

The following tables show the number and tonnage of sea-going vessels of 100 tons or over recorded in Lloyd's. The statistics for steam vessels are based on gross tonnage, as the deductions to secure net tonnage in steam vessels vary considerably among nations. The number of vessels, as well as the tonnage in the world's mercantile marine, is given. The salient features are the steady increase in size of vessels and the substitution of steel for other materials. The compilation shows the progress for the last four years of changes in the materials of ship-building and for the substitution of steam for sail :—

YEAR.	Number of Vessels.	Tonnage.
1890-91 .....	32,298	22,151,651
1891-92 .....	32,326	22,939,958
1892-93 .....	32,066	23,694,508
1893-94 .....	32,010	24,258,375
1894-95 .....	30,721	24,569,496

YEAR.	Number Steam.	Tons Gross.	Number Sail.	Tons Gross.
1890-91 .....	11,108	12,985,372	21,190	9,166,279
1891-92 .....	11,705	13,816,509	20,621	9,123,449
1892-93 .....	12,193	14,562,003	19,873	9,132,505
1893-94 .....	12,558	15,264,418	19,452	8,993,957
1894-95 .....	12,907	16,066,202	17,814	8,503,294

	WOOD AND COMPOSITE.		IRON.		STEEL.	
	Number	Tons.	Number	Tons.	Number	Tons.
1891-92.						
Steam .....	1,158	418,080	7,606	8,252,841	2,941	5,145,558
Sail .....	18,448	6,647,475	1,824	1,963,109	349	512,865
Totals .....	19,606	7,065,555	9,430	10,215,959	3,290	5,658,423
1892-93.						
Steam .....	1,146	404,744	7,531	8,058,848	3,516	6,998,411
Sail .....	17,468	6,290,907	1,807	1,924,915	598	916,683
Totals .....	18,614	6,695,651	9,338	9,983,763	4,114	7,015,094
1893-94.						
Steam .....	1,176	411,516	7,439	7,914,687	3,943	6,938,215
Sail .....	17,009	6,086,654	1,762	1,879,185	681	1,028,118
Totals .....	18,185	6,498,170	9,201	9,793,872	4,624	7,966,333
1894-95.						
Steam .....	1,167	418,843	7,238	7,661,124	4,502	7,986,235
Sail .....	15,352	5,546,277	1,703	1,814,267	759	1,142,750
Totals .....	16,519	5,965,120	8,941	9,475,391	5,261	9,128,985