

Table 7 shows, by major ports, the number and aggregate tonnage of ships using pilots during the fiscal years 1944-45 and 1945-46. Corresponding statistics are not available for the St. Lawrence-Kingston-Ottawa district.

7.—Pilotage Service by Districts, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1945 and 1946

District	1945		1946	
	Ships	Tonnage	Ships	Tonnage
Bras d'Or, N.S.	-	-	12	2,571
Sydney, N.S.	3,248	6,670,844	2,220	4,300,214
Saint John, N.B.	1,401	3,153,901	1,405	3,532,965
Halifax, N.S.	5,767	18,758,467	3,269	10,819,247
Quebec, Que.	1,921	4,097,013	2,766	8,050,185
Montreal, Que.	3,623	5,973,619	4,872	9,757,632
British Columbia.	1,538	4,987,550	2,138	8,332,026
Churchill, Man.	6	6,868	1	1,503

Seamen Shipped and Discharged.—Seamen shipped and discharged at Canadian ports under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, during the year ended Mar. 31, 1946, numbered 30,361 and 27,042, respectively. Corresponding figures for the years 1908 to 1917 are given at p. 690 of the 1938 edition the Year Book, and for the years 1918 to 1939, at p. 587 of the 1941 edition. The publication of this information was not permitted during the war years 1939 to 1945.

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 operating on behalf of the Canadian Government certain ships seized in prize and either requisitioned for use by the Canadian Government or condemned by the Court.

Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships.—In conformity with the Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement Act of 1926 (16-17 Geo. V, c. 16), the Federal Government has provided direct steamship services to the West Indies through the medium of Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd. Due to war restrictions, no information later than that published at p. 588 of the 1941 Year Book has been made available.