

TOTAL SEA-GOING VESSELS, Inwards and Outwards, 1893.

		Tons Register.	Quantity of Freight. Tons weight.	Crew, Number
British,	-	3,780,915	1,698,734	106,861
Canadian,	-	2,189,725	805,741	109,952
Foreign,	-	4,637,771	1,086,056	200,822
		<hr/> 10,608,611	<hr/> 3,590,531	<hr/> 417,625

This shows that of 10,608,611 tons shipping employed in carrying the 3,590,531 tons weight of freight to and from Canada only about one-fifth is Canadian. Of the 417,635 men employed only 109,952 are employed in Canadian ships.

Nearly 80 p.c. of the profits of Canada's seagoing carrying trade goes to Foreigners and others outside of Canada. If we rejoice that Canada's exports have increased our joy must be tempered with the knowledge, that we employ Foreign bottoms to carry them away and that foreigners enjoy the profits of the carriage.

In 1878, matters were not so bad. The statistical abstract p. 625, shows that in that year, the seagoing shipping entered and cleared at Canadian Ports with cargo and in Ballast was as follows :

	BRITISH. Tons Register.	CANADIAN. Tons Register.	FOREIGN. Tons Register.	Total Tonnage
1878	2,294,688	1,928,531	2,461,165	6,684,384

This shows that in 1878 of the total tonnage engaged about 29 p.c. was Canadian. Instead of increasing, our relative proportion in 1893 was reduced to 20 p. c.

The number of crews employed that year is not given in the "Statistical Report."

Compare the foregoing tables and facts with similar tables as regards British shipping.

The Registered tonnage of Great Britain (see Statesman's year Book) was in 1850, 3,096,000; 1860, 4,325,000; 1880, 6,236,000; 1892, 8,644,754.

The greatest part of the entire international trade of the world is conducted in British bottoms.

HALIFAX AS A WINTER PORT.

The Tories wish to make the Haligonians believe they have built up Halifax as the winter port in Canada and diverted traffic from American ports. But this is not true. In 1893 the ocean borne tonnage over the I. C. R. to and from Halifax was only 19,714 tons as against 18,354 tons in 1878, a year of depression. Six years ago (in 1888) the ocean borne tonnage was nearly three