

Taxation per head in Australasia higher than in Canada.

237. Though the amount raised by taxation in the individual colonies of Australasia is necessarily less than that raised in Canada, yet the combined amount raised in Australasia is double that raised in this country; and though the former colonies derive so much of their revenue from other sources that only 40 per cent is raised by taxation, being a smaller proportion than in any individual British colony, with the exception of India, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, New South Wales and South Australia, and being only a little more than one-half of the Canadian proportion, yet the amount of taxation per head is higher than in any other colony, and nearly three times the amount paid per head in Canada, being \$14.74, as compared with \$5.81 in this country. Beside the Australasian colonies, there are five other British possessions which raise a larger amount per head, and there are thirteen places which raise a larger percentage of revenue by taxation. The taxation in India is lighter than in any other country named in the table.

Taxation in foreign countries.

238. The following table gives the amount of taxation, as nearly as it can be arrived at, in some of the principal foreign countries:—

TAXATION IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Year.	TAXATION.		
		Amount.	Per Head.	Percentage of Revenue.
		\$	\$ cts.	
Europe—				
Austria-Hungary	1890	268,250,666	6 52	73·66
Belgium	1890	32,910,733	5 42	51·17
Denmark	1890	12,667,716	5 54	81·65
France (including Algeria).	1890	452,249,850	10 72	77·83
German Empire	1890	137,678,000	2 79	44·19
Greece	1890	11,461,050	5 22	70·11
Italy	1890	254,210,333	8 46	82·40
Netherlands	1890	40,500,400	8 89	81·72
Norway	1889	7,173,466	3 58	57·25
Portugal	1890	34,275,933	7 94	78·38
Russia	1889	279,229,866	3 04	66·61
Spain	1891	110,643,666	6 30	71·04
Switzerland	1890	4,983,466	1 70	35·30
Turkey	1884	61,865,066	2 51	86·50
Asia—				
Japan	1890	54,584,533	1 37	87·85
Africa—				
Egypt	1890	35,117,866	5 14	75·26
America—				
Argentine Confederation	1890	50,564,666	12 36	69·85
Brazil	1890	67,992,416	4 84	86·85
Mexico	1890	32,445,850	2 79	87·96
United States	1892	332,732,124	5 31	78·12