

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 1925-1929, exclusive of ferriage, are given in Table 53. The total tonnages of inland international shipping entered and cleared in the fiscal years 1920-1929, were 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; 1929, 39,326,700.

**53.—Canadian and American Vessels trading on Rivers and Lakes between Canada and United States, exclusive of Ferriage, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1925-1929.**

Items.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
<b>Vessels Arrived—</b>					
<b>Canadian—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	12,180	7,212	7,919	9,946	9,677
Tons register.....	8,741,668	6,128,817	7,933,752	8,689,990	9,946,259
Number of crew.....	294,872	252,450	255,678	276,095	280,107
Sail..... No.	969	670	490	330	270
Tons register.....	372,125	236,707	150,331	101,618	57,077
Number of crew.....	4,610	3,391	1,968	1,380	1,093
<b>United States—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	32,058	17,028	19,718	23,769	26,261
Tons register.....	8,086,451	7,369,366	6,242,647	7,609,732	8,921,588
Number of crew.....	258,500	162,788	157,202	179,096	196,118
Sail..... No.	1,205	1,130	1,749	1,028	1,112
Tons register.....	415,861	382,209	535,366	344,292	512,827
Number of crew.....	3,713	3,522	3,999	2,993	4,604
<b>Description of vessels—</b>					
Steam, screw..... No.	42,790	22,561	25,864	12,818	25,395
Steam, paddle..... "	1,441	1,670	1,538	2,008	2,913
Steam, sternwheel..... "	7	9	235	9	9
Motor <sup>1</sup> ..... "	—	—	—	18,880	8,522
Sail..... "	327	204	141	97	83
Sail, barges..... "	1,847	1,592	2,098	1,261	1,298
<b>Vessels Departed—</b>					
<b>Canadian—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	12,552	7,582	8,315	11,157	10,855
Tons register.....	9,149,896	6,848,899	8,520,689	10,550,279	10,952,282
Number of crew.....	298,830	255,847	258,618	282,831	297,325
Sail..... No.	952	640	545	348	231
Tons register.....	391,097	231,551	161,681	90,800	51,604
Number of crew.....	4,577	3,388	2,175	1,453	843
<b>United States—</b>					
Steam and motor..... No.	32,311	17,489	19,915	23,239	26,135
Tons register.....	9,395,826	7,987,121	7,102,418	7,834,436	8,816,991
Number of crew.....	261,490	164,329	166,775	195,173	212,840
Sail..... No.	1,196	1,315	1,851	1,174	1,216
Tons register.....	405,101	407,161	535,006	368,016	518,072
Number of crew.....	3,684	4,160	4,133	3,342	5,210
<b>Description of vessels—</b>					
Steam and motor, screw..... No.	43,382	23,422	26,491	13,973	26,261
Steam and motor, paddle..... "	1,474	1,640	1,505	1,989	1,997
Steam and motor, sternwheel..... "	7	9	233	9	9
Motor <sup>1</sup> ..... "	—	—	—	18,425	8,723
Sail..... "	190	219	146	146	74
Sail, barges..... "	1,958	1,766	2,250	1,376	1,373

<sup>1</sup>Not separated from steamers prior to 1923.