

of ships sold to other countries in 1892, however, has not been exceeded since 1879, nor the tonnage since 1877. There is, however, a very marked decline in the value per ton of ships sold, since it averaged in the earlier years of the table \$34 per ton, while in 1892 it had fallen to \$14 per ton, so that at the prices of 1876, '77 and '78, the ships sold in 1892 would have realized \$1,237,566, or \$730,819 more than they actually did. The tendency of the present day is, as is well known, towards larger ships, and it will be seen that, in the earlier years of the table, the ships averaged 400 tons each, and in the later years 600 tons each.

Seagoing shipping entered and cleared, 1891 and 1892.

639. The following is a comparative statement of sea-going vessels arrived at and departed from Canadian ports (exclusive of coasting vessels) in 1891 and 1892, distinguishing between British, Canadian and foreign vessels.

SEA-GOING SHIPPING, ENTERED AND CLEARED AT CANADIAN PORTS, 1891 AND 1892.

NATIONALITIES.	Number of Vessels.	Tons Register.	FREIGHT.		Number of Men.
			Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	
1891.					
British..	3,483	3,523,238	1,330,595	564,770	107,443
Canadian..	13,665	1,791,306	683,116	816,123	87,138
Foreign	14,173	5,380,652	1,116,012	1,112,329	249,778
Total	31,321	10,695,196	3,129,723	2,493,222	444,359
1892.					
British..	3,402	3,586,335	1,622,845	515,998	103,389
Canadian..	13,720	2,085,187	754,568	838,902	104,009
Foreign	13,839	5,081,452	1,139,422	922,657	231,797
Total	30,961	10,752,974	3,516,835	2,277,557	439,195

Decrease in number of vessels.

640. There was a decrease in the number of vessels in 1892 of 360 as compared with 1891, but an increase in registered tonnage of 57,778 tons, and in tons weight of freight of 387,112 tons. The decrease in the number of vessels was among British and Foreign, as there was an increase in Canadian vessels.

Arrivals from and clearances for principal countries, 1892.

641. The next table shows the principal countries from which sea-going vessels arrived and for which they cleared, at Canadian ports, in 1892.