

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the losses reported to the Department since 1870.

	Casualties.	Tonnage.	Lives Lost.	Damage.
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For the year ending 31st December, 1870.....	335	82,008	210	901,000
do do 1871.....	274	81,035	81	2,100,000
do do 1872.....	290	99,109	237	2,507,338
do do 1873.....	350	99,523	* 813	2,844,133
do do 1874.....	308	106,682	109	2,029,965
do do 1875.....	286	99,427	78	2,468,521
do do 1876.....	452	153,368	404	2,942,955
do do 1877.....	468	177,896	153	3,952,582
do do 1878.....	414	161,760	187	3,444,875
do do 1879.....	533	198,364	339	4,119,233
do do 1880.....	445	179,993	217	3,820,652
do do 1881.....	440	210,719	399	4,922,423
do do 1882.....	461	193,655	271	3,138,423
do do 1883.....	366	158,826	259	2,029,752
do do 1884.....	324	119,741	253	2,965,321
do do 1885.....	346	144,726	198	2,753,667
do do 1886.....	377	150,277	54	1,950,799
do do 1887.....	263	125,983	48	1,193,543

* Of this number, 545 persons were lost by the wreck of the steamship "Atlantic," on the 1st of April, 1873.

The steamer "Merimack," of Boston, 23 years old and 1,119 tons register, was totally lost on Little Hope Island, N. S., on the 10th July last while on a voyage from Halifax to Boston, and became a total loss. She was built of wood and was valued at \$150,000. Most of the cargo was recovered. No lives were lost by this casualty.

The wooden ship "Muskoka," of St. John, N. B., 11 years old, 1,399 tons register, sailed from Java for Queenstown, Ireland, on the 1st June last, with a cargo of sugar crystals, and has not since been heard from. The vessel was valued at \$26,000 and was classed in French Lloyds for 14 years. About 25 lives were lost by this casualty.

The wooden ship "Parthia," of St. John, N. B., 1,528 tons register, was abandoned in the Atlantic in September last, while on a voyage from London to New York, with a cargo of brick and cement, and became a total loss. The crew were rescued by a passing steamer and were landed at St. John's, Nfld. The "Parthia" was 13 years old, classed in French Lloyds and was valued at \$25,000. The value of the cargo is unknown.

The iron ship "Duchess of Argyle," 1,699 tons register, of Liverpool, G. B., stranded on Vancouver Island, B. C., on the 3rd November, 1887, during a dense fog and became a total loss. The vessel was in ballast and proceeding from San Francisco to Burrard Inlet, B. C. She was valued at \$30,000 and was classed at English Lloyds A 1, 100. She was owned by Messrs. W. and R. Wright, of Liverpool, G. B. No lives were lost by this casualty.