

On lake Ontario, the "Frontenac", beginning with 1817, was used on a weekly service between York and Prescott, and following this beginning came a period of 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 1924-1928, exclusive of ferriage, are given in Table 53. The total tonnage of inland international shipping entered and cleared in the fiscal years 1920-1928, 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; 1928, 35,589,163.

**53.—Canadian and American Vessels trading on Rivers and Lakes between Canada and United States, exclusive of ferriage, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1924-1928.**

Items.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
<b>VESSELS ARRIVED—</b>					
Canadian—					
Steam and motor.....No	17,647	12,180	7,212	7,919	9,946
Tons register.....	9,803,534	8,741,668	6,128,817	7,933,752	8,689,990
Number of crew.....	343,799	294,872	252,450	255,678	276,095
Sail.....No	955	969	670	490	330
Tons register.....	336,125	372,125	236,707	150,331	101,618
Number of crew.....	4,380	4,610	3,391	1,968	1,380
American—					
Steam and motor.....No	30,534	32,058	17,028	19,718	23,769
Tons register.....	8,245,561	8,086,451	7,369,366	6,242,647	7,609,732
Number of crew.....	246,387	258,500	162,788	157,202	179,096
Sail.....No	1,178	1,205	1,130	1,740	1,028
Tons register.....	441,752	415,861	382,209	535,356	344,232
Number of crew.....	4,047	3,713	3,522	3,999	2,993
Description of vessels—					
Steam and motor, screw.....No	46,502	42,790	22,561	25,864	31,698
Steam and motor, paddle.....	1,608	1,441	1,670	1,538	2,008
Steam and motor, sternwheel.....	11	7	9	235	9
Sail, schooners.....	269	307	190	127	97
Sail, sloops.....	30	20	14	14	
Sail, barges.....	1,834	1,847	1,596	2,098	1,261
<b>VESSELS DEPARTED—</b>					
Canadian—					
Steam and motor.....No	17,658	12,552	7,582	8,315	11,157
Tons register.....	9,919,753	9,149,896	6,848,899	8,520,689	10,550,279
Number of crew.....	334,648	298,830	255,847	258,618	282,831
Sail.....No	907	952	640	545	348
Tons register.....	359,127	391,097	231,551	161,681	90,800
Number of crew.....	4,509	4,577	3,588	2,175	1,453
American—					
Steam and motor.....No	30,740	32,311	17,489	19,915	23,239
Tons register.....	8,245,120	9,395,826	7,987,121	7,102,418	7,834,436
Number of crew.....	249,887	261,490	164,329	166,775	195,173
Sail.....No	1,453	1,196	1,345	1,851	1,174
Tons register.....	477,995	405,101	407,161	535,006	368,016
Number of crew.....	4,657	3,684	4,160	4,133	3,342
Description of vessels—					
Steam and motor, screw.....No	47,031	43,382	23,422	26,491	32,398
Steam and motor, paddle.....	1,357	1,474	1,640	1,506	1,989
Steam and motor, sternwheel.....	10	7	9	233	9
Sail, schooners.....	254	175	208	137	
Sail, sloops.....	30	15	11	9	146
Sail, barges.....	2,076	1,958	1,760	2,250	1,376