

The increase in the total tonnage employed in these three branches of marine transportation has been 132 per cent.

1296. The coasting trade of Canada is regulated by the Act Chap. 83, Revised Statutes of Canada, which provides that no goods or passengers can be carried by water from one port in Canada to another except in British ships. This provision, however, may be declared by the Governor General-in-Council not to be applicable to the vessels of any country that allows British vessels to participate in its coasting trade on the same footing as its own national vessels. By different Orders-in-Council the ships of the following countries have been admitted to the coasting trade of Canada, viz., Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Belgium and the Argentine Republic.

1297. The coasting trade of Canada is not included in any of the foregoing tables, but is given in the following one, since 1876, before which no returns were kept :—

TONNAGE OF VESSELS, BRITISH AND FOREIGN, EMPLOYED IN THE COASTING TRADE, WHICH ARRIVED AT AND DEPARTED FROM CANADIAN PORTS, 1876-1894.

| YEAR. | TONNAGE. | | | | | | | Canada. |
|--------|------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Ontario. | Quebec. | Nova Scotia. | New Brunswick. | British Columbia. | Prince Edward Island. | Manitoba. | |
| 1876.. | 3,360,588 | 3,574,485 | 1,256,926 | 1,097,431 | 128,007 | 883,502 | | 10,300,939 |
| 1877.. | 3,491,763 | 2,274,150 | 1,148,010 | 959,704 | 165,371 | 929,864 | | 8,968,862 |
| 1878.. | 5,205,538 | 2,708,029 | 1,067,224 | 1,007,663 | 196,789 | 862,418 | | 11,047,661 |
| 1879.. | 6,158,529 | 3,273,679 | 975,214 | 875,970 | 223,707 | 559,984 | .. | 12,066,683 |
| 1880.. | 7,774,922 | 3,362,782 | 1,195,397 | 846,248 | 244,922 | 628,742 | | 14,053,013 |
| 1881.. | 7,995,898 | 3,348,494 | 1,497,552 | 859,716 | 463,474 | 951,632 | | 15,116,766 |
| 1882.. | 7,864,085 | 3,081,303 | 1,522,072 | 815,907 | 605,428 | 902,269 | | 14,791,064 |
| 1883.. | 7,823,501 | 3,229,295 | 2,084,251 | 878,691 | 661,347 | 1,006,481 | | 15,683,566 |
| 1884.. | 7,157,144 | 3,792,666 | 2,161,783 | 679,495 | 768,118 | 910,175 | 4,326 | 15,473,707 |
| 1885.. | 6,460,929 | 3,841,634 | 2,512,572 | 898,658 | 1,051,606 | 1,157,575 | 21,448 | 15,944,422. |
| 1886.. | 6,581,088 | 4,309,031 | 2,819,165 | 895,661 | 865,240 | 891,633 | 6,456 | 16,368,274 |
| 1887.. | 6,670,488 | 4,140,620 | 3,150,560 | 917,641 | 1,476,133 | 1,151,023 | 7,252 | 17,513,677 |
| 1888.. | 6,484,394 | 5,318,397 | 3,456,488 | 967,629 | 1,434,266 | 1,120,815 | 7,290 | 18,789,279 |
| 1889.. | 6,913,546 | 4,552,643 | 3,930,119 | 1,040,339 | 2,196,906 | 1,194,020 | 7,004 | 19,834,577 |
| 1890.. | 7,679,890 | 5,473,427 | 4,432,561 | 1,148,910 | 2,808,648 | 1,243,993 | 9,686 | 22,797,115 |
| 1891.. | 9,679,403 | 5,393,866 | 4,402,816 | 1,220,935 | 3,141,140 | 1,139,178 | 8,792 | 24,986,130 |
| 1892.. | 9,701,471 | 4,833,025 | 4,755,154 | 1,139,955 | 3,399,280 | 1,271,638 | 9,406 | 25,109,929 |
| 1893.. | 9,832,303 | 4,433,307 | 4,388,366 | 1,090,055 | 3,630,883 | 1,198,539 | 5,170 | 24,579,123 |
| 1894.. | 11,299,718 | 5,681,964 | 4,403,014 | 1,118,787 | 2,931,298 | 1,120,383 | 5,804 | 26,560,968 |

1298. The following table shows the tonnage and the nationalities of steamers and of sailing vessels engaged in the coasting trade of Canada during the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 :—