

No particulars are available of disasters to vessels in Canadian inland waters and to Canadian vessels on American inland waters. Owing to the manner in which the returns are made it is not possible to make any just comparison of the returns for recent years with those of previous ones.

1270. The following is a comparative statement of loss for each year since 1870, all casualties, whether at sea or on inland waters, being included in the table :—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF WRECKS AND CASUALTIES, 1870 TO 1893.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.	Casualties.	Tonnage.	Lives Lost.	Damage.
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1870.....	335	82,808	210	901,000
1871.....	274	81,035	81	2,100,000
1872.....	290	99,109	237	2,507,338
1873.....	350	99,523	*813	2,844,133
1874.....	308	106,682	109	2,029,965
1875.....	286	99,427	78	2,468,521
1876.....	452	153,368	404	2,942,955
1877.....	468	177,896	153	3,952,582
1878.....	414	161,760	187	3,445,875
1879.....	533	198,364	339	4,119,233
1880.....	445	179,993	217	3,820,652
1881.....	440	210,719	399	4,992,423
1882.....	451	193,655	271	3,138,423
1883.....	366	158,826	259	2,029,752
1884.....	324	119,741	253	2,965,321
1885.....	346	144,726	198	2,753,667
1886.....	377	150,277	54	1,950,799
1887.....	335	149,395	91	1,662,688
1888.....	319	105,060	52	1,126,124
1889—11 months ended 30th Nov.	268	110,716	163	1,554,319
1890—11 " 31st Oct.	242	78,343	64	1,194,516
1891—12 " 30th Nov.	260	72,360	7	694,653
1892— 6 " 30th June.	122	47,073	100	595,768
1893—12 " 31st Dec.	190	59,421	49	807,113
1894—12 " 30th June.	86	36,777	10	322,225
Total.....	8,281	3,077,054	4,691	56,920,045

* 545 persons were lost by the wreck of the White Star ss. "Atlantic" in Turn's Bay, Nova Scotia.

1271. Since 1870 the casualties which have happened in Canadian waters to vessels of all nationalities, and to Canadian vessels all over the world, have been 8,281, affecting over 3,000,000 tons of shipping, causing a loss of 4,691 human lives and a money damage equal to nearly \$56,900,000, an average of 331 wrecks and casualties a year, affecting 123,000 tons of shipping, causing the loss of nearly 200 lives a year and destruction of property equal to \$2,264,000 annually.

1272. That the efforts of the Government and people of Canada to reduce the number of casualties, and consequently the number of lives lost, and to