

United States shipping.

659. If registered tonnage alone is strictly taken, Canada will take fourth place in the above table and the United States the fifth place, but as Canadian vessels engaged in the lake and river trade are on the registry books of this country, while those belonging to the United States, and engaged in the same trade, are only either licensed or enrolled, the latter, for the purposes of comparison, have been included in registered tonnage. The United States mercantile marine has declined very much of late years, and the registered tonnage proper was, in 1891, only 1,005,950 tons, comprising 1,587 vessels. In 1856 75·2 per cent of the foreign trade of the country was carried in United States bottoms, while in 1892 the proportion was only 14·89 per cent; the value carried having increased in the meantime from \$641,604,000 to \$1,784,733,000.

PART II.—FISHERIES.

Fisheries of Canada.

660. 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.

Yield and value of the fisheries, 1891 and 1892.

661. The following are summary comparative statements of the total yield and value of the fisheries, both marine and fresh water, and also the value of the same by provinces, in 1891 and 1892:—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE YIELD AND VALUE OF THE FISHERIES OF CANADA, 1891-1892.

KINDS OF FISH.	1891.		1892.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$
Cod	Cwt. 849,838	3,827,708	880,184	4,050,468
Herring, pickled.	Brls. 298,598	1,343,693	300,223	1,351,095
“ smoked	Lbs. 23,869,200	596,732	14,975,675	301,596
“ frozen, fresh.	“ 9,108,650	354,489	9,748,240	383,030
Lobsters, preserved, in cans	“ 14,285,157	1,999,921	12,524,498	1,753,429
“ in shell, alive, &c.	Tons. 6,321½	252,500	6,012½	238,400
Salmon, pickled	Brls. 2,557	35,500	3,132	40,660
“ fresh.	Lbs. 4,404,311	671,746	5,430,749	791,601
“ preserved, in cans.	“ 15,206,328	1,522,509	11,514,622	1,382,535
“ smoked	“ 132,472	26,494	140,258	28,052
Mackerel, preserved, in cans	“ 165,981	19,918	136,330	16,360
“ pickled	Brls. 139,261	1,949,654	95,044	1,330,618
Haddock	Cwt. 150,170	525,595	167,578	586,525
Hake	“ 124,385	315,555	116,711	350,133
Pollock	“ 81,248	243,744	74,294	222,882
Trout	Lbs. 6,287,643	628,764	6,933,819	692,042
“ pickled	Brls. 3,258	32,580	1,907	19,070
Whitefish	Lbs. 11,763,841	791,185	23,776,763	1,498,523
Smelts	“ 5,552,101	277,036	4,719,193	235,959
Sardines.	Hhds.	192,937		118,213