

REGISTERED TONNAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Average tons to each Vessel.
United Kingdom	17,723	7,123,754	402
Sweden and Norway	11,380	2,024,471	178
German Empire	3,811	1,240,182	325
Canada	7,142	1,089,642	152
United States*	1,681	1,021,595	608
France	15,237	972,525	64
Italy	6,918	895,625	129
Russia	2,387	614,561	257
Spain	968	531,269	548
Australasia	2,786	361,634	129
Netherlands	621	673,781	1,085
Austria	9,728	287,267	30
Denmark	3,324	272,500	82
Greece	5,157	258,846	50
Portugal	220	79,516	361
Belgium	65	86,391	1,329
Turkey	842	182,259	216

* Licensed and enrolled vessels not included.

United States shipping.

505. 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 and home trade were included, that country would take second place, its total tonnage amounting to 4,307,475 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 1888 the proportion was only 13·48 per cent., the value carried having increased in the same period 112 per cent.

PART II—FISHERIES.

Fisheries of Canada.

506. The sea fisheries of Canada, which are situated off the coasts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and British Columbia, are among the richest and most important in the world, while the fresh water fisheries of the great lakes and rivers of the country are nowhere to be surpassed.