

## REPORT ON SHIPPING.

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To the Honorable

SIR ALBERT J. SMITH, K.C.M.G.,  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit herewith Supplement No. 4 to the Tenth Annual Report of this Department, being a list of the vessels whose names remained on the registry book of the Dominion of Canada on the 31st day of December, 1877, giving the name of each ship, her official number, the port at which she was then registered, her rig, where she was built, the year in which she was built, her register dimensions and her register tonnage. In the case of steamers, the list shows the gross tonnage as well as the net tonnage of each steamship. The list also shows the name and address of the owner of each vessel, but in cases where there are more than one owner, the name and address of the managing owner only is given. I have also, so far as was possible, shown the Institution in which the vessels are classed, but the list affords no information concerning the Classification.

I also submit statements showing the number of vessels and number of tons on the Registry Books of the Dominion on the 31st December last, the number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion during the last calendar year; a comparative statement of the vessels and tonnage on the registry books at the end of 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and a comparative statement of the number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion during the years 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877; along with a statement showing the sea-going tonnage and tonnage of steamers over 100 tons register of each of the maritime States of the world for 1877.

The total number of vessels remaining on the Register Books of the Dominion on the 31st day of December, 1877, including old and new vessels, sailing vessels, steamers and barges, was 7,362, measuring 1,310,468 tons register tonnage, showing an increase, as compared with 1876, of 170 vessels and 49,575 tons.

Taking \$30 per ton as the average, it will give the value of the registered tonnage of the Dominion on the 31st of December, 1877, as being \$39,314,040, or £7,862,808 sterling.

The increase in the registered tonnage in 1875 was 47,202 tons, as compared with 1874; in 1876 it was 55,328 tons as compared with 1875, and for 1877 it is 49,575 tons as compared with 1876.