

Comparative Statement, showing the dates of the opening and closing of navigation, first arrival from sea and the last departure for sea the following years :—

YEARS.	Opening of Navig.	Close of Navig.	First from sea.	Last for sea.
1855.....	April 28	Dec. 12	May 9	Nov. 20
1856.....	" 24	" 3	April 30	" 24
1857.....	" 18	" 13	May 1	" 25
1858.....	" 9	" 12	April 30	" 24
1859.....	" 4	" 11	May 3	" 20
1860.....	" 10	" 7	April 30	" 25
1861.....	" 24	" 22	" 27	Dec. 4
1862.....	" 23	" 7	" 28	Nov. 27
1863.....	" 25	" 12	May 6	" 26
1864.....	" 13	" 11	April 28	Dec. 7
1865.....	" 10	" 16	May 3	Nov. 24
1866.....	" 19	" 15	" 1	" 28
1867.....	" 22	" 6	" 4	" 29
1868.....	" 17	" 9	" 4	" 27
1869.....	" 25	" 6	April 30	" 24
1870.....	" 18	" 18	" 22	" 27
1871.....	" 8	" 1	" 22	" 29
1872.....	May 1	" 8	May 5	" 28
1873.....	April 25	Nov. 26	" 4	" 21
1874.....	" 25	Dec. 13	" 11	" 21
1875.....	May 3	Nov. 29	" 9	" 22
1876.....	April 27	Dec. 10	" 8	" 23
1877.....	" 17	Dec. 31	April 29	" 24
1878.....	Mar. 30	Dec. 23	" 20	" 24
1879.....	April 24	" 19	May 1	" 24

The classification of Sea-going Vessels in port during the past seven years was as follows :—

VESSELS.	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879
Steamers	242	266	256	240	247	207	289
Ships	72	50	40	40	41	44	33
Barques	164	167	138	146	108	113	121
Brigs.....	18	15	17	18	10	9	5
Brigantines.....	59	64	53	35	29	34	37
Schooners	147	169	138	123	78	109	127
Total	702	731	642	602	513	516	612

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