

In January, 1896, Sir Charles Tupper resigned the position, having become Secretary of State, but continued to administer the office without the salary attached till the appointment of his successor.

A list is given below of the Sovereigns and Rulers of the principal countries of the world, together with the area, population and density of population :—

AREA AND POPULATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

COLONY.	Sovereigns.	Area in square miles.	Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Europe—				
United Kingdom.....	Victoria ...	120,979	39,134,166	323
Gibraltar		2	26,080	10,208
Malta and Gozo.....		117	170,264	1,455
Total European		121,098	39,330,510	325
India—				
British India		964,993	221,172,952	229
Feudatory States.....		595,167	66,050,479	111
Total Indian.....		1,560,160	287,223,431	184
Asia—				
Aden and Perim		80	41,910	524
Ceylon		25,365	3,008,466	119
Hong Kong.....		29	221,441	7,636
Labuan.....		30	5,853	159
Straits Settlement.....		33,500	712,342	21
Other		86,500	566,915	7
Total Asian.....		145,504	4,556,927	31
Africa—				
Ascension.....	Victoria ...	35	140	4
Basutoland.....		10,293	250,000	25
Cape Colony.....		292,000	1,772,000	6
Mauritius.....		705	376,220	534
Natal.....		20,460	544,000	27
St. Helena.....		47	4,116	88
West African Colonies—				
Gambia.....		2,700	50,000	19
Gold Coast.....		15,000	1,500,000	100
Lagos.....		1,071	100,000	93
Sierra Leone		15,000	180,000	12
Total African.....		357,311	4,777,376	13
America—				
Bermudas.....		20	15,640	782
Canada		3,456,383	5,083,424	1.4
Falkland Islands and South Georgia.....		7,500	1,900	0.2
British Guiana		109,000	289,900	3
British Honduras.....		7,562	32,900	4
Newfoundland and Labrador.....		162,200	207,000	1
West Indies, Bahamas.....		5,450	50,700	9
Jamaica and Turk's Island.....		4,424	686,200	155