

554. 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 lake trade were included, that country would take second place, its total tonnage amounting to 4,684,759 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 1891 the proportion was only 11·96 per cent, the value carried having increased from \$641,604,850 to \$1,844,392,840. United States shipping.

PART II.—FISHERIES.

555. 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. Fisheries of Canada.

556. The following are summary comparative statements of the total yield and value of the fisheries, both marine and fresh water, and also of the value of the same by provinces, in 1890 and 1891 :— Yield and value of the fisheries, 1890 and 1891.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE YIELD AND VALUE OF THE FISHERIES OF CANADA, 1890-1891.

KINDS OF FISH.	1890.		1891.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$
Cod	Cwt. 857,734	3,433,580	849,838	3,827,708
Herring, pickled	Brls. 274,274	1,097,096	298,598	1,343,693
do smoked	Boxes. 1,354,161	340,290	2,386,920	596,732
do frozen, fresh	Lbs. 15,621,786	521,106	9,108,650	354,489
Lobsters, preserved, in cans	" 11,559,984	1,387,199	14,285,157	1,999,921
do in shell, alive, &c.	Tons. 6,748	261,146	6,321½	252,500
Salmon, pickled	Brls. 5,140½	70,652	2,557	35,500
do fresh	Lbs. 3,686,998	563,533	4,404,311	671,746
do preserved, in cans	" 19,910,304	2,389,666	15,206,328	1,522,509
do smoked	" 63,592	12,718	132,472	26,494
Mackerel, preserved, in cans	" 283,474	35,033	165,981	19,918
do fresh	" 770,090	46,254
do pickled	Brls. 96,246	1,443,690	139,261	1,949,654
Haddock	Cwt. 133,017	532,068	150,170	523,595
Hake	" 94,335	377,440	124,385	315,555
Pollock	" 68,387	273,548	81,248	243,744
Trout	Lbs. 5,829,466	584,166	6,287,643	698,764
do pickled	Brls. 4,112	41,120	3,258	32,580
Whitefish	Lbs. 11,176,582	767,658	11,763,841	791,185
Smelts	" 4,735,517	283,444	5,552,101	277,036
Sardines	Hhds.	115,752	192,937