

1295. The first ocean-going steamer arrived at Montreal in 1853, in which year four arrived of a total tonnage of 1,951 tons, and in the same year 248 ocean-going sailing vessels arrived of a tonnage of 57,752 tons. In the next year, 1854, six steamers of 5,545 tons aggregate, 252 ocean-going sailing vessels of 65,365 tons, and 4,251 inland vessels of 323,578 tons arrived at the port, making an aggregate tonnage of 394,488 tons, and the average tonnage of sea-going vessels 274 tons. In 1892, 38 years after, the total tonnage that arrived in Montreal was 2,086,307 tons, of which 1,036,707 tons belonged to sea-going vessels, 658 of which were steamers and 77 sailing vessels, the average tonnage of each sea-going vessel having increased to 1,410 tons. In 1880, 354 steamers, 42 ships and 143 barques, sea-going vessels, arrived at Montreal. In 1892 the numbers respectively were 658, 8 and 21. The number of vessels that arrived at Montreal from the Maritime Provinces in 1881 was 212, with a tonnage of 99,378. In 1892 the number of vessels was 331 and the tonnage 280,958. In 1893 the number of sea-going vessels which arrived was 871, having a tonnage of 1,174,996 tons.

The total number of arrivals from the Maritime Provinces in 1893 was 368 vessels with a tonnage of 326,934 tons; of these 333 were steamers with a tonnage of 324,188 tons, and 35 were sailing vessels with a tonnage of 2,746 tons.

In 1894 the number of sea-going vessels that arrived was 734 with a tonnage of 1,096,909 tons. Of these 684 were steamers with a tonnage of 1,079,313 tons and 50 with a tonnage of 17,596 were sailing vessels. Compared with 1893, the reduction in the number of steamers was 120 and in tonnage 72,464 tons.

The total number of arrivals from the Maritime Provinces for 1894 was 379 vessels having a tonnage of 368,107 tons; 349 of these with a tonnage of 362,945 tons were steamers and 30 were sailing vessels with a tonnage of 5,162 tons.

The shipping engaged in interprovincial trade increased in 1894 over 1893 by 41,173 tons—an increase of 12·6 per cent.

Since 1881 the shipping employed in interprovincial trade between Montreal and the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island has increased from 99,378 tons to 368,107 tons—an increase of 268,729 tons or 270 per cent.

Comparison between 1876 and 1894 shows the following changes for the whole Dominion :—

	1876.	1894.
Tonnage employed in sea-going trade.....	5,910,764	11,280,536
“ in inland waters between Canada and the United States.....	4,000,435	9,072,543
“ “ coasting trade.....	10,300,939	26,560,968
Totals.....	20,212,138	46,914,049

The proportion of each to the whole in each year is as under :—

	1876.	1894.
	Per cent.	Per cent.
Tonnage in sea-going trade.....	29·2	24·0
“ “ inland waters.....	19·8	19·4
“ “ coasting trade.....	51·0	56·6