

**SUEZ CANAL TRAFFIC.**

Traffic through the Suez Canal during the year 1913 declined 269,765 gross tons, according to the compilation made by Worms & Co., of Port Said. During the year 5,085 vessels used the waterway, as compared with 5,373 vessels in 1912 and 4,969 vessels in 1911. The lowering of the canal dues is reflected in the decline in this item. Receipts were 122,980,000 francs, as compared with 132,912,000 francs in 1912, and in 1911, when the gross tonnage was almost two million tons less the receipts were 131,024,000 francs, almost 9,000,000 francs more than last year. From other sources aside from the canal dues 4,300,00 francs were received last year.

Great Britain still leads in the percentage of tonnage using the canal, having twice as much as all the other

nations combined, her percentage being 59.63. Germany is second with 16.93.

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