

GENERAL STATISTICAL VIEW.

We have compiled from the latest and most authentic data obtainable a complete statistical view of the whole British Empire. We think it right to state, however, that the figures cannot in all cases be accepted as entirely accurate, but only as approximative. The times of the taking of the last census have not been uniform. In some cases the date of the last census was 10 years old, and calculations of ratios of increase have been predicated upon it, based upon the established progress of population; in others it has been necessary to take simply the last census, although some years old. The areas, too, in many cases are necessarily measurements of maps. The approximative figures, however, possess great interest, and show how vast a territory and how very large a population is comprehended in the term, *British Empire*. As appears from the subjoined table, it comprises 7,279,014 square miles of territory, and 198,260,473 of population.

Countries.	Sq. Miles.	Population.
BRITISH ISLES.		
England and Wales	59,000	22,704,108
Ireland	32,524	5,402,759
Scotland.....	30,000	3,358,613
<i>Total</i>	121,524	31,465,480
N. AMER. POSSESSIONS.		
Domin. of Canada, viz.:		
Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Rupert's Land, Manitoba, N. West Territory, British Columbia, and Vancouver's Island ..	3,347,045	4,078,660
Prince Edward Island..	2,173	94,021
Newfoundland.....	40,200	146,536
Bermudas.....	24	11,461
<i>Total</i>	3,389,442	4,330,678
WEST INDIES, including B. GUIANA & HONDURAS.		
Bahamas	2,921	35,287
Turk's Island.....	450	4,372
Jamaica.....	6,400	441,264
Antigua.....	108	36,412
Barbados	166	152,727
Dominica	291	25,065
Grenada	133	35,672

Countries.	Sq. Miles.	Population.
Montserrat.....	47	7,645
Nevis	50	9,822
St. Christopher.....	106	24,440
St. Lucia.....	250	30,886
St. Vincent.....	131	31,755
Tobago	97	15,410
Trinidad	1,754	84,438
Virgin Islands	57	6,051
Honduras.....	13,500	26,635
B. Guiana.....	76,000	148,907
<i>Total</i>	102,461	1,116,888
Falkland Islands	7,600	686
AUSTRALIA, including NEW ZEALAND.		
New South Wales.....	325,000	485,356
Victoria.....	86,944	729,868
Queensland.....	678,600	109,897
South Australia	300,000	181,146
West Australia.....	978,000	24,785
Tasmania	26,215	101,592
New Zealand.....	106,260	265,789
<i>Total</i>	2,501,019	1,898,433
AFRICAN POSSESSIONS.		
Cape of Good Hope.....	188,286	496,381
Natal	14,337	292,859
Mauritius	708	324,402
St. Helena.....	47	6,444
Gambia.....	20	5,693
Lagos.....	Undefined.	
Gold Coast.....	6,000	151,346
Sierra Leone.....	468	41,806
<i>Total</i>	219,866	1,316,931
ASIATIC POSSESSIONS.		
British India	910,853	155,348,900
Ceylon.....	24,700	2,081,395
Straits Settlements	1,225	282,831
Labuan	45	3,828
Hong Kong.....	32	117,285
Aden	19	50,000
<i>Total</i>	936,873	157,884,239
EUROPEAN POSSESSIONS.		
Gibraltar.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15,772
Malta	118	139,502
Heligoland.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	1,954
Channel Islands	112	90,000
<i>Total</i>	229	247,238
<i>Grand Total</i>	7,279,014	198,260,473

THE BRITISH EMPIRE—DETAILED STATISTICS AND NOTABLE FACTS.

In addition to the foregoing general table, we subjoin particulars of the principal statistics of trade and commerce, and features of chief interest of all the British Colonies, which have been extracted from their own blue books, or from publications by the Colonial Office.

BRITISH AMERICA.

The information which comes under this head will be found in detail throughout the *Year Book*.

ASIA.

BRITISH INDIA.

Latitude 8° 4' to 36° N. Longitude 66° 44' to 99° 30' E. Area; 910,853 square miles.

Population; 455,348,900.

Divided into. The Presidency of Bengal. The North West Provinces, and The Punjab; each under a Lieut.-Governor. The Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, (Sind being included in Bombay) each under a Governor, subject to the control of the Governor-General. The Provinces of Oude, the Central Provinces, British Burmah, Coorg, Hyderabad and Mysore are under the direct administration of the Governor-General in Council.

REVENUE—Year ending 31st March, 1870: £41,095,259 stg.

EXPENDITURE—Do. £44,276,801 stg.

DEBT—31st March, 1869, £71,168,239 stg.

TONNAGE—31st Dec., 1868—Vessels enter-