

therefore, of Canada and the Australasian colonies, exclusive of New Guinea, comprises rather more than 70 per cent of the whole Empire.

47. The area of the whole continent of Europe is about 3,661,360 square miles. It is therefore only about 204,980 square miles larger than the Dominion of Canada. Canada is 430,783 square miles larger than the United States without Alaska.

48. England, Wales and Scotland form an area of 88,000 square miles. Forty such areas could be cut out of Canada.

A recent writer, Mr. A. Earling of Sweden, attempts to give an idea of the size of Canada in this way : " We must first take our own country (Sweden), with its land and water, its mountains and its woods ; very extensive is our country, but against Canada it is—nothing.

" Then we take the whole of Scandinavia, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland, but our balance is yet in the air. We add England, Ireland and Scotland, but without result.

" We take three more kingdoms and one republic, viz., Holland, Belgium, Greece and Switzerland. Yet we lack much. We add the Balkan States, Servia, Bulgaria and Roumania, and with these we join Turkey, but though we now have a dozen states on the European side, Canada is still more.

" We take all the kingdoms in the Empire of Germany ; we take the Kingdom of Italy, the Empire of Austria-Hungary and the Republic of France, and yet Canada is more than all the other countries together. And now, perhaps, the reader might begin to suspect how big Canada really is.

" We have forgotten Portugal and Spain, but it makes no difference. How much more do we really need ? Just as much as we already have. Just as many kingdoms and empires and republics. But Russia is left, and is great enough to fill up the rest. Canada is, in short, as big as our whole world, Europe."

49. Mr. E. G. Ravenstein estimates the area of the world at 51,250,800 square miles, and its population at 1,467,920,000. Canada covers about one-fifteenth part of this surface, but contains only about one-three hundredth part of the estimated population.