

REGISTERED TONNAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Average tons to each vessel.
United Kingdom.....	17,917	7,144,097	398
Sweden and Norway.....	11,632	2,080,081	178
German Empire.....	4,021	1,284,703	319
Canada.....	7,178	1,130,247	157
United States*.....	1,621	1,015,562	626
France.....	15,351	993,291	64
Italy.....	7,229	945,677	130
Russia.....	2,343	625,366	266
Spain.....	1,826	508,879	278
Australasia.....	2,786	361,634	129
Netherlands.....	692	286,455	413
Austria.....	455	261,588	574
Denmark.....	3,324	272,500	81
Greece.....	3,213	261,496	81
Portugal.....	392	104,348	266
Belgium.....	67	86,837	1,296
Turkey.....	401	72,762	181

* Licensed and enrolled vessels not included.

United States shipping.

584. Canada, it will be seen, stands fourth in the list, but if the licensed and enrolled vessels belonging to the United States which are employed in the river trade and home trade were included, that country would take second place, its total tonnage amounting to 4,105,844 tons. To such an extent has the American mercantile marine declined that, whereas in 1856 75·2 per cent. of the United States imports and exports were carried in American bottoms, in 1887 the proportion was only 13·80 per cent., the value carried having increased in the same period 138. per cent.

PART II.—FISHERIES.

Yield and value of Canadian Fisheries 1886 and 1887.

585. Owing to the report of the Minister of Fisheries not having been yet completed, full particulars concerning the fisheries for 1887 are not available, but the following is a summary comparative statement of the yield and value of the fisheries in 1886 and 1887:—