

Steamboat Inspection.—The Steamboat Inspection Service of Canada, maintained under the authority of the Marine and Fisheries Department, comprises the Board of Steamboat Inspection, together with staffs of inspectors at the principal ocean and inland ports. The Board decides on the standards to be required of all vessels coming under its jurisdiction, which must be attained by all ships given official warrant as to their seaworthiness and mechanical condition. Besides, the Board grants certificates of competency to engineers of steamboats.

A table showing the number and tonnage of steamboats inspected during the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1924, follows.

63.—Steamboat Inspection during the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1924.

Divisions.	Number of Vessels Inspected.				Number of Vessels not Inspected.	
	Vessels registered or owned in the Dominion.		Vessels registered or owned elsewhere.			
	No.	Gross Tonnage.	No.	Gross Tonnage.	No.	Gross Tonnage.
Halifax.....	170	142,434	13	32,035	25	11,508
St. John.....	91	62,269	2	4,108	79	119,595
Quebec.....	60	33,196	1	348	25	1,450
Sorel.....	102	72,863	1	150	28	12,190
Montreal.....	183	311,162	3	2,990	118	57,212
Kingston.....	45	48,719	6	8,849	43	25,154
Toronto.....	280	180,511	44	38,480	30	4,257
Collingwood.....	104	66,472	2	4,157	20	3,527
Port Arthur.....	68	22,751	2	2,740	85	5,583
Vancouver.....	253	162,696	13	116,679	39	22,032
Victoria.....	107	69,604	25	115,797	22	534
Total.....	1,463	1,172,677	112	326,333	514	263,042

Divisions.	Number of Vessels subject to inspection when in commission.	Number of Vessels added to the Dominion register.	Number of Vessels lost, broken up or destroyed.
Halifax.....	208	1	5
St. John.....	172	-	2
Quebec.....	86	7	-
Sorel.....	131	2	8
Montreal.....	304	6	7
Kingston.....	94	2	2
Toronto.....	354	5	9
Collingwood.....	126	2	1
Port Arthur.....	155	2	4
Vancouver.....	305	18	8
Victoria.....	154	5	3
Total.....	2,089	50	49

Fees collected during the year on account of inspections totalled \$119,800, and those on account of examinations of engineers amounted to \$1,836, giving a combined total revenue collected by inspectors of \$121,636.

Seamen Shipped and Discharged.—Table 64 shows, for each year from 1908 to 1923, the number of seamen shipped and discharged at Canadian ports under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act (R.S. 1906, c. 113, ss. 141-143).