

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

PERIODS.	Tonnage.	Increase per cent over 1876-77.
1876-79 Average 4 years.....	985,092	.....
1880-83 " ".....	850,140	* 13.7
1884-87 " ".....	847,864	* 13.9
1888-91 " ".....	1,094,453	11.1
1892-94 " 3 years.....	1,116,266	13.3

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1876-79 Average 4 years.....	178,468	.....
1880-83 " ".....	493,793	176.7
1884-87 " ".....	1,040,274	482.9
1888-91 " ".....	2,396,240	1242.1
1892-94 " 3 years.....	3,320,487	1760.5

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1876-79 Average 4 years.....	808,942	.....
1880-83 " ".....	872,281	7.8
1884-87 " ".....	1,027,601	27.0
1888-91 " ".....	1,174,501	45.2
1892-94 " 3 years.....	1,196,853	47.9

\* Decrease.

This analysis shows : (1st.) That the coasting trade of Canada has made continuous progress, indicating the development of business of a provincial and interprovincial character, notwithstanding the growth of the railway mileage of the country. (2nd.) That British Columbia is the banner province in the development of her coasting trade, Nova Scotia coming second and Ontario third. (3rd.) That Ontario has the largest absolute growth, her coasting trade employing 10,277,997 tons a year in the 1892-4 period, which is an increase of 5,723,893 tons over the 1876-79 average. (4th.) That, with the exception of Quebec, all the provinces show growth in the 1892-4 period as compared with the immediately preceding period of 1888-91. (5th.) That all the provinces, excepting British Columbia and Prince Edward Island, show growth in 1894 compared with 1893. (6th.) That, with the exception of New Brunswick for the 1880-83 and the 1884-87 periods, there is not a minus sign in all the table.