

With respect to total traffic through the canal by nationality of vessels and cargo carried, vessels of United States registration carried 9,844,254 tons, or 35.0 p.c. of the total cargo of 28,108,375 locked through in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1937. British vessels carried 7,179,136 tons, or 25.5 p.c.; Norwegian vessels 3,506,109 tons, or 12.5 p.c.; Japanese vessels 1,789,178 tons, or 6.4 p.c.; and German vessels 1,496,084 tons, or 5.3 p.c.

24.—Summary of Commercial Traffic through the Panama Canal, years ended June 30, 1915-37.

Year ended June 30—	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.....	512	2,070,939	546	2,817,461	1,058	4,888,400
1916.....	376	1,369,018	348	1,724,317	724	3,093,335
1917.....	844	2,928,470	894	4,126,250	1,738	7,054,720
1918.....	877	2,638,116	1,112	4,887,652	1,989	7,525,768
1919.....	819	2,737,321	1,129	4,172,776	1,948	6,910,097
1920.....	1,130	4,091,964	1,263	5,280,410	2,393	9,372,374
1921.....	1,417	5,891,009	1,374	5,704,962	2,791	11,595,971
1922.....	1,469	5,495,164	1,196	5,387,443	2,665	10,882,607
1923.....	2,090	7,085,965	1,818	12,480,464	3,908	19,566,429
1924.....	2,697	7,858,969	2,461	19,134,198	5,158	26,993,167
1925.....	2,364	7,397,159	2,228	16,559,390	4,592	23,956,549
1926.....	2,698	8,034,593	2,339	17,995,423	5,087	26,030,016
1927.....	2,805	8,576,474	2,488	19,157,081	5,293	27,733,555
1928.....	3,284	8,303,344	2,969	21,312,307	6,253	29,615,651
1929.....	3,279	9,873,529	3,010	20,774,239	6,289	30,647,768
1930.....	3,051	9,472,061	2,976	20,546,368	6,027	30,018,429
1931.....	2,717	6,670,718	2,653	18,394,565	5,370	25,065,283
1932.....	2,273	5,631,717	2,089	14,167,269	4,362	19,798,986
1933.....	2,184	4,507,070	1,978	13,654,095	4,162	18,161,165
1934.....	2,753	6,162,649	2,481	18,541,360	5,234	24,704,009
1935.....	2,676	7,529,721	2,504	17,779,806	5,180	25,309,527
1936.....	2,770	8,249,899	2,612	18,256,044	5,382	26,505,943
1937.....	2,865	9,895,632	2,522	18,212,743	5,387	28,108,375

Subsection 3.—Harbour Traffic.

The freight movement through a large port takes a number of different forms. The overseas movement, *i.e.*, the freight loaded into or unloaded from sea-going vessels, frequently constitutes a surprisingly small part of the total. Usually the volume coming in and going out by coastwise vessels is larger. Then there is the 'in transit' movement in vessels which pass through the harbour without loading or unloading. Finally there is the movement from one point to another within the harbour, which in many ports amounts to a larger total than any of the other activities. With the consolidation of administrative activities in the Department of Transport, and the control of many of the leading ports in the National Harbours Board, traffic statistics for the seven harbours so administered are now obtainable from the Annual Reports of the Board. These harbours are Halifax, Saint John, Chicoutimi, Quebec, Three Rivers, Montreal, and Vancouver. There still exist divergencies of classification that render it difficult to compile a statement covering the total traffic for these seven harbours, and it is at present not possible to include the traffic of other ports not administered by the Board. Marked progress is noticeable since the Board was organized, however, and comparable basic summary statistics, even if not altogether comprehensive, will no doubt be evolved in the course of time.