

Sea-going shipping since Confederation. 642. The next table shows that there has been a fairly steady increase in sea-going vessels since Confederation.

SEA-GOING SHIPPING ENTERED AND CLEARED AT CANADIAN PORTS, 1868-1892.

YEAR.	BRITISH.		CANADIAN.		FOREIGN.		Total Tonnage.
	No.	Tons Register.	No.	Tons Register.	No.	Tons Register.	
1868.....	*13,921	3,457,113			2,105	862,208	4,279,321
1869.....	*16,311	3,811,405			2,940	1,185,160	4,996,565
1870.....	*15,863	3,942,392			2,652	1,142,481	5,084,873
1871.....	*16,562	3,916,322			3,366	1,199,771	5,116,093
1872.....	*16,065	4,303,580			3,614	1,381,564	5,685,144
1873.....	*16,870	4,323,003			4,727	1,762,532	6,085,535
1874.....	*12,191	3,943,822			5,562	2,105,539	6,051,361
1875.....	*11,075	3,571,803			4,530	1,757,405	5,329,208
1876.....	2,595	1,896,603	8,554	1,634,333	5,614	2,379,828	5,910,764
1877.....	2,963	2,216,516	8,955	1,897,094	5,842	2,531,212	6,641,822
1878.....	2,954	2,294,688	8,847	1,928,531	5,715	2,461,165	6,684,384
1879.....	2,618	2,155,444	9,296	1,736,310	5,087	2,196,796	6,088,550
1880.....	2,990	2,642,935	10,219	1,794,210	5,161	2,349,569	6,786,714
1881.....	3,707	3,526,005	11,103	1,865,612	5,952	2,712,720	8,104,337
1882.....	3,335	3,164,839	11,355	1,892,290	6,448	2,879,433	7,936,562
1883.....	3,403	3,001,071	11,291	1,886,166	6,814	3,085,540	7,972,777
1884.....	3,327	3,257,219	11,796	1,880,993	7,220	3,346,089	8,484,301
1885.....	3,219	3,007,314	10,512	1,588,894	7,461	3,048,407	7,644,615
1886.....	2,960	3,101,285	11,405	1,783,623	7,006	3,159,663	8,044,571
1887.....	2,679	2,657,619	12,901	2,314,109	10,570	3,390,708	8,362,436
1888.....	3,316	3,326,417	13,828	1,862,295	13,663	4,009,091	9,197,803
1889.....	3,305	3,333,679	13,021	1,599,594	12,218	4,363,928	9,296,601
1890.....	3,671	3,617,013	13,695	1,708,939	13,758	5,002,333	10,328,285
1891.....	3,483	3,523,238	13,665	1,791,306	14,173	5,380,652	10,695,196
1892.....	3,402	3,586,335	13,720	2,085,187	13,839	5,081,452	10,752,974

* Canadian vessels not separated.

Increase. 643. There were 807 more British and 5,166 more Canadian vessels entered and cleared in 1892, than there were in 1876, the first year in which the vessels of the two countries were distinguished; and 11,734 more foreign vessels than in 1868, the increase in the latter having been much larger than in the two former nationalities.

Shipping on inland waters,^a 1891 and 1892. 644. A comparative statement of the number and tonnage of vessels arrived and departed at ports on the inland waters between Ontario, Quebec and the United States in 1891 and 1892 is given below. There was a decided decrease in the shipping on inland waters, the vessels having fallen off 3,626 in number, and 167,971 in tons register, while the freight has decreased 130,408 in tons weight, and 343,045 in tons measurement. The decline was most noticeable in Canadian vessels.