9 and 33. As evidence of the increase in the coasting trade, the number of vessels that arrived at Montreal from the Maritime Provinces in 1881 was 212, with a tonnage of 99,378. In 1890 the number of vessels was 295 and the tonnage 239,606.

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536. The next table gives the number and tonnage of sea-going vessels entered and cleared at the principal ports of the Dominion in 1890.