

1110. In 1876 the British tonnage was 10,108,110 tons and that of foreign vessels 192,829 tons, or 1·9 per cent of the whole. In 1895 the tonnage of British vessels was 25,205,133 tons and of foreign vessels 268,301 tons, or 1·05 per cent.

The growth of the coasting trade of Canada is very considerable.

Taking 4-year periods, the totals and the averages are :—

PERIODS.	Total Tonnage.	Yearly Average.
1876-79	42,384,145	10,596,036
1880-83	59,644,409	14,911,102
1884-87	65,300,080	16,325,020
1888-91	86,407,101	21,601,775
1892-95	101,723,454	25,430,863

Making 1876-79 the datum line, the increases are as follow :—

1880-3 over 1876-79	40 7 per cent.
1884-7 "	54 1 "
1888-91 "	103·9 "
1892-5 "	140·0 "

By Provinces the growth has been :—

ONTARIO.

PERIODS.	Tonnage.	Increase per cent over 1876-79.
1876-79 Average 4 years	4,554,104
1880-83 " "	7,864,601	72·7
1884-87 " "	6,717,412	47·5
1888-91 " "	7,689,308	68·8
1892-95 " "	10,408,372	128·5

QUEBEC.

1876-79 Average 4 years	2,957,586
1880-83 " "	3,255,469	10·1
1884-87 " "	4,020,988	35·9
1888-91 " "	5,184,583	75·3
1892-95 " "	4,955,699	67·6

NOVA SCOTIA.

1876-79 Average 4 years	1,111,843
1880-83 " "	1,574,818	41·6
1884-87 " "	2,661,020	139·3
1888-91 " "	4,055,496	264·7
1892-95 " "	4,583,986	312·3