

five years of changes in the materials of ship-building and for the substitution of steam for sail :—

YEAR.	Number of Vessels.	Tonnage.
1890-91.....	32,298	22,151,651
1891-92...	32,326	22,939,958
1892-93.....	32,066	23,694,508
1893-94.....	32,010	24,258,375
1894-95.....	30,721	24,569,496
1895-96.....	30,368	25,107,632

YEAR.	Number Steam.	Tons Gross.	Number Sail.	Tons Gross.
1890-91.....	11,108	12,985,372	21,190	9,166,279
1891-92.....	11,705	13,816,509	20,621	9,123,449
1892-93.....	12,193	14,562,003	19,873	9,132,505
1893-94.....	12,558	15,264,418	19,452	8,993,957
1894-95.....	12,907	16,066,202	17,814	8,503,294
1895-96.....	13,256	16,887,971	17,112	8,219,661

	WOOD AND COMPOSITE.		IRON.		STEEL.	
	Number	Tons.	Number	Tons.	Number	Tons.
1891-92.						
Steam.....	1,158	418,080	7,606	8,252,841	2,941	5,145,558
Sail.....	18,448	6,647,475	1,824	1,963,109	349	512,865
Totals.....	19,606	7,065,555	9,430	10,215,959	3,290	5,658,423
1892-93.						
Steam.....	1,146	404,744	7,531	8,058,848	3,516	6,098,411
Sail.....	17,468	6,290,907	1,807	1,924,915	598	916,683
Totals.....	18,614	6,695,651	9,338	9,983,763	4,114	7,015,094
1893-94.						
Steam.....	1,176	411,516	7,439	7,914,687	3,943	6,938,215
Sail.....	17,009	6,086,654	1,762	1,879,185	681	1,028,118
Totals.....	18,185	6,498,170	9,201	9,793,872	4,624	7,966,333
1894-95.						
Steam.....	1,167	418,843	7,238	7,661,124	4,502	7,986,235
Sail.....	15,352	5,546,277	1,703	1,814,267	759	1,142,750
Totals.....	16,519	5,965,120	8,941	9,475,391	5,261	9,128,985
1895-96.						
Steam.....	1,163	417,081	7,099	7,432,890	4,994	9,038,000
Sail.....	14,640	5,255,889	1,671	1,778,671	801	1,185,101
Totals.....	15,803	5,672,970	8,770	9,211,561	5,795	10,223,101