

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, 1955-57

NOTE.—Figures for 1935-54 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1941 edition.

Province or Territory	1955		1956		1957	
	No.	net tons ^a	No.	net tons ^a	No.	net tons
Newfoundland.....	1,094	56,582	892	48,809	866	47,349
Nova Scotia.....	5,026	99,859	5,276	100,338	5,434	101,813
Prince Edward Island.....	320	8,612	352	8,359	407	8,753
New Brunswick.....	1,188	43,110	1,194	42,193	1,287	40,838
Quebec.....	2,016	498,043	2,092	506,562	2,221	499,024
Ontario.....	2,083	537,092	2,147	544,269	2,208	548,067
Manitoba.....	108	12,443	110	12,841	110	13,010
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alberta.....	7	567	7	567	7	567
British Columbia.....	5,323	422,763	5,560	441,725	5,731	466,840
Yukon Territory.....	16	3,572	16	3,572	16	3,572
Northwest Territories.....	7	306	7	306	7	306
Totals.....	17,188	1,682,949	17,653	1,709,541	18,294	1,730,139

Shipping Traffic.—Complete statistics of shipping traffic, 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. Commencing with 1957 these shipping statistics have been enlarged to include movement in and out of non-customs ports. Coast-wise cargo has been reported from Jan. 1, 1952. Reports are not made for vessels of less than 15 registered net tons.

2.—Vessels Entered at Canadian Ports,¹ 1948-57

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 1945-47 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.
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
1956.....	35,315	63,105,100	88,640	75,220,366	123,955	138,325,466
1957.....	35,352	66,149,552	101,998	73,089,702	137,350	139,239,254

¹ Exclusive of passenger service.

² Sea-going and inland international.