

NUMBER AND TONNAGE OF WRECKED CANADIAN VESSELS—*Concluded.*

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
1895.....	247	93,914
Total.....	1,518	456,788

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, 1895, 3,414 vessels with a tonnage of 429,038 tons.

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

This gives a total of 10,788 vessels of 1,696,432 tons. Deducting from this total the vessels sold as per trade returns (455 vessels of 229,033 tons), and the vessels wrecked (1,518 vessels of 456,788 tons), and there remain 8,815 vessels of 1,010,611 tons.

The number given on the registry of 1895 is 7,262 vessels of 825,837 tons, showing a difference of 1,553 vessels and 184,774 tons.

If the returns of the Customs Department be correct then these 1,553 vessels have been transferred from Canadian registry to British registry, ownership continuing to be vested in Canadians.

1121. There are four graving docks in Canada, three belonging to the Federal Government and one owned by a company. The following statement shows the dimensions of these graving docks:—

NAME.	Length.	WIDTH			Water on Sills.	RISE OF	
		At coping.	At entrance.	At bottom.		Spring tide.	Neap tide.
		Ft.	Ft.	Ft.		Ft.	Ft.
Esquimalt.....	430	90	65	41	*26½	7 to 10	5 to 8
Kingston.....	280	79	55	47	16½	†
Lévis.....	445	100	62	73	25½	26½	20½
Halifax.....	585	102	89½	72	30	6	3

* At ordinary spring tide. † Height of water in Lake Ontario varies 3½ feet.