

5.—Shipping Constructed and on the Registry.

The shipbuilding industry in Canada dates from the earliest settlement of the country, and up till the 1870's was one of the leading industries of Quebec and of the Maritime Provinces, 490 vessels with a total tonnage of 183,010 being constructed in the calendar year 1874. At this time, however, the advent of the steel ship rendered the wooden vessels, the material for which was so abundant in Canada, obsolete, with the result that the tonnage built has never again reached the above figure, though in the fiscal years 1919 and 1920 the construction of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, built as an extraordinary measure arising out of the war, raised the total constructed to 104,444 and 164,074 tons respectively. Statistics of ships built and registered in Canada or sold to other countries are given in Table 57. For further information on the shipbuilding industry, see Table 5 on pages 424 and 425 of the present volume.

57.—Vessels built and registered in Canada and Vessels sold to other Countries, fiscal years ended June 30, 1901-1906, and Mar. 31, 1907-1927.

NOTE.—For 1874-1900, see Canada Year Book, 1911, p. 383.

Fiscal Years.	Built.		Registered.		Sold to other Countries.		
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	Value.
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1901.....	240	21,956	327	35,156	5	4,490	66,468
1902.....	260	28,288	316	34,236	27	11,360	235,865
1903.....	295	30,856	312	41,405	21	11,172	220,602
1904.....	214	26,397	243	33,192	11	7,208	87,115
1905.....	248	21,865	335	27,583	21	3,696	100,363
1906.....	323	18,724	420	37,639	45	9,487	187,725
1907 (9 months).....	229	33,205	257	31,655	17	3,855	68,190
1908.....	361	49,928	357	78,144	28	4,515	132,900
1909.....	303	29,023	277	32,899	16	3,644	98,644
1910.....	264	24,059	220	33,383	14	5,047	133,800
1911.....	247	22,812	234	50,006	17	5,585	201,526
1912.....	326	31,065	302	30,021	18	4,265	140,350
1913.....	324	24,325	328	30,225	20	7,976	610,650
1914.....	289	46,887	230	46,909	27	8,258	169,618
1915.....	224	45,721	237	55,384	21	17,044	1,150,950
1916.....	187	13,497	325	102,239	21	4,529	192,575
1917.....	184	28,638	334	105,826	47	24,954	4,398,570
1918.....	216	53,912	336	70,350	63	25,252	5,330,850
1919.....	277	104,444	327	102,883	85	48,965	14,612,338
1920.....	352	164,074	459	237,022	68	53,407	17,819,477
1921.....	220	95,838	323	188,915	60	34,623	8,456,573
1922.....	143	78,409	228	131,732	35	25,462	3,399,450
1923.....	154	14,868	274	57,446	18	26,394	1,009,327
1924.....	160	20,336	194	74,311	21	17,076	605,211
1925.....	232	36,147	198	48,054	28	21,689	717,730
1926.....	247	39,840	218	88,380	27	24,673	1,413,150
1927.....	341	32,801	281	79,448	32	27,027	1,984,040

The number and net tonnage of the vessels on the registry of Canada, as at the end of each of the calendar years from 1917 to 1926, are given by provinces in Table 58. In 1926 there were 8,193 vessels with a tonnage of 1,348,935.