

1291. The next table is a statement of shipping on inland waters between Canada and the United States in each year since Confederation :—

VESSELS ARRIVED AT AND DEPARTED FROM CANADIAN PORTS ON INLAND WATERS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES IN EACH YEAR SINCE 1867.

YEAR.	CANADIAN.		UNITED STATES.		TOTAL.	
	No.	Tonnage Register.	No.	Tonnage Register.	No.	Tonnage Register.
1868.....	26,682	4,826,780	13,432	3,836,724	40,114	8,663,504
1869.....	22,967	3,576,867	11,082	1,887,612	34,049	5,464,479
1870.....	24,558	4,030,768	12,112	2,300,229	36,670	6,330,997
1871.....	26,558	5,068,831	15,151	2,941,164	41,709	8,009,995
1872.....	21,505	3,798,138	12,164	3,063,318	33,669	6,861,456
1873.....	22,491	3,126,579	13,961	2,536,883	36,452	5,663,462
1874.....	19,279	2,814,654	12,733	2,533,842	32,012	5,348,496
1875.....	15,325	2,235,829	11,882	1,962,418	27,207	4,198,247
1876.....	15,392	2,184,790	11,192	1,815,645	26,584	4,000,435
1877.....	15,431	2,207,832	13,522	2,238,590	28,953	4,446,422
1878.....	18,003	2,955,331	12,508	2,415,175	30,511	5,370,506
1879.....	18,122	3,314,829	12,718	2,243,433	30,840	5,558,262
1880.....	22,858	4,985,753	11,648	1,805,378	34,506	6,791,131
1881.....	20,492	4,029,027	12,197	1,669,068	32,689	5,698,095
1882.....	22,252	3,830,109	12,230	1,613,211	34,482	5,443,320
1883.....	20,041	3,950,692	13,281	1,847,266	33,322	5,797,958
1884.....	19,464	4,058,738	13,349	1,815,987	32,813	5,874,725
1885.....	18,926	4,849,856	11,033	1,590,241	29,959	6,440,097
1886.....	18,153	4,116,674	12,804	1,807,987	30,957	5,924,661
1887.....	18,059	3,931,523	13,726	1,797,039	31,785	5,728,562
1888.....	19,567	4,320,402	13,929	1,699,103	33,496	6,019,505
1889.....	21,543	5,036,438	14,970	1,721,182	36,513	6,757,620
1890.....	24,527	6,000,194	16,774	2,117,621	41,301	8,117,815
1891.....	22,002	5,724,339	16,006	2,383,113	38,008	8,107,452
1892.....	19,224	5,546,243	15,158	2,393,238	34,382	7,939,481
1893.....	19,612	5,108,226	16,022	2,822,697	35,634	7,930,923
1894.....	20,939	5,917,145	16,727	3,155,400	37,666	9,072,545

During the period of Confederation 171,560,150 registered tons of shipping have arrived at and departed from Canadian ports on inland waters between Canada and the United States. This is an average of 6,354,100 tons a year. The tonnage engaged in 1894 was, therefore, not only the largest in any year, but was nearly 43 per cent more than the average of the 27 years.

The table above given shows that the average tonnage of Canadian vessels has increased since 1868 and that of the United States decreased. Canadian having averaged 180 tons in 1868 and 282 tons in 1894, while United States vessels averaged 286 tons in 1868 and only 190 tons in 1894.

Comparing 1884 and 1894 the Canadian tonnage, which was in the former year over 69 per cent of the whole, was in 1894 slightly over 65 per cent showing that the United States tonnage has made the greater gain.