

547. The next table gives comparative particulars of all sea-going vessels entered and cleared at Canadian ports in 1890 and 1891:—

SEA-GOING VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED AT CANADIAN PORTS, 1890 AND 1891.

NATIONALITIES.	Number of Vessels.	Tons Register.	QUANTITY OF FREIGHT.		Number of Men.
			Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	
1890.					
British..	3,671	3,617,013	1,429,608	780,315	109,757
Canadian.....	13,695	1,708,939	783,803	794,324	86,097
Foreign	13,758	5,002,333	982,536	1,121,240	220,905
Total	31,124	10,328,285	3,195,947	2,695,879	416,759
1891.					
British..	3,483	3,523,238	1,330,595	564,770	107,443
Canadian.....	13,665	1,791,306	683,116	816,123	87,138
Foreign.	14,173	5,380,652	1,116,012	1,112,329	249,778
Total	31,321	10,695,196	3,129,723	2,493,222	444,359

548. There was an increase of 197 in the number of sea-going vessels entered and cleared at Canadian ports in 1891, as compared with 1890; and of 366,911 tons in the number of tons register, a decrease of 66,224 tons in the weight of freight, of 202,657 tons in measurement, and an increase of 27,600 in the number of men. Of the total sea-borne trade of the country, 42.51 per cent was carried in English bottoms, 21.83 per cent in Canadian, and 35.66 per cent in foreign bottoms.

549. For a statement of sea-going vessels in each year since Confederation, see following table, which shows to what extent large vessels, particularly steamers, are taking the place of the smaller vessels of a few years ago. In connection with this, it may be interesting to state that the first ocean-going steamer arrived at Montreal in 1853, in which year four arrived, of a total tonnage of 1,951 tons, and in the same year 248 ocean-going sailing vessels arrived, of a tonnage of 57,752 tons. In the next year, 1854, six steamers, of 5,545 tons aggregate, 252 ocean-going sailing vessels of 65,365 tons, and 4,251 inland vessels of 323,578 tons arrived at the port, making an aggregate tonnage of 394,488 tons, and the average tonnage of sea-going vessels 274 tons. In 1891, 37 years after, the total tonnage that arrived in Montreal was 2,058,141 tons, of which 938,657 tons belonged to sea-going vessels, 631 of which were steamers and 94 sail-

Sea-going vessels entered and cleared, 1890 and 1891.

Increase in number and tonnage.

Shipping at the port of Montreal.