

COMPARISON of Total Tonnage on the Lakes, between 1858 and 1861.

Year.	UNITED STATES.		CANADIAN.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
1858	1,213	331,153	335	73,148
In favour of United States ..	878	258,008		
1859	1,198	323,156	313	69,663
In favour of United States ..	885	253,493		
1860	1,216	316,503	360	76,717
In favour of United States ..	856	239,786		
1861	1,229	323,593	356	75,658
In favour of United States ..	873	248,295		

The United States steam-vessels have decreased, since 1856, 13 in number, representing 12,306 tons.

The Canadian steam-vessels have increased, during the same period, 3 in number, and 3,312 tons.

Of the total number of vessels on the Lakes, the United States count 16 more than in 1858, though the tonnage has decreased 7,200 tons.

The Canadian vessels have increased 21 in number, and 2,510 tons. About 23 per cent. of the above tonnage can pass through the Welland Canal.

Experience has proved that the cheapest and most expeditious means of carrying freight is by a large class of screw steamers, from 600 to 1,000 tons burden, a class too large to pass the Welland Canal, but greatly on the increase.