

## SHIPPING IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1888.

COLONY.	Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared.	COLONY.	Tonnage of Vessels Entered and Cleared.
United Kingdom.....	68,519,145	Tasmania.....	776,288
Hong Kong.....	9,006,677	Mauritius.....	622,344
Malta.....	10,545,957	British Guiana.....	558,274
Gibraltar.....	11,986,032	Newfoundland.....	596,528
Canada.....	9,197,803	Gold Coast.....	560,025
Straits Settlement.....	8,136,605	Western Australia.....	812,393
India.....	7,189,465	Lagos.....	525,857
New South Wales.....	4,765,419	Sierra Leone.....	517,681
Ceylon.....	4,453,418	Natal.....	727,057
Victoria.....	4,307,883	Bermuda.....	228,385
Queensland.....	996,229	Honduras.....	253,152
Windward Islands.....	2,211,194	Turk's Island.....	193,078
South Australia.....	1,973,651	Bahamas.....	198,478
Cape of Good Hope.....	2,080,677	Gambia.....	193,511
Leeward Islands.....	1,374,367	St. Helena.....	127,163
Trinidad.....	1,271,383	Fiji.....	101,127
New Zealand.....	1,057,913	Falkland Islands.....	54,960
Jamaica.....	1,084,657	Labuan.....	74,930

Gibraltar and Malta being merely ports of call, it will be seen that no British possession outside of the United Kingdom has a larger shipping trade than Canada, though the combined shipping of the Australasian Colonies considerably exceeds that of this country. The year 1888 was the first in which Canada stood second to Great Britain, Hong Kong having in previous years taken that place.

504. The following table shows the number and tonnage of Registered 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, 1889 :—

Registered tonnage of the world.