

Under the British Commonwealth Merchant Shipping Agreement all Commonwealth ships are given the general designation 'British Ship'; and a ship that should be but is not registered is not entitled to the privileges accorded to British ships. Ships in the planning stage or in course of construction may be recorded before registry by a Registrar of Shipping.

1.—Vessels on the Canadian Shipping Registry by Province as at Dec. 31, 1952-54

NOTE.—Figures for 1935-51 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1941 edition.

Province or Territory	1952		1953		1954	
	No.	Net Tons	No.	Net Tons	No.	Net Tons
Newfoundland.....	1,636	77,066	1,405	68,965	1,255	60,217
Prince Edward Island.....	164	7,881	201	8,090	227	8,257
Nova Scotia.....	4,389	139,098	4,570	138,295	4,760	106,240
New Brunswick.....	1,012	38,939	1,067	41,664	1,111	41,814
Quebec.....	1,815	554,044	1,931	528,456	1,969	491,161
Ontario.....	1,858	503,447	1,944	505,609	2,025	526,677
Manitoba.....	105	12,142	103	11,985	102	11,968
Saskatchewan.....	1	147	1	147	1	147
Alberta.....	2	385	3	418	4	430
British Columbia.....	4,816	394,148	4,933	387,056	5,092	381,560
Yukon Territory.....	17	3,767	17	3,767	16	3,572
Northwest Territories.....	—	—	6	263	6	263
Totals.....	15,815	1,731,064	16,181	1,694,715	16,568	1,632,366

Shipping Traffic.—Complete statistics of shipping traffic, comparable with those given for the railways, showing all the freight carried by water, are not available. However there is a record of the number and tonnage of ships calling at all ports at which there are customs collectors and of cargoes of vessels trading between Canadian and foreign ports. Each vessel visiting a customs port or outport makes a statistical return which is forwarded to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Coastwise cargo has been reported from Jan. 1, 1952.

Reports are not made for vessels of less than 10 registered net tons and the tonnage of tugs is the gross ton and not the net ton used for cargo vessels. Fishing vessels are not required by customs regulations to report when operating from certain ports; consequently the data are not on the same basis as data for cargo vessels.

2.—Vessels Entered at Canadian Ports¹ 1945-54

NOTE.—Figures for the years ended Mar. 31, 1929-35 are given in the 1941 Year Book, p. 597, and for 1936-44 in the 1948-49 edition, p. 733.

Year	In Foreign Service ²		In Coasting Service		Totals	
	Vessels	Net Tons Registered	Vessels	Net Tons Registered	Vessels	Net Tons Registered
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945.....	24,431	29,655,984	65,410	48,098,201	89,841	77,754,185
1946.....	26,461	30,367,071	67,014	45,559,014	93,475	75,926,085
1947.....	27,868	35,926,095	73,439	51,823,502	101,307	87,749,597
1948.....	31,138	39,443,055	75,141	52,453,382	106,279	91,896,437
1949.....	30,565	40,088,377	82,012	56,037,003	112,577	96,125,380
1950.....	31,420	42,816,949	84,065	58,066,997	115,485	98,883,946
1951.....	32,304	47,508,342	86,571	60,802,798	118,875	108,311,140
1952.....	33,782	52,156,098	79,722	56,776,504	113,504	108,932,602
1953.....	34,400	56,589,078	88,675	67,417,391	123,075	124,006,469
1954.....	34,079	54,767,687	84,890	64,291,085	118,969	119,058,792

¹ Exclusive of passenger services.

² Sea-going and inland international.