

SHIPPING IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1886.

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| United Kingdom..... | 62,841,077 | Tasmania..... | 692,429 |
| Hong Kong..... | 9,080,390 | Mauritius..... | 681,865 |
| Malta..... | 8,884,059 | British Guiana..... | 627,845 |
| Gibraltar..... | 8,609,730 | Newfoundland..... | 612,714 |
| Canada..... | 8,044,571 | Gold Coast..... | 605,057 |
| Straits Settlement..... | 7,491,099 | Western Australia .. | 501,619 |
| India..... | 7,394,589 | Lagcs..... | 448,392 |
| New South Wales..... | 4,258,604 | Sierra Leone..... | 436,070 |
| Ceylon..... | 3,923,481 | Natal..... | 392,834 |
| Victoria..... | 3,735,387 | Bermudas..... | 281,528 |
| Queensland..... | 3,275,437 | Honduras..... | 237,247 |
| Windward Islands..... | 2,083,707 | Turk's Island..... | 232,415 |
| South Australia..... | 1,558,476 | Bahamas..... | 209,996 |
| Cape of Good Hope..... | 1,554,593 | Gambia..... | 136,296 |
| Leeward Islands..... | 1,402,114 | St. Helena..... | 127,559 |
| Trinidad..... | 1,196,076 | Fiji..... | 105,369 |
| New Zealand..... | 990,903 | Falkland Islands..... | 59,762 |
| Jamaica..... | 928,406 | Labuan..... | 52,278 |

Malta and Gibraltar being merely ports of call, it will be seen that Hong Kong is the only British Possession outside of the United Kingdom, that has a larger shipping trade than Canada, though the combined shipping of the Australasian Colonies considerably exceeds that of this country.

583. The following table shows the number and tonnage of merchant vessels (both steam and sailing) owned by the principal countries of the world, according to the latest available returns. The figures have been taken partly from official sources and partly from the Statesman's Year Book, 1888:—

Registered tonnage of the world.