

The world's production of iron and steel.

523. The following table gives the world's production of pig iron and steel, principally in 1886. Tons of 2,240 pounds are used with reference to Great Britain, the United States, Russia and "Other Countries," and metric tons of 2,204 pounds for continental countries:—

THE WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF IRON AND STEEL, 1886.

COUNTRIES.	Pig Iron.	Steel.
	Tons.	Tons.
Great Britain	6,870,665	2,364,670
United States.....	5,633,329	2,562,502
Germany and Luxemburg	3,489,231	1,360,620
France	1,507,850	466,913
Belgium	697,110	139,215
Austria Hungary.....	726,835	256,023
Russia.....	498,400	225,140
Sweden.....	464,737	80,550
Spain.....	139,920	15,000
Italy	18,405	3,450
Other Countries (estimated)	150,000	30,000
Total.....	20,246,482	7,504,083

Production of iron and steel in United Kingdom and United States.

524. Great Britain and the United States combined produced 62 per cent. of the total quantity of pig iron, and 64 per cent. of the total quantity of steel produced in the world, while of steel alone it will be seen that the United States is now the largest producer. The proportions respectively are: Great Britain, pig iron, 33 per cent.; steel, 31 per cent. The United States, pig iron, 28 per cent.; steel, 34 per cent.

Petroleum.

525. Though petroleum has been found in Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and traces of it in the North West Territories, it is in Ontario where the most of the oil has been and is obtained. Bothwell, Enniskillen and Petrolia are the largest oil producing districts, the oil being obtained at a depth of from 400 to 500 feet.