There was a decided increase under each head as compared with 1885. The average tonnage to each vessel was as follows: British, 1,047 tons; Foreign, 451 tons; and Canadian, 156 tons. The freight carried in the 3,219 British vessels was almost the same as the quantity carried in the remaining 17,973 vessels.

556. The figures in the next table of British and Colonial shipping are all taken from official sources: *Shipping in British possessions.*

SHIPPING IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1885.

COLONY.	Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared.	COLONY.	Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared.
United Kingdom	64,281,642	Bermuda	215,981
Gibraltar	8,029,972	Honduras	224,726
Malta	10,525,863	British Guiana	634,203
India	6,653,770	Bahamas	227,249
Straits Settlement	7,466,596	Turk's Island	263,776
Ceylon	3,561,192	Jamaica	945,281
Labuan	47,879	Windward Islands	1,882,186
Hong-Kong	7,699,099	Leeward Islands	1,279,480
Mauritius	598,091	Trinidad	1,069,121
Natal	388,403	New South Wales	4,133,077
Cape of Good Hope	1,611,664	Victoria	3,260,158
St. Helena	111,055	*South Australia	1,834,532
Lagos	432,950	Western Australia	468,035
Gold Coast	652,092	Tasmania	677,806
Sierra Leone	434,163	New Zealand	1,032,700
Gambia	164,442	Queensland	3,142,158
Canada	7,644,615	Fiji	109,948
Newfoundland	590,771	Falkland Islands	29,543

* 1884.

557. With the exception of Gibraltar and Malta, which are only ports of call, and of Hong-Kong, it will be seen that the tonnage of vessels trading to Canada is greater than that to any British possession, exclusive of the United Kingdom. The total tonnage, however, to the Australasian Colonies is nearly double that to this country. *Trade to Canada.*