

1101. Analysis of the returns at different periods gives the following results in net tonnage :—

Description of Vessel.	1867.		1873.		1883.		1892.	
	No.	Ton- nage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Ton- nage.
Steam lifts.....			2	69	2	69		
Steamers.....	335	45,766	558	68,760	1,006	203,539	1,500	144,848
Ships.....	164	168,612	205	223,005	196	250,865	123	179,200
Barkentines, brigs, barks and brigantines.	1,051	301,943	1,180	498,157	949	519,057	495	286,194
Schooners.....	3,471	191,080	3,642	218,169	4,048	173,433	3,897	243,247
Sloops.....	61	3,686	45	2,168	231	13,798	269	16,904
Barges.....	348	35,258	912	101,356	766	94,467	541	81,601
Scows.....	65	5,940	48	3,986	70	5,668	78	6,570
Wood-boats.....	121	7,193	190	11,003	89	5,549	73	4,504
Yachts.....			1	45	3	78	9	175
Not rigged.....	77	8,176			11	742	13	630
Smacks and yawls.....					3	129	5	60
Cutters.....							3	12
Not described.....							3	344
Dredges.....							1	62
Totals.....	5,693	767,654	6,783	1,073,718	7,374	1,267,394	7,010	*964,351

\* These figures differ from those given on pages 652 and 653, the above being net tonnage, and the others gross tonnage, of steamers.

Comparing 1892 with 1883, the analysis shows that the decrease has been 303,043 tons ; that steamers decreased by 58,691 tons ; ships by 71,665 tons ; barkentines, brigs, barks and brigantines by 232,863 tons, and barges by 12,866 tons ; that among increases are schooners, with an increase of 69,814 tons, and sloops, with 3,106 tons of an increase ; that schooners are increasing in size, the average schooner in 1892 having a registered tonnage of 61 tons against 43 tons in 1883, and that the barge and the wood-boat are slowly retreating before other conveyances of a better type.

1102. The ships of 1892 averaged 1,457 tons each ; those of 1883 averaged 1,280 tons ; of 1873, 1,088 tons, and of 1867, 1,028 tons.

1103. The class of vessels designated barks, barkentines, brigs and brigantines averaged in 1867 290·14 tons ; in 1873, 422·16 ; in 1883, 546·95 tons, and in 1892, 578·17 tons.