

it was 3½ lbs. per head, and in 1887 about 4 lbs. per head. The consumption of tea in England in 1886 was about 4½ lbs. per head. According to the Trade and Navigation Returns there was a large decrease in the consumption of tea in 1887 as compared with 1886, but this article being free of duty, it is all entered as for consumption, and no notice of its future course taken; some of it may again leave the country, and some of it may be yet in warehouse, however about 4 lbs. per head is probably now the consumption in Canada.

205. The amount of taxation in the United Kingdom, and in such other British possessions for which the figures for any recent period were available, are given, as nearly as could be ascertained, in the following table:—

## TAXATION IN PRINCIPAL BRITISH POSSESSIONS

COUNTRY.	Year	TAXATION.		
		Amount.	Per Head.	Percentage of Total Revenue.
		\$	\$ cts.	
United Kingdom.....	1887	370,426,000	9 93	83 85
India .....	1887	136,628 182	0 68	37 70
Cape of Good Hope . . . . .	1881	8,175,074	7 79	56 00
Natal.....	1882	1,353,405	3 28	42 28
Canada .....	1887	28,687,002	5 88	80 23
New South Wales . . . . .	1887	12,710,930	12 68	34 39
Victoria .....	1887	13,607,983	13 56	43 14
South Australia.....	1885	3,647,308	11 65	32 45
Queensland.....	1887	5,872,013	17 14	42 94
Western Australia .....	1885	709,730	20 83	45 11
Tasmania.....	1886	1,842,957	13 43	66 56
New Zealand.....	1886	10,956,405	18 58	61 04

A larger percentage of revenue is raised in Canada than elsewhere, with the exception of the United Kingdom, but, India excluded, the amount raised per head by tax-