

Trade and Navigation.

Total losses by steam and sail in 1856, \$3,038,874
 " " " " " 1855, 2,797,839

Increased loss, - - - \$ 241,035

Total loss of Life in 1856, - - 407
 " " " 1855, - - 118

Increased loss, - - - 289

The following will show the monthly losses :

Losses in May,	steam and sail,	- -	\$142,600
" June	" "	- -	118,550
" July	" "	- -	266,130
" August	" "	- -	67,750
" September	" "	- -	342,860
" October	" "	- -	882,039
" November	" "	- -	1,059,395
" December	" "	- -	159,550

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Synopsis of the Marine Register of the Board of Lake Underwriters of Vessels in Commission on the Lakes in the fall of 1856 :

	NUMBER.	TONNAGE.	CASH VALUE.
Steamers - -	107	62,863	\$3,320,400
Propellers - -	135	54,675	2,741,200
Barques - -	56	21,773	673,800
Brigs - -	108	27,045	701,850
Schooners - -	850	173,380	5,487,100
Total - -	1,256	339,736	\$12,944,350

The Shipping interest of Canada, which now forms so important a part of the increasing trade and commerce of the country, has hitherto received but little attention at the hands of the Press, and there is hardly any record of its gradual development and growth. It shall be our duty, however, to remedy this neglect ; and we hope in our next number to present our readers with a valuable and, we hope, correct statement, giving the name of every vessel owned in the Province, when and where built, tonnage and value ; together with the name of captain and owners. In the meantime we should be happy to receive any information relative to this department.