

1306. On July 1st, 1867, when the Confederation was created, there were 5,693 vessels with a registered tonnage of 767,654 tons, on the registry of shipping.

In December, 1874, the registry contained 6,930 vessels with a tonnage of 1,158,363 tons.

In December, 1877, the registry held the names of 7,362 vessels with a tonnage of 1,310,468 tons.

The next two years saw the culmination of the development of our marine. In 1878 there were 7,469 vessels, with 1,333,015 tons, and in 1879 there were 7,471 vessels with 1,332,094 tons.

1307. In 1867 the steamers on the registry numbered 335, with a tonnage of 45,766 tons. In 1874 there were 634 steamers, of a gross tonnage of 122,836 tons. In 1883 the steamers numbered 1,006, with a gross tonnage of 203,539 tons; in 1886, 1,198 steamers, and gross tonnage 257,818 tons; in 1889, 1,348 steamers, and gross tonnage 205,632 tons; in 1892, 1,500, with a gross tonnage of 234,711 tons; in 1893, 1,538 steamers, with 241,172 tons gross; in 1894, 1,640 steamers, with a gross tonnage of 240,906 tons. Apparently, the steamers were more in tonnage in 1886 than they have been since. Probably this arose from the transfer of ocean steamers from the Canadian to the British Registry—a process which goes on from year to year, more or less, and in some years more than in others—unaccompanied, however, by change in ownership.

1308. Analysis of the returns (which are published once every three years) at different periods gives the following results in net tonnage:—

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.	1867.		1873.		1883.		1892.	
	No.	Ton- nage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Ton- nage.
Steam lifts.....			2	69	2	69		
Steamers.....	335	45,766	558	68,760	1,006	203,539	1,500	144,848
Ships.....	164	168,612	205	223,005	196	250,865	123	179,200
Barkentines, brigs, barks and brigantines.....	1,051	301,943	1,180	445,157	949	519,057	495	286,194
Schooners.....	3,471	191,080	3,642	218,169	4,048	173,433	3,897	243,247
Sloops.....	61	3,686	45	2,168	231	13,798	269	16,904
Barges.....	348	35,258	912	101,356	766	94,467	541	81,601
Scows.....	65	5,940	48	3,986	70	5,668	78	6,570
Wood-boats.....	121	7,193	190	11,003	89	5,549	73	4,504
Yachts.....			1	45	3	78	9	175
Not rigged.....	77	8,176			11	742	13	639
Smacks and yawls.....					3	129	5	60
Cutters.....							3	12
Not described.....							3	344
Dredges.....							1	62
Totals.....	5,693	767,654	6,783	1,073,718	7,374	1,267,394	7,010	*964,351

\* These figures differ from those given on pages 775 and 777, the above being net tonnage, and the others gross tonnage, of steamers.