

**55.—Sea-Going and Inland Vessels (Exclusive of Coasting Vessels and Ferriage) Arrived at and Departed from Canadian Ports, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1911-35.**

NOTE.—For the years 1868-1910, see Canada Year Book 1911, p. 380.

Fiscal Year.	British.		Canadian.		Foreign.		Total Tonnage.
	No.	Tons Register.	No.	Tons Register.	No.	Tons Register.	
1911.....	6,870	12,712,337	29,670	16,380,146	40,892	18,337,062	47,429,545
1912.....	6,766	13,342,929	27,949	18,069,983	45,399	21,560,215	52,973,127
1913.....	7,307	13,896,353	42,624	20,677,938	47,303	23,275,492	57,849,783
1914.....	7,418	15,711,849	30,234	17,026,121	55,835	29,181,513	61,919,483
1915.....	6,949	13,931,091	29,359	17,504,751	48,635	22,168,311	53,604,153
1916.....	6,817	12,417,944	37,900	17,372,836	75,411	27,930,318	57,721,098
1917.....	7,387	16,144,873	39,978	20,290,252	74,850	29,277,419	65,712,544
1918.....	7,337	16,959,790	34,786	19,890,461	70,781	29,952,237	66,802,488
1919.....	6,099	14,054,166	37,023	17,567,061	52,273	21,607,821	53,229,048
1920.....	5,511	12,320,994	37,388	16,869,619	52,827	20,302,920	49,493,533
1921.....	4,526	10,545,619	39,877	22,236,962	50,370	21,866,049	54,648,630
1922.....	4,239	10,471,403	36,679	20,029,572	61,114	26,164,278	56,665,253
1923.....	4,869	13,868,905	59,364	26,423,287	87,199	32,110,991	72,403,183
1924.....	5,187	15,158,994	53,945	28,216,588	80,700	31,571,791	74,947,373
1925.....	5,763	16,463,204	44,432	26,620,979	84,084	34,854,868	77,939,051
1926.....	6,515	17,749,067	34,010	23,149,028	55,109	34,348,732	75,246,827
1927.....	6,448	18,117,525	34,015	25,692,591	62,344	33,521,543	77,331,659
1928.....	6,253	18,738,027	38,497	28,453,951	67,771	36,611,819	83,803,797
1929.....	6,400	21,625,660	39,038	29,792,258	75,745	42,317,309	93,735,227
1930.....	5,634	20,171,383	40,251	29,137,798	107,925	40,129,608	89,438,789
1931.....	5,826	20,008,005	33,877	29,541,844	83,383	41,362,027	90,911,876
1932.....	5,754	19,025,391	30,978	27,683,791	72,577	36,727,215	83,436,397
1933.....	6,323	20,865,151	28,725	24,318,372	64,388	31,088,962	76,272,485
1934.....	6,831	22,480,487	31,869	25,846,968	57,693	34,297,917	82,625,372
1935.....	7,678	23,676,256	33,579	28,622,280	55,763	34,136,283	86,434,819

### Section 1.—Ocean Shipping.

Canadian ocean shipping dates back to the days of early European fishermen who frequented the shores of Newfoundland and the Maritime Provinces. Later on exploration and settlement produced a larger volume of traffic. The first ocean-going vessels in Canada were probably built by Pont-Gravé, one of the first settlers in New France, and soon afterwards Talon and Hocquart, intendants of the colony, realizing the advantages offered to the industry by the timber resources available, gave it every encouragement. Shipyards were established at Quebec and other points along the St. Lawrence, and these, together with later establishments in the Maritime Provinces and on the western coast, have formed the principal bases of Canadian shipping on the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Canadian shipping attained some prominence in the days of fast wooden sailing vessels, and also at a later date when steam power first came into use. In 1833 the *Royal William*, a Canadian ship built to ply between Quebec and Halifax, crossed the Atlantic from Pictou to London, the first vessel to navigate the Atlantic under steam power. At the present time, in addition to other lines of less importance, both the Canadian Pacific and the Dominion Government operate fleets on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.\*

Since the dates between which free navigation is possible down the St. Lawrence are so very important to Central Canada and also have an important influence upon the volume of Atlantic shipping through the port of Montreal, the following historical table is provided showing these dates since 1911.

\*The Dominion Government sold the merchant marine in April, 1936, but still operates the West Indies Steamships. (See p. 724).