

tons, of which 1,734,114 tons were in the class of freight charged by weight and 518,173 tons in the class charged by measurement. In 1885 the 29,959 trips made resulted in the transport of 2,675,153 tons of goods, of which 1,745,725 tons were in the class of freight charged by weight and 929,428 tons were in the class paying by measurement, *i. e.*, that the vessels on each trip in and out averaged 89·29 tons of freight in 1885 and 69·49 tons in 1895. The increase in number of trips, the tonnage and the number of men, together with the decrease in the average tons of freight, indicate that the business is becoming more and more a passenger-carrying business. The total increase in the tons carried in 1894, as compared with 1884, being only 76,943 tons, or 2·1 per cent against an increase in tonnage of vessels engaged of over 54 per cent, and in a number of trips made of over 15 per cent. As a channel for the conveyance of goods, the shipping between Canada and the United States on the inland waters is barely holding its own, other means of transport being more largely employed.

The Canadian vessels employed are not holding their own. In 1885 they carried 67 per cent of the freight, and in 1895 barely 50 per cent.

The following table is a comparative statement of the total shipping of Canada, inland as well as sea-going, in the years 1894 and 1895 :—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ALL VESSELS (BOTH SEA-GOING AND INLAND) ARRIVED AT AND DEPARTED FROM CANADIAN PORTS (EXCLUSIVE OF COASTING VESSELS) IN 1894 AND 1895.

NATIONALITIES.	Number of Vessels.	Tons Register.	FREIGHT.		Number of Men.
			Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	
1894.					
British	3,381	4,146,645	1,758,192	667,114	112,090
Canadian	34,719	8,251,226	1,737,834	1,227,310	378,091
Foreign	27,906	7,955,210	1,210,383	1,159,817	338,823
Total	66,006	20,353,081	4,706,409	3,054,241	829,004
1895.					
British	3,206	3,994,224	1,739,873	771,425	105,255
Canadian	29,784	7,260,835	1,619,273	1,042,444	361,355
Foreign	27,299	7,855,904	2,032,212	1,122,045	349,010
Total	60,289	19,100,963	5,391,358	2,935,914	815,616

There was a decrease in the shipping of the Dominion in 1895, as compared with the previous year. The number of vessels was less by 5,717; the registered tonnage by 1,252,118 tons, while there was an increase in tons weight of freight of 684,949 tons, and a decrease in tons measurement of freight of 118,327 tons and 13,388 in the number of men.