

There are 42 pilotage districts in Canada, 9 of which (Sydney, Bras d'Or Lakes, Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, St. Lawrence-Kingston-Ottawa, British Columbia and Churchill) are under the Minister of Transport as pilotage authority. The Pilotage District of New Westminster, B.C., is under a local authority. The other districts function under local pilotage authorities appointed by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act.

A table showing the number and aggregate tonnage of ships using pilots for the major Canadian ports during the fiscal year 1940, is given at p. 586 of the 1941 edition of the Year Book. Later figures are not available for publication due to wartime restrictions.

**Seamen Shipped and Discharged.**—In previous editions of the Year Book the numbers of seamen shipped and discharged at Canadian ports under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 186 and c. 44, 1934) are given. Figures for the years 1908 to 1917 will be found at p. 690 of the 1938 edition, and for the years 1918 to 1939, at p. 587 of the 1941 edition. The publication of this information has been discontinued for the war years.

**Wrecks and Casualties.**—The 1911 Year Book, at p. 381, gives details of the numbers of wrecks, their net tonnage, the number of lives lost and the amount of stated damages, for the years 1870 to 1910. The series is continued at p. 691 of the 1938 Year Book for the years 1911 to 1920 and at p. 620 of the 1942 Year Book for 1921-40. As the publication of these statistics is not permissible during the War, the series has been discontinued.

**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. A table showing the operating results from 1919 to 1936 is given at p. 689 of the 1937 Year Book.

The original fleet of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd. consisted of 66 vessels with a total deadweight tonnage of 391,212. The original cost of the fleet was \$79,661,921 and the capital loss thereon was \$74,239,356, the total capital recovery of \$5,422,565 being made up as follows: (1) the sale of 56 vessels for \$2,378,018; (2) the proceeds of insurance on 4 vessels lost, amounting to \$2,111,475; (3) the sale of 6 vessels to the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd., for \$933,072.

The charter of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Ltd., and its subsidiary companies, although inactive since 1936, had not been surrendered and in 1940 the Company was reconstituted and is now operating on behalf of the Canadian Government certain ships seized in prize and either requisitioned for use of the Canadian Government or condemned by the Court as prize.

These operations are due to the War and for the present it is not possible to publish information 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. Due to war conditions, no information later than that published at p. 588 of the 1941 Year Book has been made available.