

SHIPPING STATISTICS.

Provinces.	1874.		1877.		1880.		1883.		1886.		1889.		1892.		1895.		1897.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
New Brunswick.	1,144	294,741	1,133	329,457	1,097	336,976	1,107	815,906	1,042	269,224	1,013	218,573	946	181,779	975	122,417	923	103,584
Nova Scotia.....	2,787	479,669	2,961	541,579	,977	550,448	3,037	541,715	2,929	536,921	2,855	464,431	2,731	425,690	2,683	343,356	2,204	283,056
Quebec.....	1,837	218,946	1,951	248,399	1,889	233,341	1,739	216,577	1,650	232,536	1,455	168,500	1,408	162,638	1,454	158,776	1,480	158,077
Ontario.....	815	113,008	926	131,761	1,062	137,481	1,133	140,972	1,248	140,929	1,352	141,539	1,347	141,750	1,508	148,609	1,424	135,349
P. E. Island.....	312	48,388	342	55,547	288	45,931	241	49,446	225	30,658	224	25,506	196	22,706	190	19,323	174	15,812
British Columbia	35	3,611	43	3,479	63	5,049	94	9,046	134	11,900	176	15,241	298	23,448	346	25,988	364	28,604
Manitoba.....			6	245	21	1,992	24	2,778	65	5,578	77	6,091	81	6,118	106	7,307	115	7,272
Totals.....	6,930	1,158,363	7,362	1,310,468	7,377	1,311,216	7,374	1,276,440	7,294	1,217,706	7,153	1,040,481	7,007	964,129	7,262	825,836	6,684	731,754

UNVACCINATED BAD LIVES.

The *St. James's Gazette* says:—

"Of late years insurance has become exceedingly popular. Every year the business and the income of

the insurance companies increases rapidly. Nor is this species of provision for the future confined to adult persons. Children are insured by the ten thousand. Here, then, is a means of boycotting the anti-vaccinationists. The insurance companies would be abundantly and absolutely within their rights if they refused to issue a policy upon the life of any person, man, woman, or child, who had not been vaccinated. No new powers, no fresh legislation would be needed. Already they have a complete discretion either to refuse altogether a "bad life," or to indemnify themselves for the increased risk they run by charging a higher premium. An unvaccinated person is emphatically a "bad life," and they would not only be doing a service to the community but would be taking an almost essential step to protect their own property by acting upon these lines. There is nothing new in a vaccination test. There are thousands of posts in private employment in this country which can be filled only by vaccinated persons; no man can wear Her Majesty's uniform in the regular services, or become a policeman, who has not been sterilized against small-pox. And the rabid fanatics who are plunging the country into imminent peril of a new "black death" more terrible than any plague of mediæval days, because the population is so much greater and so much more aggregated, may depend upon it that the number of these tests will be increased very speedily. No man who is not himself insane on the subject will consent to run the frightful risk of filling his factory, his shop, his counting-house, or his private house with persons, every one of whom may at any moment become a hot-bed for the propagation of one of the most deadly and loathsome of diseases. We are quite prepared for an outcry at these suggestions. A certain class of controversialist always thinks that he is not only entitled to override an adversary, but to dictate to him the weapons with which he shall defend himself. Shakespeare has given some good advice as to a man's demeanour in a quarrel into which he has been drawn unwillingly; and those who are prepared to follow it in this matter may rest assured that they have it in their power in the end to make the "conscientious objector" realize the error of his ways."

PERSONALS.

Mr. R. W. DOUGLAS, Inspector Atlas & National Insurance Company, who has been spending Xmas with his relations in Scotland, is expected to return to Montreal early next month.

Mr. A. DUNCAN REID, Toronto, Superintendent of Agencies, Ocean Accident & Guarantee Company, was in Montreal this week, visiting the Head Office for Canada. Mr. Reid has good reports of the present business and future prospects of the Ocean Accident in Ontario.