

NEW BRUNSWICK.

PERIODS.	Tonnage.	Increase per cent over 1876-79.
1876-79 Average 4 years.....	985,092
1880-83 " "	850,140	* 13·7
1884-87 " "	847,864	* 13·9
1888-91 " "	1,094,453	11·1
1892-95 " "	1,152,102	16·9

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1876-79 Average 4 years.....	178,468
1880-83 " "	493,793	176·7
1884-87 " "	1,040,274	482·9
1888-91 " "	2,395,240	1242·1
1892-95 " "	3,146,779	1663·2

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1876-79 Average 4 years.....	808,942
1880-83 " "	872,281	7·8
1884-87 " "	1,027,601	27·0
1888-91 " "	1,174,501	45·2
1892-95 " "	1,177,262	45·5

*Decrease.

This analysis shows : (1st.) That the coasting trade of Canada has made continuous progress, indicating the development of water-borne business of a provincial and interprovincial character, notwithstanding the growth of the railway mileage of the country. (2nd.) That British Columbia is the banner province in the development of her coasting trade, Nova Scotia coming second and Ontario third. (3rd.) That Ontario has the largest absolute growth, her coasting trade employing 10,408,372 tons a year in the 1892-95 period, which is an increase of 5,854,268 tons over the 1876-79 average. (4th.) That, with the exception of Quebec and British Columbia, all the provinces show growth in the 1892-95 period as compared with the immediately preceding period of 1888-91. (5th.) That, with the exception of New Brunswick for the 1880-83 and the 1884-87 periods, there is not a minus sign in all the table.