

Canadian Registry.—Under Part I of the Canada Shipping Act all ships in excess of 10 tons net register are required to be registered; ships of lower tonnage may be registered voluntarily, otherwise they are required to be operated under a Vessel Licence if powered by a motor of 10 h.p. or more. Sect. 6 of the Act restricts ownership to British subjects or bodies corporate established under and subject to the laws of some part of Her Majesty's Dominions and having their principal place of business in those Dominions. 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, 1954-56

NOTE.—Figures for 1935-53 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1941 edition.

Province or Territory	1954		1955		1956	
	No.	net tons	No.	net tons	No.	net tons
Newfoundland.....	1,255	60,217	1,094	84,032	892	76,378
Nova Scotia.....	227	8,257	5,026	133,784	5,276	134,361
Prince Edward Island.....	4,760	106,240	320	14,695	352	14,442
New Brunswick.....	1,111	41,814	1,188	58,353	1,194	57,655
Quebec.....	1,969	491,161	2,016	715,607	2,092	725,886
Ontario.....	2,025	526,677	2,083	770,179	2,147	780,595
Manitoba.....	102	11,968	108	14,095	110	14,506
Saskatchewan.....	1	147	—	—	—	—
Alberta.....	4	430	7	630	7	630
British Columbia.....	5,092	381,560	5,323	520,282	5,560	538,119
Yukon Territory.....	16	3,572	16	4,413	16	4,413
Northwest Territories.....	6	263	7	326	7	326
Totals.....	16,568	1,632,306	17,188	2,316,396	17,653	2,347,311

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.

2.—Vessels Entered at Canadian Ports¹ 1946-55

NOTE.—Figures for the years ended Mar. 31, 1929-35 are given in the 1941 Year Book, p. 597; for 1936-44 in the 1948-49 edition, p. 733; and for 1945 in the 1956 Year Book, p. 830.

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.
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	56,066,997	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	119,058,772
1955.....	34,432	58,018,365	86,010	67,228,840	120,442	125,247,205

¹ Exclusive of passenger service.

² Sea-going and inland international.