

992. The next table is a summary of the preceding one, showing the total amounts, numbers and quantities under the various heads in each year :—

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TRAFFIC THROUGH THE
CANADIAN CANALS, 1887 TO 1892.

YEAR.	CANADIAN VESSELS.			Tonnage.	UNITED STATES VESSELS.		
	Steam.	Sail.	Total.		Steam.	Sail.	Total.
1887.. .. .	6,750	12,241	18,991	2,847,952	782	3,101	3,883
1888.. .. .	6,405	11,256	17,661	2,640,322	774	3,147	3,921
1889.. .. .	7,230	12,163	19,393	2,995,582	1,109	3,433	4,542
1890.. .. .	9,220	11,435	20,655	3,139,472	1,010	2,354	3,364
1891.. .. .	8,711	10,535	19,246	3,135,454	1,209	2,393	3,602
1892.. .. .	9,236	11,941	21,177	3,401,965	1,169	2,759	3,928

Tonnage.	Total Number of Vessels.	Total Tonnage.	Passengers.	Freight.	Tolls.	Increase or decrease.
			No.	Tons.	\$	\$
566,680	22,874	3,414,632	82,914	2,820,516	303,035	— 44,927
631,777	21,582	3,272,099	75,797	2,761,597	317,854	+ 14,819
830,648	23,935	3,826,230	81,362	3,166,368	330,616	+ 62,762
721,397	24,019	3,860,869	127,135	2,913,047	330,510	— 50,106
838,116	22,848	3,973,570	146,336	2,902,526	346,686	+ 16,176
871,795	25,105	4,273,760	152,439	3,031,736	373,848	+ 27,162

993. There was an increase of 2,257 in the total number of vessels, 1,931 in number of Canadian vessels and 326 in the number of United States vessels ; the total tonnage increased by 300,190 tons. The increase in the quantity of freight carried was 129,210 tons, the number of passengers 6,103, and the amount received for tolls \$27,162.

994. As the question of the tolls charged on wheat and other food products passing through the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals has lately been the subject of international correspondence between Canada and the United States, a short statement of the facts concerning them may not be out of place.

995. In 1882, tolls on the Erie Canal were abolished, and, as a consequence, shippers and forwarders in Montreal and elsewhere, interested in the grain trade, urged upon the Government the opinion that abolition of tolls on the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals would result in attracting a largely increased volume of east-bound freight, especially grain, to these canals and the St. Lawrence route to the seaboard. By an Order in Council, therefore, dated 5th June, 1884, the tolls on wheat, Indian corn, oats, barley and rye, passing through these canals for Montreal