

under this present Tariff of \$2,523,449.11. For the distribution of these amounts in the different Provinces, reference is made to Statement No. 16, page 508.

The Returns of the *Sea-going* Shipping entered Inwards and Outwards at the Sea-ports of the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia show an increase in the Tonnage engaged in that branch of the Carrying Trade, as will be seen by the Comparative Statements following, in which British is distinguished from Foreign Tonnage.

Number and Tonnage of Sea-going Vessels entered and cleared.

INWARDS.

	1871-72.		1872-73.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
British .....	8,218	2,188,372	8,620	2,132,250
Foreign .....	2,140	861,421	2,469	900,496
Total Inwards .....	10,358	2,989,793	11,089	3,032,746

OUTWARDS.

British .....	7,933	2,168,292	8,250	2,190,733
Foreign .....	1,965	788,619	2,258	862,036
Total Outwards .....	9,898	2,956,911	10,508	3,052,769
Total Inwards and Outwards .....	20,256	5,946,704	21,597	6,085,535

With regard to the tonnage of vessels employed in the Inland Trade between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec and the United States, the Returns, if correct, show a falling off which cannot well be explained when coupled with the fact of a large increase of our Trade with the United States. The increased facilities for the transport of merchandise by railway between the two countries may, it is believed, partially account for the anomaly ; and the inference is strengthened by the official statements we see of the large increase which marked last year the traffic of our great railway lines crossing or connecting with the International Boundary.

The statement of the Tonnage employed in the Inland Trade last referred to for the Fiscal Years, 1871-2 and 1872-3, is here presented :—

	1871-2.	1872-3.
	Tons.	Tons.
British, Inwards.....	1,975,572	1,644,721
"    Outwards.....	1,822,566	1,481,858
Foreign, Inwards.....	1,606,576	1,349,713
"    Outwards.....	1,456,742	1,187,170
Total, Inwards and Outwards...	6,861,456	5,663,462