

A.—PORT OF QUEBEC.

STATEMENT of the number of Ships built and registered at this Port, with the number of tons, from the year 1862 to 1867,—(each year ending 31st December.)

Year.	BUILT.		REGISTERED.		REMARKS.
	Sailing Vessels.		Sailing Vessels.		
	Number.	Tons.	Number.	Tons.	
1863.....	83	54,317	81	44,925	} N.B.—This includes all the vessels built and registered, whether sea-going or otherwise.
1864.....	95	58,225	105	59,236	
1865.....	105	44,945	113	46,331	
1866.....	95	35,799	112	39,838	
1867.....	58	20,497	78	26,806	
Total for 5 years..	436	213,783	489	217,136	

	Steamers.		Steamers.	
	Number.	Tons.	Number.	Tons.
1863.....	5	418	10	1,261
1864.....	10	1,108	16	1,224
1865.....	6	756	3	756
1866.....	3	965	9	1,031
1867.....	3	422	6	896
Total for 5 years..	32	3,669	49	5,168

B.

STATEMENT of Quebec built Ships sold, in the years 1866 and 1867, to English and French purchasers.

Sold to English Purchasers.			Sold to French Purchasers.		
Year.	No.	Tons.	Year.	No.	Tons.
1866.....	10	6,918	1866.....	7	3,930
" 1867.....	14	10,017	" 1867.....	19	9,068
Total for 1866-7.....	24	16,935	Total for 1866-7.....	26	12,998

Answers of Melancthon Simpson, of St. Catharines, shipbuilder.

To Q. 1.—I have been engaged as a master builder of merchant vessels, steamboats, &c., for some twenty-two years.

To Q. 2.—Brigs, barques, schooners, steamboats, the tonnage ranges from two hundred to six hundred tons.

To Q. 3. I think that the industry is as active as the wants of this section of the country require, but it is exceedingly desirable that a market for merchant vessels should be found, inasmuch as the capacity of the shipyards and the abundance of the best quality of timber for shipbuilding are sufficient to build far more vessels than are now built.

To Q. 4. In my opinion strikes among workmen have occurred of late years more frequently than formerly. I attribute the principal cause to the Union Clubs formed amongst the men, whereby a few leading spirits are enabled, if so disposed, to spread discontent amongst the men. These strikes have a very injurious effect.