

The following statement will exhibit the increases and decreases upon the Welland Canal, and the classes of articles upon which they arose :—

	1889-90.	1890-91.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	p. c.	p. c.
Vessels.....	19,295	15,907	.....	17.56
Passengers.....	207	354	71.01	.....
Produce of the forest.....	29,698	20,157	.....	32.12
do animals.....	331	176	.....	46.82
do agriculture.....	109,970	94,330	.....	14.22
Manufactures and merchandise.....	56,291	56,407	.....	.....
Total tolls.....	215,792	187,331	.....	.....
Fines and damages.....	4,367	1,255	.....	.....
Total.....	220,159	188,586	.....	.....
Less—Refunds.....	47,251	24,914	.....	.....
Net revenue.....	172,888	163,672	.....	.....

The decrease in the amount of tolls refunded as shown above is due to the fact that no refunds of tolls on grain were made during the months of May and June, in consequence of an Order in Council of 18th May, 1891, authorizing such refunds to be made at the close of navigation and not during the season, as heretofore.

The total quantity of freight transported on the several divisions of the canals, and classified as under, is as follows :—

Canals.	Farm Stock.	Forest Produce of Wood.	Manu- factures.	Mer- chandise.	Agricultural Products.	Total Tons.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
Welland.....	54	138,205	23,104	317,044	481,095	959,502
St. Lawrence.....	1,107	126,128	67,280	348,696	286,093	829,304
Chambly.....	234	98,868	3,218	118,830	3,914	225,064
Ottawa.....	1,167	622,329	844	11,483	5,155	640,978
Rideau.....	38	74,530	2,336	20,728	3,055	100,687
St. Peter's.....	.....	2,619	.....	19,232	7,668	29,519
Murray.....	25	4,124	1,659	4,205	3,572	13,588
Trent Valley.....	.....	23,038	20	582	35	23,675

It will be seen by the following figures that the largest quantity of freight passed through the Welland Canal since 1867 was during the fiscal year of 1874, when the quantity was 1,540,081 tons.

The smallest quantity passed through in any one year was 1882, when the quantity decreased to 644,727 tons; in 1890 the quantity increased to 1,104,553 tons, and decreased in 1891 to 959,502 tons.

The largest tonnage passed through the Welland Canal, between United States ports, for the same period, was during the fiscal year 1871, the quantity being 747,756 tons; the quantity, however, decreased to 191,817 tons in 1882, but has since gradually increased to 563,856 tons in 1891.