Canadian Government Merchant Marine.—Early in 1918 the Dominion Government, realizing the need for a mercantile fleet to develop Canadian export trade, placed orders with Canadian shipbuilding firms for 45 ships of a total deadweight tonnage of approximately 263,950 tons. These steamers are being operated by a company under the charter name of the "Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited", the directors of which company are members of the board of directors of the Canadian Northern railway. With the boats so far delivered the following services have been established: Between Montreal and St. John's, Newfoundland, Cuba, the West Indies, South America and various United Kingdom ports, which services will continue from Halifax or St. John during the winter months. Cargoes have been carried to French ports and from Vancouver to United Kingdom ports viâ the Panama canal, and a service from Vancouver to Australia has been established. Additional services have been arranged for as soon as further vessels are delivered by the builders.

Of the following statements, Tables 42-49 are compiled from the Reports of the Department of Customs, and Tables 50-57 are from the Reports of the Department of Marine.

42.—Sea-going Vessels (exclusive of Coasting Vessels) Entered and Cleared at Canadian Ports during the fiscal years 1918 and 1919.

	Num- ber of Vessels.	Tons Register.	Freight.		NT 1
Nationalities.			Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Number of Men.
1918 ENTERED. British	3,496 5,375 8,358 17,229	8,064,723 2,133,014 5,582,423 15,780,160	1,841,603 602,491 1,744,942 4,189,036	114,236 101,493 135,919 351,64 8	210,467 96,257 159,343 466,067
CLEARED. British Canadian Foreign. Total	3,841 5,623 8,239 17,703	8,895,067 2,210,839 5,901,061 17,006,967	7,259,280 837,516 1,825,851 9,922,647	377,815 158,112 209,715 745,642	216,953 101,400 173,485 4 91,838
Total Entered and Cleared. BritishCanadianForeign	7,337 10,998 16,597 34,932	16,959,790 4,343,853 11,483,484 32,787,127	9,100,883 1,440,007 3,570,793 14,111,683	492,051 259,605 345,634 1,097,290	427,420 197,657 332,828 957,905
1919 ENTERED. British Canadian Foreign. Total.	2,902 5,406 7,495 15,803	6,384,582 1,819,687 3,490,344 11,694,613	1,747,892 706,750 1,642,340 4,096,982	134,587 80,189 118,236 333,012	172,741 85,310 119,316 377,367
CTEARED. British	3,197 5,709 7,637 16,543	7,669,584 1,938,841 3,958,355 13,568,780	6,608,808 825,979 1,641,367 9,076,154	330,096 135,439 155,653 621,188	188,547 85,373 132,751 406,671
Total Entered and Cleared British Canadian Foreign	6,099 11,115 15,132	14,054,166 3,758,528 7,448,699	8,356,700 1,532,729 3,283,707	464,683 215,628 273,889	361,288 170,683 252,067
Total	32,346	25,261,393	13,173,136	954,200	784,038