

The returns of the new tonnage registered during last year, have nearly all been furnished, although there are a few of the small ports from which no returns have yet been received, but as the new tonnage built at these ports will amount to very little, the following statement may be taken as very nearly correct. From this it may be seen that the number of new vessels registered last year was 480, measuring 151,012 tons, against 496 vessels measuring 190,756 tons in the previous year.

The average value of the new vessels built last year may fairly be stated at about \$45 per ton, which would give the total value of the new vessels as \$3,795,540.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of New Vessels built and registered in the Dominion of Canada, during the Years ended the 31st December, 1874 and 1875.

Provinces.	1874.		1875.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
New Brunswick.....	99	42,027	65	33,483
Nova Scotia.....	175	81,480	177	67,106
Quebec.....	73	20,796	102	22,825
Ontario.....	50	10,797	53	7,760
Prince Edward Is'and.....	88	24,634	83	19,838
British Columbia.....	5	276		
Add new vessels built in Canada which proceeded to the United Kingdom under a Governor's Pass without being registered.....	490	183,010	480	151,012
	6	7,746		
Total.....	496	190,756	480	151,012

The tonnage on the register books of Canada does not show the actual amount of tonnage owned in the Dominion, as there are some vessels owned or partly owned in Canada which are registered in the United Kingdom, and there are many vessels registered in Canada which are owned by persons residing in England and elsewhere out of Canada. The following statement, taken from the *Repertoire Général* for 1875 and 1876, published by *Bureau Veritas*, and which is, probably, as reliable an authority as can be found on this subject, will show the tonnage of each flag as made up from the latest returns, but the tonnage therein given has reference only to sea-going vessels and steamers over 100 tons.

It appears from this return that the United Kingdom is the first on the list, and that the amount of tonnage on the registry books of the British Empire, including Canada and her other colonies, was 7,631,593 tons.