

PART IV.—WATERWAYS.*

Under this heading in the present edition of the Year Book the statistics relating to shipping, aids to navigation, canals and harbours, which were formerly treated separately, are brought together because they are all essential and integral parts of the facilities for water-borne traffic. Any two or more of these developments in aid of water traffic may facilitate the handling of the same freight without transshipment intervening. Under this revised treatment all the facilities for water-borne traffic are first presented, then the cost or other available financial statistics and, finally, figures which give some indication of the traffic handled. The general aim of the revision is to present a rounded picture of water transportation, rather than details of the activities of Government Departments dealing with certain phases of it.

Section 1.—Equipment and Facilities.

The developments and equipment to facilitate water traffic are classified under the sub-headings of shipping, aids to navigation and miscellaneous works, canals, and harbours. A subsection is added giving figures of administrative activities regarding steamship inspection, personnel, and accidents to shipping.

Subsection 1.—Shipping.

Although a large part of the water-borne traffic, especially inland and coast-wise, is carried in ships of Canadian registry, the commerce of the Dominion is by no means entirely dependent upon Canadian shipping since all waterways, including canals, and inland lakes and rivers, are open upon equal terms, except in the case of the coasting trade, to the shipping of all countries of the world.

For a record of the number and tonnage of ships engaged in the carrying trade of Canada, see the tables under Section 3 (pp. 690-701) of this Part of the chapter. The tables are included there under traffic statistics because they are considered as of more value as regards the traffic carried than merely as regards the shipping available. For a record of the ships annually built and registered in Canada or sold abroad, see the Shipping Report of the Department of National Revenue. For an account of the shipping services operated by the Dominion Government, see pp. 689-690.

* Information and statistics dealing with the indicated subject have been supplied as follows: aids to navigation, harbours, administrative services, and Government merchant marine, by the Department of Transport; shipping, by the Department of National Revenue; graving docks and part of the financial statistics, by the Department of Public Works; Panama Canal, by the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone; and other canal traffic, by the Transportation and Public Utilities Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

1.—Numbers and Net Tonnages of Vessels on the Registry of Shipping of Canada, by Provinces, Dec. 31, 1926-35.

NOTE.—The figures in this table are supplied by the Department of Transport.

Province.	1926.		1927.		1928.		1929.		1930.	
	No	Tonnage	No.	Tonnage	No.	Tonnage	No	Tonnage	No.	Tonnage.
P. E. Island.....	127	8,556	133	8,581	132	8,549	134	8,370	130	8,351
Nova Scotia.....	1,452	134,539	1,412	129,482	1,436	126,428	1,471	127,077	1,478	119,055
New Brunswick..	816	33,002	829	33,077	828	33,395	885	34,031	919	38,350
Quebec.....	1,369	447,889	1,368	456,092	1,373	502,224	1,265	506,594	1,262	495,017
Ontario.....	1,702	387,036	1,724	397,987	1,746	367,007	1,759	365,631	1,775	392,708
Manitoba.....	94	10,321	96	10,661	98	10,684	103	11,051	105	11,185
Saskatchewan....	6	486	6	486	6	486	6	486	6	486
British Columbia	2,618	325,190	2,872	327,984	3,012	313,651	3,257	335,810	3,203	361,328
Yukon.....	9	1,916	14	3,650	14	3,650	19	4,543	20	5,584
Totals.....	8,193	1,348,935	8,454	1,368,000	8,645	1,366,074	8,899	1,393,493	8,898	1,432,064