

REGISTERED TONNAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Average Tons to each Vessel.
United Kingdom.....	21,779	7,759,008	356
Sweden and Norway.....	11,077	2,034,550	184
German Empire.....	3,635	1,233,894	339
Canada.....	6,991	1,024,974	146
United States*.....	1,451	928,062	638
France.....	15,278	961,073	63
Italy.....	6,810	853,033	125
Russia.....	2,983	492,030	165
Spain.....	1,698	598,321	352
Australasia.....	2,919	367,577	126
Netherlands.....	609	245,416	403
Austria-Hungary.....	367	218,041	594
Denmark.....	3,344	270,941	81
Greece.....	5,157	258,846	50
Portugal.....	459	60,214	132
Belgium.....	59	77,655	1,316
Turkey.....	907	229,777	253

* Licensed and enrolled vessels not included.

539. 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 4,424,497 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 1890 the proportion was only 12·29 per cent., the value carried having increased from \$641,604,850 to \$1,573,567,830.

PART II—FISHERIES.

540. 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.