

There was an increase in the shipping of the Dominion in 1894 as compared with the previous year. The number of vessels was more by 2,825 and the registered tonnage by 1,813,547 tons, while there was a decrease in tons weight of freight of 893,490 tons, in tons measurement of freight of 76,994 tons. There was an increase of 42,625 in the number of men.

1294. The following table shows that there has been a considerable increase in Canadian shipping since Confederation, as the shipping entered and cleared in 1894 was 7,370,256 tons in excess of 1868, but the increase has been wholly in sea-going vessels :—

TOTAL NUMBER OF VESSELS (SEA GOING AND INLAND) ARRIVED AT AND DEPARTED FROM CANADIAN PORTS (EXCLUSIVE OF COASTING VESSELS) IN EACH YEAR SINCE 1867.

YEAR.	BRITISH.		CANADIAN.		FOREIGN.		Total Tonnage.
	No.	Tons Register.	No.	Tons Register.	No.	Tons Register.	
1868.....	*40,593	8,283,893			15,537	4,698,932	12,982,825
1869.....	*39,278	7,388,272			14,022	3,072,772	10,461,044
1870.....	*40,421	7,973,160			14,764	3,442,710	11,415,870
1871.....	*43,120	8,985,153			18,517	4,140,885	13,126,038
1872.....	*37,656	8,154,802			16,269	4,653,358	12,808,160
1873.....	*39,361	7,449,582			18,688	4,299,415	11,748,997
1874.....	*31,470	6,760,476			18,295	4,639,381	11,399,857
1875.....	*26,400	5,807,632			16,412	3,719,823	9,527,455
1876.....	*26,641	5,715,726			16,806	4,195,473	9,911,199
1877.....	2,963	2,216,516	24,386	4,104,926	19,364	4,769,802	11,091,244
1878.....	2,954	2,294,688	26,850	4,883,862	18,223	4,876,340	12,054,890
1879.....	2,618	2,155,444	27,418	5,051,139	17,805	4,440,229	11,646,812
1880.....	2,990	2,642,935	33,077	6,779,963	16,809	4,154,947	13,577,845
1881.....	3,707	3,526,005	31,595	5,894,639	18,149	4,381,788	13,802,432
1882.....	3,335	3,164,839	33,607	5,722,399	18,678	4,492,644	13,379,882
1883.....	3,403	3,001,071	31,332	5,836,858	20,095	4,932,806	13,770,735
1884.....	3,327	3,257,219	31,260	5,939,731	20,569	5,162,076	14,359,026
1885.....	3,219	3,007,314	29,438	6,438,750	18,494	4,638,648	14,084,712
1886.....	2,960	3,101,285	30,011	5,943,341	19,357	4,924,606	13,969,232
1887.....	2,679	2,657,619	30,960	6,245,632	24,296	5,187,747	14,090,998
1888.....	3,316	3,326,417	33,395	6,182,697	27,592	5,708,194	15,217,308
1889.....	3,305	3,333,079	34,564	6,636,032	27,188	6,085,110	16,054,221
1890.....	3,671	2,617,013	38,222	7,709,133	30,532	7,119,954	18,446,100
1891.....	3,483	3,523,238	35,667	7,516,645	30,179	7,763,765	18,803,648
1892.....	3,402	3,586,335	32,944	7,631,430	28,997	7,474,690	18,692,455
1893.....	3,271	3,780,915	33,034	7,298,151	26,876	7,460,468	18,539,534
1894.....	3,381	4,146,645	34,719	8,251,226	27,906	7,955,210	20,353,081

* Canadian vessels not distinguished.

The tendency towards larger vessels is naturally more marked among sea-going vessels than with those navigating inland waters only. In 1868 the average tonnage of sea-going vessels was 269 tons, and in 1894 it was 398 tons, while among vessels trading inland the average only rose from 216 tons to 241 tons. The increase in the size of vessels is more plainly shown in connection with the ocean-going shipping of Montreal.