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| Table V.—*Showing the Tonnage of the United States Shipping. 30th June* 1909. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class. | Sailing. | | Steam. | | Canal. | | Barge. | | Total. | |
| No. | Tons. | No. | Tons. | No. | Tons. | No. | Tons. | No. | Tons. |
| (a) Registered:—  Foreign trade ....  Whale fisheries .... | 445  25 | 225.376  5.682 | 490  8 | 575,226  3,300 |  | ∙∙ | 665 | 77,921 | 1,600  33 | 878,523  8,982 |
| Total .... | 470 | 231,058 | 498 | 578,526 |  |  | 665 | 77,921 | 1,633 | 887,505 |
| (*b*) Enrolled:—  Coasting trade . . .  Cod and mackerel fisheries | 3799  341 | 1,391,965  33.232 | 6,327  91 | 4,099,087  7,979 | 745 | 80,951 | 2769 | 767.839 | 13,640  432 | 6,339.842  41,211 |
| Total .... | 4140 | 1,425,197 | 6,418 | 4,107,066 | 745 | 80,951 | 2769 | 767,839 | 14,072 | 6,381,053 |
| (*c*) Licensed:—  Coasting trade . . .  Cod and mackerel fisheries | 4672  430 | 50,986  3.835 | 4,241 484 | 58,470  5,162 |  |  | 156 | L744 | 9,069  914 | 111,200 8,997 |
| Total .... | 5102 | 54,821 | 4,725 | 63,632 |  |  | 156 | 1,744 | 9.983 | 120,197 |
| Grand Total .... | 9712 | 1,711,076 | 11,641 | 4,749,224 | 745 | 80,951 | 3590 | 847.504 | 25,688 | 7.388,755 |

*documented* in the United States, and the division is based on the trade on which the vessels are employed, and not as in the United Kingdom on the character of the vessels and their fitness to engage in trade to distant countries or on more local service.

By the United States Navigation Laws all trade between American ports no matter how far they are separated—such as New York to San Francisco, or from either of these ports to Honolulu or Manila—is declared to be *coasting trade.* None but United States vessels are allowed to engage in this trade, which in recent years has developed so rapidly as to employ the main part of the American Mercantile Marine; it demands large numbers of ocean-going vessels, and many vessels have been transferred from the Foreign Trade to meet the demand.

LIoyd’s Register for 1909-1910 gives the following figures for United States shipping, excluding all vessels under 100 tons and all wooden vessels on the Great Lakes :—

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|  | Number. | Tons. |
| On Sea Coasts . | 2899 | 2,791,282 |
| Northern Lakes . | 583 | 2,118,276 |
| Philippines . | 108 | 44,254 |
|  | 3590 | 4,953.812 |

Large numbers of American vessels are not included in the American Returns—such as yachts, boats and lighters employed within the