

great activity in lake and river shipping. In 1845, the "Gore" reached lake Huron by way of the Welland canal to carry on transport trade on the Upper Lakes, where previously there had not been enough traffic to support a large ship. Shipping on the Upper Lakes became brisker now, for there were settlers to be carried from Buffalo to the western United States and grain to be brought back. In this period Canadian shipping made its profit by carrying American goods, for there was little traffic originating in the Canadian near-West.

The period from 1850 to the present has witnessed a proportionate decline in inland shipping, owing to the competition of railways. Considerable traffic is still carried over water routes, however, and the transport of grain, coal and iron ore now forms the "raison d'être" of considerable fleets of cargo boats on the Great Lakes.

**Inland International Shipping.**—Statistics of the inland international shipping between Canadian and United States ports for the fiscal years ended 1923-1927, exclusive of ferriage, are given in Table 53. The total tonnage of inland international shipping entered and cleared in the fiscal years 1920-1927, was as follows:—1920, 24,248,779; 1921, 29,731,901; 1922, 29,070,783; 1923, 38,124,846; 1924, 37,928,971; 1925, 36,958,025; 1926, 29,591,831; 1927, 31,181,890.

**53.—Canadian and American Vessels trading on Rivers and Lakes between Canada and United States, exclusive of ferriage, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1923-1927.**

Items.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
<b>VESSELS ARRIVED—</b>					
<b>Canadian—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	20,341	17,647	12,180	7,212	7,919
Tons register.....	8,936,612	9,903,534	8,741,668	6,128,817	7,933,752
Number of crew.....	350,377	343,799	294,872	252,450	255,678
Sail..... No.	940	955	969	670	490
Tons register.....	340,837	336,129	372,125	236,707	150,331
Number of crew.....	4,164	4,389	4,610	3,391	1,968
<b>American—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	33,372	30,534	32,058	17,028	19,718
Tons register.....	9,144,512	8,245,561	8,086,451	7,369,366	6,242,647
Number of crew.....	258,045	246,367	258,500	182,788	157,202
Sail..... No.	1,305	1,178	1,205	1,130	1,749
Tons register.....	442,487	441,752	415,861	382,209	535,366
Number of crew.....	5,223	4,047	3,713	3,522	3,999
<b>Description of vessels—</b>					
Steam and motor, screw..... No.	52,288	46,502	42,790	22,561	25,864
Steam and motor, paddle..... "	1,349	1,668	1,441	1,670	1,538
Steam and motor, sternwheel..... "	76	11	7	9	235
Sail, schooners..... "	192	268	307	190	127
Sail, sloops..... "	40	30	20	14	14
Sail, barges..... "	2,013	1,834	1,847	1,596	2,098
<b>VESSELS DEPARTED—</b>					
<b>Canadian—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	20,388	17,658	12,552	7,582	8,315
Tons register.....	9,329,150	9,919,753	9,149,896	6,848,899	8,520,699
Number of crew.....	351,440	334,648	298,830	255,847	258,618
Sail..... No.	1,062	907	952	640	545
Tons register.....	352,879	359,127	391,097	231,551	161,681
Number of crew.....	4,223	4,509	4,577	3,388	2,175
<b>American—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	33,503	30,740	32,311	17,489	19,915
Tons register.....	9,124,909	8,245,120	9,395,826	7,987,121	7,102,418
Number of crew.....	255,464	249,887	261,490	164,329	166,775
Sail..... No.	1,526	1,453	1,196	1,345	1,851
Tons register.....	453,460	477,995	405,101	407,161	535,006
Number of crew.....	4,820	4,657	3,684	4,160	4,133
<b>Description of vessels—</b>					
Steam and motor, screw..... No.	52,549	47,031	43,382	23,422	26,491
Steam and motor, paddle..... "	1,329	1,357	1,474	1,640	1,506
Steam and motor, sternwheel..... "	13	10	7	9	233
Sail, schooners..... "	197	254	175	208	137
Sail, sloops..... "	46	30	15	11	9
Sail, barges..... "	2,285	2,076	1,958	1,766	2,250