

51.—Summary of Commercial Traffic through the Panama Canal, years ended June 30, 1915-34.

Year.	Atlantic to Pacific.		Pacific to Atlantic.		Total Traffic.	
	Vessels.	Cargo Tonnage.	Vessels.	Cargo Tonnage.	Vessels.	Cargo Tonnage.
	No.	long tons.	No.	long tons.	No.	long tons.
1915.....	522	2,070,993	553	2,817,461	1,075	4,888,454
1916.....	396	1,369,019	362	1,725,095	758	3,094,114
1917.....	874	2,929,260	929	4,129,303	1,803	7,058,563
1918.....	915	2,639,300	1,154	4,892,731	2,069	7,532,031
1919.....	857	2,740,254	1,167	4,176,367	2,024	6,916,621
1920.....	1,180	4,092,516	1,298	5,281,983	2,478	9,374,499
1921.....	1,471	5,892,078	1,421	5,707,136	2,892	11,599,214
1922.....	1,509	5,495,934	1,227	5,388,976	2,736	10,884,910
1923.....	2,125	7,086,259	1,842	12,481,616	3,967	19,567,875
1924.....	2,740	7,860,100	2,490	19,134,610	5,230	26,994,710
1925.....	2,413	7,398,397	2,260	16,560,439	4,673	23,958,836
1926.....	2,760	8,037,097	2,437	18,000,351	5,197	26,037,448
1927.....	2,888	8,583,327	2,587	19,164,888	5,475	27,748,215
1928.....	3,384	8,310,134	3,072	21,320,575	6,456	29,630,709
1929.....	3,348	9,882,520	3,065	20,780,486	6,413	30,663,006
1930.....	3,135	9,475,725	3,050	20,554,507	6,185	30,030,232
1931.....	2,804	6,680,429	2,725	18,402,371	5,529	25,082,800
1932.....	2,344	5,635,358	2,162	14,172,640	4,506	19,807,998
1933.....	2,357	4,511,889	2,137	13,665,839	4,494	18,177,728
1934.....	2,908	6,167,328	2,625	18,551,323	5,533	24,718,651

PART IX.—SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION.

Canadian shipping may be divided into three classes: (1) ocean or sea-going shipping; (2) inland or rivers and lakes international shipping; and (3) coasting trade or coastwise shipping. Ocean shipping covers the sea-going vessels arriving or departing from Atlantic and Pacific Coast ports, including St. Lawrence River ports up to Montreal. Inland international shipping is the term used to cover shipping between Canadian and United States ports on the Great Lakes and international rivers and on lakes and rivers accessible to shipping from United States ports such as the Ottawa, Rideau, Trent, etc. (Ferriage is, however, excluded from this and other classes of shipping.) Coastwise shipping or the coasting trade covers shipping between one Canadian port and another on the Atlantic coast, on the Pacific coast and on the inland international lakes and rivers or lakes and rivers accessible to them. It does not, however, include shipping on isolated Canadian waterways, such as the Mackenzie river, lake Winnipeg, lake St. John, etc.

Since the dates between which free navigation is possible down the St. Lawrence are so very important to Central Canada it has been considered advisable to include the following historical statement giving the dates, for years 1882 to 1934 inclusive, respecting the clearance of ice, the opening and closing of navigation, and the first arrivals and last departures of sea-going vessels in the ship channel between Quebec and Montreal.