

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. Further, 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, 1928, follows.

62.—Steamboat Inspection during the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1928.

Divisions.	Vessels Inspected.				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.....	161	165,935	16	32,068	9	2,413
Saint John.....	69	24,555	3	7,934	23	14,970
Quebec.....	56	39,302	—	—	10	2,693
Sorel.....	104	44,034	—	—	16	4,485
Montreal.....	210	205,789	2	12,061	57	99,888
Kingston.....	85	78,479	1	25	8	2,155
Toronto.....	186	177,271	37	36,344	15	3,715
Midland.....	101	143,356	6	131	23	1,471
Collingwood.....	105	42,893	2	4,077	14	1,398
Port Arthur.....	97	90,255	—	—	71	3,165
Vancouver.....	270	169,019	9	59,010	86	15,497
Victoria.....	77	54,789	19	118,480	16	24,098
Total.....	1,521	1,235,677	95	270,130	353	176,048

Divisions.	Vessels subject to Inspection when in commission		Vessels added to the Dominion Register.		Vessels lost, broken up or destroyed.	
	No.	Gross Tonnage.	No.	Gross Tonnage.	No.	Gross Tonnage.
	Halifax.....	186	200,416	8	1,499	5
Saint John.....	100	47,459	—	—	—	—
Quebec.....	66	41,995	1	6,327	6	—
Sorel.....	120	48,519	3	1,045	6	1,374
Montreal.....	269	317,838	3	6,879	5	2,546
Kingston.....	94	80,659	2	3,534	2	74
Toronto.....	238	217,330	7	13,099	5	307
Midland.....	130	144,958	6	12,029	5	2,273
Collingwood.....	121	48,368	1	1,981	7	790
Port Arthur.....	168	93,420	6	103	5	530
Vancouver.....	365	243,526	7	1,671	4	570
Victoria.....	112	197,367	1	20	—	—
Total.....	1,969	1,661,855	45	48,187	44	9,691

Fees collected during the year on account of inspections totalled \$123,545, and those on account of examinations of engineers amounted to \$1,827, giving a combined total revenue collected by inspectors of \$125,372.

Seamen Shipped and Discharged.—Table 63 shows, for each year from 1908 to 1927, the number of seamen shipped and discharged at Canadian ports under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 186).