

1080. The first iron ship was built in Great Britain in 1843. The first steel ships were built on the Clyde in 1879, when 18,000 tons of shipping were constructed of the metal.

1081. A comparative statement of the number and tonnage of vessels arrived at and departed from ports on the inland waters between Ontario and Quebec and the United States in 1892 and 1893, is given below.

There has been an increase in the number of vessels of 1,252, and a decrease in the the tonnage of 8,558. The freight carried shows a decrease of 259,570 tons in that class of freight charged by weight, and an increase in that class charged by measurement of 55,046. The decrease in tonnage and in freight carried is altogether in Canadian vessels. The number of men employed in Canadian vessels decreased. The decrease in steamers' tonnage was 249,161 tons, and in freight, weighed and measured together, 220,021 tons.

VESSELS ARRIVED AT AND DEPARTED FROM CANADIAN PORTS ON INLAND WATERS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES, 1892 AND 1893.

NATIONALITIES.	Number of Vessels.	Tons Register.	FREIGHT.		Number of Men.
			Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	
1892.					
Canadian.....	19,224	5,546,243	1,519,121	370,560	239,933
United States.....	15,158	2,393,238	749,817	152,004	123,874
Total.....	34,382	7,939,481	2,268,938	522,564	363,807
1893.					
Canadian.....	19,612	5,108,226	1,181,043	287,554	232,907
United States.....	16,022	2,822,697	828,325	290,056	135,837
Total.....	35,634	7,930,923	2,009,368	577,610	368,744