

Availing ourselves of these and the data given elsewhere in the YEAR BOOK, we discover that the place of the proposed Confederation of British America among the nations, as it respects the important elements of national wealth and strength, will be as follows:—

Area in square miles.		Population.	
Russia, including all her possessions.....	7,612,874	China.....	415,000,000
British America, including the Hudson's Bay Territory, Vancouver's Island, and British Columbia.....	3,400,000	Russia.....	73,192,375
Brazil.....	3,131,000	France.....	37,473,732
United States of America, territories, &c.....	2,999,948	Turkey.....	35,550,000
(organized into States and territorial governments, about 1,700,000 sqr. miles).		United States (estimate).....	35,000,000
Turkey in Europe, Asia and Africa.....	1,812,048	Austria.....	32,572,914
China.....	1,297,000	Great Britain and Ireland.....	29,321,293
Mexico.....	1,030,442	Italy.....	21,139,736
Argentine Confederation, including El Gran Chaco and Patagonia.....	842,789	Prussia.....	22,784,562
United States of Colombia.....	521,948	Spain.....	16,521,850
Peru.....	502,986	Brazil, (one-fifth slaves).....	10,745,000
Bolivia.....	473,298	Mexico.....	8,295,553
Venezuela.....	426,712	Sweden and Norway.....	5,351,673
British America, (the five Atlantic Colonies).....	419,345	Belgium.....	4,894,671
Ecuador.....	287,000	Bavaria.....	4,801,763
Chili.....	249,953	British America, (the five Colonies).....	3,976,244
Austria.....	234,301	Portugal.....	3,584,677
France.....	211,852	Holland, (the Netherlands).....	3,372,652
Spain.....	182,758	Peru.....	2,865,000
Sweden and Norway.....	163,042	United States of Colombia.....	2,794,474
Prussia.....	135,554	Switzerland.....	2,234,242
Great Britain and Ireland.....	119,924	Saxony.....	2,225,240
Italy.....	100,794	Bolivia.....	1,987,352
&c., &c., &c.		Venezuela.....	1,800,000
		Wurtemberg.....	1,720,243
		Chili.....	1,676,894
		Denmark.....	1,600,551
		Baden.....	1,369,291
		Greece.....	1,332,508

If we look to the position in the above respects of the five Colonies among tributary States or Colonies, we shall find it to be as under:—

Area.	Population.		
Australian Colonies, with Tasmania and New Zealand.....	2,582,070	British India, with Ceylon.....	189,586,863
India, with Ceylon.....	1,029,316	Java, with adjacent islands.....	13,019,108
British America, (the Five Colonies).....	419,345	Egypt.....	5,125,000
Egypt.....	175,812	British America, the Five Colonies.....	3,976,244
Algeria.....	150,000	Algeria.....	2,960,836
Cuba, with Porto Rico.....	52,759	Cuba, with Porto Rico.....	1,962,419
Java, with Madeira.....	51,336	The Australian Colonies, with Tasmania and New Zealand.....	1,266,432

The mercantile marine of British America, the sixth in the world reckoning by number of vessels, is the third when tonnage, the truer test, is taken as the standard, far exceeding already the commercial navies of many European countries distinguished from old as ship-owning communities. The figures are:—

Number of vessels.	Tonnage of vessels.		
Great Britain.....	28,632	Great Britain.....	5,627,500
United States*.....	(not stated in the Returns)	United States*.....	1,579,694
Italy.....	18,007	British America.....	1,029,764
France.....	15,092	France.....	985,235
Austria.....	9,143	Sweden and Norway.....	760,628
British America.....	7,943	Italy.....	700,000
Sweden and Norway.....	6,944	The Netherlands.....	554,244
Greece.....	5,000	Spain.....	367,790
Spain.....	4,840	Russia.....	365,759
Denmark.....	3,187	Greece.....	300,000
Russia.....	2,459	Prussia.....	292,256
Prussia.....	2,310	Hamburg.....	239,766
The Netherlands.....	2,289	Bremen.....	206,324
Portugal.....	829	Austria.....	211,287
Oldenburg.....	637	Denmark.....	143,320

* The Shipping Returns of the United States are very defective. They do not show the No. of vessels registered, but simply the tonnage. The tonnage given above is new admeasurement; the old admeasurement giving 3,516,787 tons. The tonnage of British America, above, is new admeasurement.

Without entering into comparative statements as to our material resources, for which we have supplied the data, let us now examine the burdens we have to bear at this fresh starting point in the race of rivalry with other countries.

The amount of the Public Debt per head of the Population in each Province is stated elsewhere. We will here supplement that statement by showing the annual charge on account thereof, throwing into one Table several other items of interest also.

	"Ordinary" revenue per head of the Population.	Portion raised by duties of Customs and Excise.	"Ordinary" Expenditure per head of the Population.	Portion thereof paid for Int'r't, & charges on Public Debt.
Nova Scotia.....	\$4.11	\$2.85	\$3.90	\$0.77
Newfoundland.....	3.71	3.29	4.45	0.53
New Brunswick.....	3.62	2.63	3.96	1.23
Canada.....	3.53	2.25	3.73	1.22
Prince Edward Island.....	2.38	1.78	2.34	0.20
Average.....	\$3.45	\$2.61.	\$3.76	\$1.12