

**Wrecks and Casualties.**—The figures of Table 11, supplied by the Department of Transport, apply to vessels of every nationality in respect of wrecks and casualties in Canadian waters, and to Canadian vessels in respect of wrecks and casualties in other waters. The returns in some years cover wrecks and casualties of previous years.

### 11.—Canadian Wrecks and Casualties, 1918-39

NOTE.—For figures for the years 1870-1910, see Canada Year Book, 1911, p. 381; and for 1911-17, p. 691 of the 1938 edition.

Year	Casualties	Net Tonnage	Lives Lost	Stated Damages	Year	Casualties	Net Tonnage	Lives Lost	Stated Damages
	No.	tons	No.	\$		No.	tons	No.	\$
1918.....	226	312,928	402 <sup>1</sup>	1,818,895	1929.....	451	459,394	12	4,740,620
1919.....	240	205,720	100	1,808,690	1930.....	551	447,169	66	3,077,009
1920.....	227	222,928	28	1,643,825	1931.....	477	404,157	7	2,696,019
1921.....	260	588,503	38	1,809,328	1932.....	452	406,194	40	3,478,575
1922.....	277	604,423	27	451,312	1933.....	445	372,545	19	1,292,618
1923.....	376	480,713	50	3,184,749	1934.....	484	400,714	39	1,716,294
1924.....	224	215,470	54	4,355,217	1935.....	467	496,109	19	2,842,402
1925.....	298	305,798	53	3,317,020	1936.....	545	512,582	34	3,108,671
1926.....	300	293,310	91	4,630,267	1937.....	495	445,602	31	1,571,387
1927.....	434	566,011	128	6,879,825	1938.....	540	486,779	9	1,795,176
1928.....	504	558,251	64	5,418,236	1939.....	464	552,779	20	1,488,359

<sup>1</sup> Includes 328 lives lost in the *Princess Sophia* disaster.

**Canadian Government Merchant Marine.**—The circumstances under which the Canadian Government became possessed of and responsible for the operations of a merchant marine are explained at p. 776 of the 1934-35 Year Book.

This merchant fleet reached its greatest development in 1924 and at Dec. 31 of that year numbered 57 vessels of a total deadweight tonnage of 353,450, representing an original capital investment of \$79,661,921. On June 8, 1936, the 10 remaining vessels were disposed of for a consideration of \$389,444. A table showing the operating results from 1919 to 1936 is given at p. 689 of the 1937 Year Book.

Since the outbreak of war in September, 1939, the Canadian Government Merchant Marine has been reconstituted and is now operating certain Danish, French, German and Italian vessels on behalf of the Canadian Government. These operations arise out of the War and, for the present, it is not possible to supply statistical information for publication concerning them.

**Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships.**—In conformity with the Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement Act of 1926 (16-17 Geo. V, c. 16), the Dominion Government has provided direct steamship services to the West Indies through the medium of Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd. The service is provided by a fleet of eleven vessels of a total deadweight tonnage of 62,761. Five of these craft, known as the 'Lady' ships, were specially constructed for passenger service on this route. The remaining six vessels previously formed part of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine fleet, and were taken over by the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd., for operating purposes, under entrusting agreements with the respective companies that owned the ships. The investment in vessels at Dec. 31, 1939, amounted to \$10,969,329, mainly made up of the construction cost of the 'Lady' ships and the present-day valuation of the other six ships, together with the cost of conversion for use in the West Indies service of three of the latter. The financial results of the operations of the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd., are shown in Table 12.