

1067. It will be observed, 1st, that there has been a steady increase in the total tonnage employed—the last five years showing an increase of nearly 80 per cent over the period of 1869-73.

2nd. That the proportion between tonnage, carrying cargo in and out, has remained nearly the same; in the first period (1869-73), the proportion being 60 per cent cargo out and 40 per cent cargo brought in; in the second period 61 per cent out and 39 per cent in; in the third period 59·9 per cent out and 40·1 in; in the fourth period, 58·6 per cent out and 41·4 in; in the 1889-93 period, 58·0 per cent out and 42·0 per cent in, showing that the relative proportion between imports and exports by sea has been steadily maintained.

3rd. That the growth of over-sea business in British Columbia has been by leaps and bounds, that province since 1889 having exceeded New Brunswick in the registered tonnage employed in carrying cargo.

4th. The tables relating to nationality of the sea-going vessels doing the over-sea portion of our transit trade show that (a) the proportion of British and Canadian vessels employed in the trade was, in 1869-73 period, 77·8 per cent, and foreign 22·2 per cent; (b) that the foreign element has advanced during each subsequent five years period, and in 1889-93 had a tonnage equal to 41·9 per cent of the whole employed; (c) that this tonnage fell off in 1893 to 38·7 as compared with the average of the previous four years 1889-92; (d) that the Canadian tonnage employed was 17·9 per cent of the whole in the 1874-78 period, 25 per cent in the next period, and 16·7 per cent in the last five year period, showing, however, a gain in 1893 as compared with the previous four years 1889-92; (e) that British tonnage, as distinct from Canadian, has barely held its own during the period 1879-93.

5th. Taking the provinces, and comparing the five years 1876-80 with the five years 1889-93, we have the following results:—

PROVINCE OF	Year.	—	Tons.
Quebec .....	1876-80	British .. . . . . .	6,610,091
	1889-93	“ .. . . . . .	8,426,682
	1876-80	Canadian .. . . . . .	1,350,212
	1889-93	“ .. . . . . .	659,111
	1876-80	Foreign .. . . . . .	1,227,326
	1889-93	“ .. . . . . .	1,820,057
Nova Scotia .....	1876-80	British .. . . . . .	2,297,764
	1889-93	“ .. . . . . .	5,721,664
	1876-80	Canadian .. . . . . .	3,016,926
	1889-93	“ .. . . . . .	3,660,585
	1876-80	Foreign .. . . . . .	1,858,680
	1889-93	“ .. . . . . .	2,905,317