

Subsection 5.—Marine Services and Operations of the Dominion Government

The services covered by this Subsection are those dealing with steamship inspection, pilotage service, sea-faring personnel and accidents to shipping, and the operations are those of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, and the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships.

Steamship Inspection.—The Steamship Inspection Service provided for under Part VII of the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, consists of a headquarters staff, at Ottawa, and staffs of inspectors at the principal ocean and inland ports. The Act provides for a Board, known as the Board of Steamship Inspection, which decides on questions arising out of the administration of the Act. The Steamship Inspection Service is responsible for the administration and carrying out of the provisions of Part VII of the Act respecting the periodic inspection of power-driven ships and the issue of inspection certificates, the assignment of load lines, the conditions under which dangerous goods may be carried in ships, and the protection against accident of workers employed in loading or unloading ships. The Steamship Inspection Service is also responsible for the administration and carrying out of the provisions of Part II of the Act relating to the certification and employment of marine engineers.

6.—Steamship Inspection, by Inspection Divisions, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1944

Port	Vessels Subject to Inspection when in Commission		Vessels Inspected				Vessels Not Inspected	
			Registered or Owned in the Dominion		Registered or Owned Elsewhere			
			No.	gross tonnage	No.	gross tonnage		
Halifax.....	196	180,099	191	153,772	5	6,327	Nil	-
Saint John.....	97	187,367	45	147,436	Nil	-	52	39,931
Quebec.....	67	48,928	63	48,623	"	-	4	305
Sorel.....	98	137,124	61	121,588	"	-	37	15,536
Montreal.....	269	370,981	188	283,162	4	23,094	77	64,725
Kingston.....	56	78,774	56	78,774	Nil	-	Nil	-
Toronto.....	196	303,982	182	297,402	1	1,779	13	4,801
Midland.....	30	78,934	17	72,368	Nil	-	13	6,566
Collingwood.....	88	77,994	77	75,871	1	1,895	10	228
Port Arthur.....	143	40,050	59	34,596	Nil	-	84	5,454
Vancouver.....	371	546,150	296	532,410	1	943	74	12,797
Victoria.....	90	139,589	51	73,008	Nil	-	39	66,581
Totals.....	1,701	2,169,972	1,286	1,919,010	12	34,638	463	216,924

Pilotage.—This service functions under the provisions set forth in Part VI of the Canada Shipping Act (c. 44, 1934). Qualified pilots may offer their services to the stranger in local and confined waters. At the same time, pilotage might also be considered as a method of insurance.

There are 42 pilotage districts in Canada, 9 of which (Sydney, Bras d'Or Lakes, Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, St. Lawrence-Kingston-Ottawa, Churchill and British Columbia are under the Minister of Transport as pilotage authority. The Pilotage District of New Westminster, B.C., is under a local authority. The other districts function under local pilotage authorities appointed by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act.

A table showing the number and aggregate tonnage of ships using pilots for the major Canadian ports during the fiscal year 1940, is given at p. 586 of the 1941 edition of the Year Book. The publication of later figures was prohibited during war years and they have not yet been released.