

1233. 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, 1883 TO 1893.

YEAR.	CANADIAN VESSELS.			Tonnage.	UNITED STATES VESSELS.			Tonnage.
	Steam.	Sail.	Total.		Steam.	Sail.	Total.	
1883.....	7,513	12,845	20,358	3,318,020	833	3,699	4,532	688,952
1884.....	6,153	11,489	17,642	2,775,924	801	3,279	4,080	618,004
1885.....	5,845	11,467	17,312	2,681,639	730	3,065	3,795	547,438
1886.....	6,590	13,254	19,844	2,945,613	914	3,233	4,147	667,953
1887.....	6,750	12,241	18,991	2,847,952	782	3,101	3,883	566,680
1888.....	6,405	11,256	17,661	2,640,322	774	3,147	3,921	631,777
1889.....	7,230	12,163	19,393	2,995,582	1,109	3,433	4,542	830,648
1890.....	9,220	11,435	20,655	3,139,472	1,010	2,354	3,364	721,397
1891.....	8,711	10,535	19,246	3,135,454	1,209	2,393	3,602	838,116
1892.....	9,236	11,941	21,177	3,401,965	1,169	2,759	3,928	871,795
1893.....	9,322	11,535	20,857	3,434,054	1,432	3,153	4,585	1,286,295

YEAR.	Total Number of Vessels.	Total Tonnage.	Passengers.	Freight.	Tolls.	Increase or Decrease.
			No.	Tons.	\$	\$
1883.....	24,890	4,006,978	87,719	3,036,571	388,732	+ 33,273
1884.....	21,722	3,393,928	84,430	2,622,213	320,401	— 68,331
1885.....	21,107	3,229,077	70,571	2,673,641	300,421	— 19,980
1886.....	23,991	3,613,566	78,762	2,969,093	347,962	+ 47,541
1887.....	22,874	3,414,632	82,914	2,820,525	303,035	— 44,927
1888.....	21,582	3,272,099	75,797	2,761,597	317,854	+ 14,819
1889.....	23,935	3,826,230	81,362	3,166,368	380,616	+ 62,762
1890.....	24,019	3,860,869	127,135	2,913,047	330,510	— 50,106
1891.....	22,848	3,973,570	146,336	2,902,526	346,686	+ 16,176
1892.....	25,105	4,273,760	152,439	3,031,736	373,848	+ 27,162
1893.....	25,342	4,720,349	134,189	3,546,989	329,014	— 44,834

1234. There was an increase of 237 in the total number of vessels, a decrease of 320 in number of Canadian vessels and an increase of 657 in the number of United States vessels; the total tonnage increased by 446,589 tons. The increase in the quantity of freight carried was 515,253 tons, in the number of passengers 18,250, and in the amount received for tolls \$44,834.

1235. As the question of the tolls charged on wheat and other food products passing through the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals has 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.

In 1882 tolls on the Erie Canal were abolished, and, as a consequence, shippers and forwarders in Montreal and elsewhere, interested in