

# THE SHIPPING FEDERATION OF CANADA

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Address of the President, HUGH A. ALLAN, Esq., to the  
Members at the Fourth Annual Meeting, on Wednesday,  
13th February, 1907.

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*To the Members of the Shipping Federation of Canada:—*

GENTLEMEN:—

It gives me pleasure to present to you the Fourth Annual Report of the Federation for the year ended December 31st, 1906, which embodies a retrospect of the various and important works that have engaged the attention of the Federation during the past year.

The season of navigation of the year 1906 was the longest season since that of 1900. The first ocean steamer arrived on April 29th, and the last left on December 2nd. The number of sea-going steamers visiting the Port was 783, of a combined tonnage of 1,957,615, compared with 786 vessels last year, of a tonnage of 1,918,002. The shipments of grain show an increase, but those of corn, and barley, show a decrease over the previous year; wheat and flax seed also show an increase. Cheese shows a very large increase, but butter fell off. There was a gain in the shipments of cattle also.

The passenger business of the Port showed a very large increase. The result of all this was a considerable advance in the revenue of the Harbour Commissioners.

The season has not on the whole been satisfactory to owners, though freight rates have been somewhat better.