

The water borne traffic of Canada is made up of sea going tonnage, Great Lakes' shipping, and coastwise vessels. Of the 15,800,000 sea going tonnage in and out, Canada could claim less than two millions of tons, or about twelve per cent. only. Under United States' flag there were three million five hundred tons or about 75 per cent. more than Canada possesses, of her own trade. (Note 6.)

Note 6.—The total sea going tonnage entered in and out :

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| 1876 | 5,914,764 |
| 1904 | 15,826,705 |

The changes in flag are as striking as the increase in tonnage :

| | 1876. | 1904. |
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| British..... | 1,896,603 | 8,046,817 |
| Canadian | 1,634,333 | 1,979,803 |
| Foreign..... | 2,379,828 | 5,801,085 |

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| Total..... | 5,914,764 | 15,826,705 |
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Thus out of 15,826,705 tons, Canada could claim only 1,968,803 tons of the foreign tonnage, the United States claimed 3,524,497 tons.

Since the period 1874-8 to 1904, the percentage of each nationality has varied as follows :

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| British | 49.6 to 58.4 |
| Foreign | 32.2 to 30.4 |
| Canadian | 17.9 to 11.2 |

The following is a table of registered sea going tonnage carrying cargo into and out of the following Provinces :—

QUEBEC.

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| 1869-73, yearly average | 1,708,222 |
| 1879-83, " | 2,017,585 |
| 1889-93, " | 2,180,166 |
| 1899-03, " | 3,184,034 |

NOVA SCOTIA.

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| 1869-73, yearly average | 1,372,906 |
| 1879-83, " | 1,810,550 |
| 1889-93, " | 2,458,920 |
| 1899-03, " | 3,487,261 |

NEW BRUNSWICK.

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| 1869-73, yearly average | 1,122,452 |
| 1879-83, " | 1,132,723 |
| 1889-93, " | 1,186,880 |
| 1899-03, " | 1,385,289 |