

On 31st December, 1894, there were on the registry 7,245 vessels with a registered net tonnage of 869,624 tons. Of these 1,640 were steamers. The number of vessels of all kinds increased by 132. The tonnage decreased by 42,915 tons. The number of new vessels registered during the year was 326, with a tonnage of 21,243 tons. The number sold during the year was 43, of a tonnage of 21,960 tons.

1309. The following is a statement of the number and tonnage of wrecked Canadian vessels, 1884-1894 (calendar years) :—

YEAR.	Number.	Tonnage.
1884	138	31,302
1885	120	33,634
1886	173	56,220
1887	115	40,346
1888	94	22,897
1889	109	33,488
1890	103	25,454
1891	176	32,800
1892	72	22,728
1893	85	27,228
1894	86	36,777
Total	1,271	362,874

According to the returns published by the Department of Marine, there were entered in the Shipping Registry of the Dominion, from 1st January, 1884, to 31st December, 1893, 2,838 vessels with a tonnage of 391,525 tons.

According to the special return, name by name, of the vessels on the registry, in 1883, there were 7,374 vessels with 1,267,394 tons, on 31st December, 1883.

This gives a total of 10,212 vessels of 1,658,919 tons. Deducting from this total the vessels sold, as per trade returns (381 vessels of 190,506 tons), and the vessels wrecked (1,185 vessels of 326,097 tons), and there remain 8,646 vessels of 1,142,316 tons.

The number given on the registry of 1893 is 7,245 vessels of 869,624 tons, showing a difference of 1,533 vessels and 229,777 tons.

If the returns of the Customs Department be correct, then these 1,533 vessels have been transferred from Canadian registry to British registry, ownership continuing to be vested in Canadians.