

Table III. gives a similar view of the up and down traffic in Canadian vessels. There was a general increase in the volume of merchandise in the season of 1880; although, with one or two exceptions, the percentage was not large.

Table IV. shows the aggregate trade of the United States and Canada, and there appear to have been large increases in the movement of most staples passing upward. The downward movement shows decreased shipments from the copper mines, but increases of iron ore. There was a decrease of half a million bushels of Wheat in 1880, but an increase in Flour, and very large increases in Corn and Lumber.

The dues formerly levied upon craft passing through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal were 2½c. per ton register, whether the vessels passing up or down were light or loaded, and without distinction of nationality. *These dues are now abolished.*

#### CRAFT IN LAKE SUPERIOR TRADE.—CANADIAN ROUTES.

The trade carried on between Lake Superior and the other lakes (including Georgian Bay) gave employment, during the season of navigation in 1879, to vessels of all kinds, aggregating 117,156 tons register,—the capacity in 1880 being 124,948 tons register. I have at hand a list of names of all these vessels, showing the number of trips made up and down in each of these years; but this Report need not be encumbered with such details. The following summary will convey all the information needed for my present purpose:—

PLYING BETWEEN CHICAGO AND LAKE SUPERIOR.		1879.	1880.
Number of Passenger and Mail Steamers.....	5	5	
Total registered tonnage.....	4,453	4,453	
Number of up and down passages through Canal.....	110	100	

PLYING BETWEEN LOWER LAKES AND LAKE SUPERIOR.			
Number of Passenger and Mail Steamers.....	10	12	
Total registered tonnage.....	9,548	12,864	
Number of up and down passages through Canal.....	246	286	
Number of Steam Barges.....	32	38	
Total registered tonnage.....	28,206	31,590	
Number of up and down passages through Canal.....	504	495	
Number of Steam Vessels with Consorts.....	151	163	
Total registered tonnage.....	63,348	65,721	
Number of up and down passages through Canal.....	1,323	1,677	

#### CANADIAN VESSELS.

Number of Steamers for Freight and Passengers.....	11	11	
Total registered tonnage.....	6,845	6,886	
Number of up and down passages through Canal.....	228	244	
Number of Steam Vessels with Barges.....	16	13	
Total registered tonnage.....	4,780	3,482	
Number of up and down passages through Canal.....	80	41	