

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; (f) that in the year 1894 British tonnage employed slightly exceeded the percentage of the periods 1884-88 and 1889-93, that the proportion of Canadian tonnage was exactly the same as in 1893 and that the proportion of Foreign tonnage was somewhat less than in 1893.

1289. Taking the provinces, and comparing the five years, 1876-80, with the five years, 1889-93, and both periods with the year 1894, we have the following results:—

PROVINCES.	NATIONALITY.	Period, 1876-80.	Period, 1889-93.	Year, 1894.
		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Quebec.	British.....	6,610,091	8,426,682	
	Average.....	1,322,018	1,685,336	2,029,777
	Canadian.....	1,350,212	659,111	
	Average.....	270,042	131,822	126,292
	Foreign.....	1,227,326	1,820,057	
	Average.....	245,465	364,011	430,975
Nova Scotia.	British.....	2,297,764	5,721,664	
	Average.....	459,553	1,144,333	995,786
	Canadian.....	3,016,926	3,660,585	
	Average.....	603,385	732,117	1,010,700
	Foreign.....	1,858,680	2,905,317	
	Average.....	371,736	581,063	497,184
New Brunswick.	British.....	533,221	520,243	
	Average.....	106,644	104,048	127,889
	Canadian.....	1,949,174	1,851,817	
	Average.....	389,835	370,363	390,389
	Foreign.....	2,727,921	3,562,338	
	Average.....	545,584	712,468	649,308
Prince Edward Island.	British.....	24,849	79,860	
	Average.....	4,970	15,972	4,964
	Canadian.....	351,012	194,196	
	Average.....	70,202	38,839	45,133
	Foreign.....	348,701	225,522	
	Average.....	69,740	45,104	54,613
British Columbia.	British.....	140,895	1,215,457	
	Average.....	28,179	243,091	390,278
	Canadian.....	130,623	65,914	
	Average.....	26,124	13,183	17,748
	Foreign.....	1,568,811	7,646,588	
	Average.....	313,762	1,529,318	1,571,943

1290. Iron and steel have so completely superseded the use of wood in the construction of ships that there can be little, if any, development in the ship-building industry of Canada till the great natural facilities of the Dominion are properly applied. The Province of Nova Scotia possesses such large deposits of iron ore, coal and flux in close proximity to each other and to ship harbours that capital and skill should find a splendid opening for successful enterprise.