

Number of vessels in principal countries.

558. The following table shows the number and tonnage of vessels (both steam and sailing) owned by the principal countries of the world. The figures have been taken partly from official sources and partly from the Statesman's Year Book, 1887:—

REGISTERED TONNAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Average Number of Tons to each Vessel.
United Kingdom.....	18,791	7,209,163	384
United States.....	23,263	4,265,923	404
Sweden and Norway.....	11,928	2,113,019	177
German Empire.....	4,135	1,282,449	310
Canada.....	7,294	1,217,766	167
France.....	15,266	1,000,215	65
Italy.....	7,336	953,419	130
Russia.....	2,343	625,366	267
Spain.....	1,826	508,879	279
Australasia.....	2,786	361,634	129
Austria.....	9,368	311,987	33
Netherlands.....	740	302,826	409
Denmark.....	3,161	269,806	85
Greece.....	3,213	261,496	81
Portugal.....	392	104,348	266
Belgium.....	64	80,592	1,259
Turkey.....	401	72,762	181

Position of Canada

559. Canada stands fifth in the above list of nations with respect to tonnage, the difference between that of Germany, which takes fourth place, being very slight.

Vessels in British Empire.

560. The total number of vessels belonging to the British Empire, in 1885, was 38,335, of 9,323,615 tons.*

Shipping of the world.

561. According to Mulhall, the shipping of the world has increased from 3,050,000 tons in 1830 to 20,646,000 tons in 1881, and he calculates that the effective tonnage, which is ascertained by multiplying steam tonnage by 5 and adding the result to sailing tonnage, has increased in the same period from 3,164,000 tons to 43,222,000 tons.†

* Statesman's Year Book, 1887.

† Dictionary of Statistics, p. 407.