

Comparing 1892 with 1883, the analysis shows that the decrease has been 303,043 tons; that steamers decreased by 58,691 tons; ships by 71,665 tons; barkentines, brigs, barks and brigantines by 232,863 tons, and barges by 12,866 tons; that among increases are schooners, with an increase of 69,814 tons, and sloops, with 3,106 tons of an increase; that schooners are increasing in size, the average schooner in 1892 having a registered tonnage of 61 tons, against 43 tons in 1883; and that the barge and the wood-boat are slowly retreating before other conveyances of a better type.

The ships of 1892 averaged 1,457 tons each; those of 1883 averaged 1,280 tons; of 1873, 1,088 tons, and of 1867, 1,028 tons.

The class of vessels designated barks, barkentines, brigs and brigantines averaged in 1867, 290·14 tons; in 1873, 377·25 tons; in 1883, 546·95 tons, and in 1892, 578·17 tons.

By provinces the changes which have taken place are shown in the following table:—

PROVINCES.	VESSELS.							
	1867.		1873.		1883.		1892.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Ontario	481	66,959	681	89,111	1,138	131,962	1,345	141,138
Quebec	1,299	147,061	1,842	214,043	1,733	216,571	1,409	162,428
New Brunswick...	826	200,717	1,149	277,850	1,107	315,906	950	183,526
Nova Scotia.....	3,087	352,917	2,801	449,701	3,037	541,715	2,730	424,818
P. E. Island ...			280	38,918	241	49,416	197	22,721
British Columbia..			30	4,095	94	9,046	297	23,558
Manitoba.....					24	2,778	82	6,162
Total.....	5,693	767,654	6,783	1,073,718	7,374	1,267,394	7,010	964,351

From 1873 to 1883 all the provinces gained in tonnage. From 1883 to January, 1892, Ontario just about held her own. British Columbia made large gains, while Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island lost heavily, Prince Edward Island most of all, the decrease in that province amounting to 54 per cent, against 42 per cent in New Brunswick, 25 per cent in Quebec, and 21 per cent in Nova Scotia.

The steamers' tonnage in 1892 was divided among the provinces in the following proportions:—Ontario, 41·1 per cent; Quebec, 32·3 per cent; British Columbia, 10·0 per cent; Nova Scotia, 7·9 per cent; New Brunswick, 3·8 per cent; Prince Edward Island, 2 per cent, and Manitoba, 2·6 per cent.

The tonnage of sailing vessels is distributed proportionately as follows:—Nova Scotia, 50·5 per cent; New Brunswick, 21·7 per cent; Quebec, 14·2 per cent; Ontario, 9·8 per cent; Prince Edward Island, 2·4 per cent; British Columbia, 1·2 per cent, and Manitoba 0·2 per cent.