

the United Kingdom and Hong Kong, Canada ranked fourteenth in 1896 among the countries of the world as regards the magnitude of her shipping trade.

SHIPPING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 1892 TO 1896, EXCLUSIVE OF COASTING TRADE.

COUNTRIES.	TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED.				
	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
France.....	28,120,524	28,022,326	28,538,827	27,909,379	30,026,932
*United States.....	36,438,645	33,504,271	34,331,090	33,748,992	35,271,758
Spain.....	22,891,658	24,022,726	25,892,022	25,922,486	28,023,337
Germany.....	22,405,872	22,999,554	24,499,103	23,953,464	24,086,632
†Austria.....	17,263,908	18,087,882	18,324,394	20,492,296	.....
Italy.....	13,943,727	14,736,859	16,157,927	16,829,468	17,005,287
Russia in Europe...	9,319,806	12,752,466	17,075,590	16,225,550	18,862,501
Argentine Republic....	11,886,851	12,838,340	13,666,087	13,261,453	15,208,853
Sweden.....	11,446,173	11,705,414	12,689,093	12,383,747	14,119,804
Holland.....	11,845,875	12,399,485	13,751,221	13,531,345	15,611,910
Belgium.....	11,584,268	11,941,470	13,056,692	13,670,002	14,971,182
Portugal.....	11,082,000	11,632,940	11,851,163	12,424,986	14,525,623
Denmark.....	7,898,341	7,952,114	8,785,984	8,425,804	9,318,858
China.....	6,889,582	7,142,612	7,635,584	8,507,107	9,504,935
Norway.....	5,768,587	5,796,170	5,477,012	5,339,150	5,850,787
Chile.....	6,310,449	.....	.....	5,771,152	7,277,422
Uruguay.....	2,586,496	2,785,162	3,216,661	3,366,453	3,934,415
Japan.....	3,578,791	4,302,001	4,907,419	5,270,537	6,723,602
Mexico.....	2,969,888	3,192,843	2,611,459	.....	.....

* Exclusive of lake trade between the United States and Canada. United States vessels engaged in this trade are not allowed to engage in sea-going voyages.

† Including coasting trade. Exclusive of Hungary.

REGISTERED TONNAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Year.	SAILING VESSELS.		STEAM VESSELS.		TOTAL.	
		Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
United Kingdom.	1897	11,911	2,589,570	8,590	6,363,601	20,501	8,953,171
United States....	1898	*15,993	*2,377,815	6,712	2,371,923	22,705	4,749,738
†Sweden.....	1897	2,013	290,855	756	205,964	2,769	496,819
‡Norway.....	1897	6,143	1,169,079	1,004	383,120	7,147	1,552,199
German Empire..	1897	2,522	855,571	1,171	969,800	3,693	1,555,371
Canada.....	1898	4,734	426,545	1,909	267,237	6,643	693,782
France.....	1897	14,352	421,462	1,212	499,409	15,564	920,871
Italy.....	1896	6,002	527,554	351	237,727	6,353	765,281
Russia.....	1897	1,755	155,430	391	116,593	2,146	322,023
Spain.....	1898	1,145	164,504	436	341,951	1,581	506,455
Australasia.....	1897	1,388	168,451	1,205	340,029	2,593	508,480
Netherlands....	1897	441	95,226	171	211,426	612	306,652
||Austria-Hung'ry	1897	12,366	92,353	251	190,784	12,617	283,137
‡Denmark.....	1897	3,656	174,406	440	182,702	3,696	356,108
Greece.....	1897	1,152	238,196	118	87,845	1,270	326,041
Portugal.....	1897	239	42,252	47	35,583	286	77,835
Belgium.....	1897	5	917	56	84,510	61	85,427
Turkish Empire..	1898	1,349	252,947	87	46,498	1,436	299,445
China.....	1896	88	.....	166	.....	254	58,154
Japan.....	1897	a833	a76,637	570	227,841	1,403	304,478

* Including canal boats and barges. † 20 tons and upwards. ‡ 4 tons and upwards. Fishing vessels, etc., included. a Includes 668 native crafts above 50 tons, of 51,152 tons.