

Inland Shipping.—Inland shipping is associated in its beginnings with the birch-bark canoe of the American Indian. Later the *bateau* and Durham boat came into common use after the migration of the U.E. Loyalists. In the absence at that time of any roads to make land travel possible, the St. Lawrence river and the Great Lakes formed the main highway to the interior. The route from Montreal to the Upper Lakes was broken at three places—from Montreal to Kingston transportation was by *bateau* or Durham boat; from Kingston to Queenston schooners were used; then there was the portage road from Queenston to Chippawa and, finally, schooner again to the destination.

In 1809, the *Accommodation*, the first Canadian steamship, was built for the Hon. John Molson, to run between Montreal and Quebec. On lake Ontario, the *Frontenac* was used from 1817 on a weekly 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 United States goods, for there was little traffic originating in the Canadian near-West.

Upon the advent of steam railways, water-borne traffic did not decrease but, on the contrary, increased, and at present the greater part of the western grain is shipped *via* the Great Lakes route to eastern ports. The iron ore and coal traffic between lake Superior and lake Erie is chiefly United States traffic and sometimes exceeds 80 million short tons in a year; the total traffic on these Upper Lakes alone is greater than that carried by all Canadian railways and about one-twelfth of that carried by all United States railways.

Totals of inland shipping are given for each fiscal year since 1923, and by provinces for the latest year, in Table 16, p. 695.

Coasting Trade.—This form of water-borne traffic has assumed great importance in Canada owing to the long coast lines on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River system. The movement of grain from Fort William and Port Arthur to Canadian ports on the Lower Lakes and to Montreal is one important factor in coastwise shipping. The registered tonnage of vessels engaged in the coastwise movement is shown for each fiscal year since 1923, and by provinces for the latest year, in Table 16.

Shipping by Ports.—The relative volume of shipping in the leading ports of the provinces of Canada is shown in Table 15. Details are given of the sea-going vessels, and of the total of all shipping (exclusive of ferriage) arrived at and departed from each port. In the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1936, the tonnage of sea-going vessels arriving at and departing from Vancouver exceeded that of any other port in Canada; Victoria was next, followed by Montreal and Halifax. In total shipping, which included coastwise and inland international as well as sea-going shipping, Vancouver was considerably in the lead, followed by Montreal, Victoria, and Halifax.