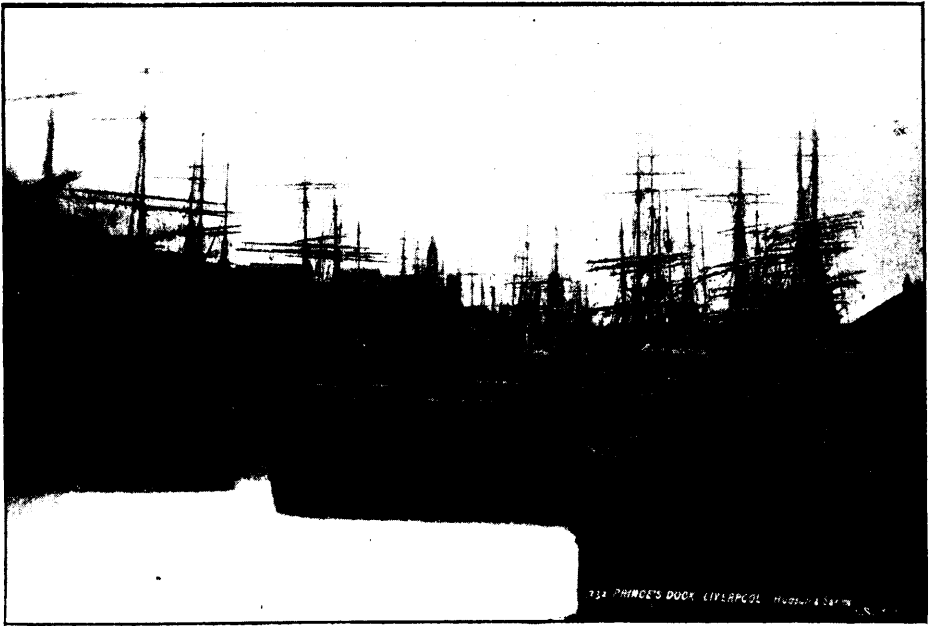


Float nearly 60 acres in extent. The total water area of the London docks is 558 acres, that of the Mersey docks 546. In 1894, London possessed 2,710 steam and sailing vessels, with a tonnage of 1,588,588, as against Liverpool's 2,295 ships, with a tonnage of 2,100,694. It will thus be seen that the vessels of the Mersey are larger than those of the Thames. Of sailing vessels under 50 tons, London has 533 against Liverpool's 115; of these over

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The docks on the Lancashire side of the Mersey may be divided into two systems, known respectively as the northern and the southern. The central portion consists of the older and smaller docks: the others are much larger and deeper, and generally more in accordance with modern requirements. In giving some further description of the Liverpool docks, it



VIEW OF PRINCE'S DOCK, SHOWING SHIPPING.

2,500 tons, London has none, Liverpool 38; of steamships under 50 tons, London has 390, Liverpool 112; while of those over 3,000 tons, London has only 15, Liverpool, 53. Of the total exports of the United Kingdom, amounting in 1893 to 1,385 millions of dollars, Liverpool contributed 476 millions, London, 383. Of the total imports for the same year, which reached the enormous sum of 2,020 millions, Liverpool received 488 millions, and London received 707 millions, owing to the more valuable com-

modities of commerce, raw and manufactured, entering the metropolis. We will suppose we are a party of Americans or Canadians, and that, having "done"—a word of little or great meaning, according to circumstances—Europe, we are on our homeward journey, and just putting the last finishing touch to our wonderful and exasperatingly delightful tour by inspecting these docks—without seeing which no visit to the "Old Country" could be quite complete. So we begin inland, as it were, up the river,