

The following is a statement of British and Colonial shipping in 1892 to 1896. The figures are all taken from official sources:—

SHIPPING IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1892 TO 1896, EXCLUSIVE OF COASTING TRADE.

| COUNTRIES.         | TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED. |            |            |            |            |
|--------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                    | 1892.                                   | 1893.      | 1894.      | 1895.      | 1896.      |
|                    | Tons.                                   | Tons.      | Tons.      | Tons.      | Tons.      |
| United Kingdom     | 75,867,155                              | 74,632,847 | 80,536,359 | 80,539,174 | 85,462,422 |
| Hong Kong          | 10,294,152                              | 10,535,859 | 10,469,182 | 11,525,506 | 12,333,396 |
| Malta              | 6,236,424                               | 6,931,663  | 7,190,133  | 7,084,207  | 6,584,348  |
| Gibraltar          | 8,753,175                               | 9,248,019  | 9,841,007  | 9,078,256  | 8,660,931  |
| Canada             | 10,752,974                              | 10,608,611 | 11,280,536 | 10,976,829 | 11,458,824 |
| Straits Settlement | 9,069,763                               | 9,527,994  | 10,003,525 | 10,053,624 | 11,121,898 |
| India              | 8,590,651                               | 7,692,291  | 7,665,886  | 8,255,822  | 8,226,600  |
| New South Wales    | 5,647,184                               | 5,193,328  | 5,738,554  | 5,860,038  | 6,189,760  |
| Victoria           | 4,456,254                               | 4,029,738  | 4,291,459  | 4,348,686  | 4,566,230  |
| South Australia    | 2,383,263                               | 2,550,581  | 2,908,585  | 3,150,733  | 3,404,966  |
| Western Australia  | 1,124,565                               | 1,071,418  | 1,329,078  | 1,578,553  | 2,136,378  |
| Tasmania           | 1,137,140                               | 934,439    | 898,367    | 937,525    | 890,861    |
| New Zealand        | 1,131,323                               | 1,258,070  | 1,262,350  | 1,321,897  | 1,241,756  |
| Queensland         | 972,428                                 | 945,628    | 928,025    | 971,905    | 1,094,048  |
| Ceylon             | 5,790,706                               | 6,152,393  | 6,365,853  | 6,543,197  | 7,079,678  |
| Windward Islands   | 2,689,232                               | 3,906,680  | 2,938,568  | 2,907,400  | 3,204,210  |
| Leeward Islands    | 1,792,324                               | 1,806,543  | 1,882,683  | 1,726,069  | 1,631,266  |
| Trinidad           | 1,201,791                               | 1,212,574  | 1,233,947  | 1,250,088  | 1,211,847  |
| Cape of Good Hope  | 3,180,532                               | 3,142,245  | 3,439,334  | 3,880,076  | 4,867,719  |
| Jamaica            | 1,285,493                               | 1,423,793  | 1,564,340  | 1,607,347  | 1,498,905  |
| Mauritius          | 655,270                                 | 587,032    | 641,098    | 687,014    | 767,227    |
| British Guiana     | 635,300                                 | 648,528    | 650,547    | 539,155    | 694,229    |
| Newfoundland       | *                                       | 852,306    | 876,703    | 785,381    | 791,896    |
| Gold Coast         | 826,910                                 | 830,766    | 1,006,053  | 1,053,366  | 1,103,836  |
| Lagos              | 679,354                                 | 694,340    | 685,573    | 720,295    | 721,508    |
| Sierra Leone       | 800,695                                 | 746,512    | 962,046    | 1,021,870  | 1,076,260  |
| Natal              | 1,163,890                               | 1,192,702  | 1,302,057  | 1,463,922  | 1,789,130  |
| Bermudas           | 348,576                                 | 354,043    | 293,808    | 361,683    | 391,475    |
| Honduras           | 285,324                                 | 283,305    | 309,329    | 315,186    | 339,066    |
| Turk's Island      | 224,281                                 | 223,476    | 251,615    | 240,124    | 261,678    |
| Bahamas            | 334,079                                 | 349,491    | 341,833    | 396,620    | 437,578    |
| Gambia             | 217,424                                 | 228,706    | 229,702    | 188,196    | 231,625    |
| St. Helena         | 74,161                                  | 81,161     | 89,320     | 73,888     | 89,137     |
| Fiji               | 137,309                                 | 147,388    | 258,913    | 235,402    | 231,056    |
| Falkland Island    | 89,328                                  | 59,717     | 71,297     | 80,212     | 109,667    |
| Labuan             | 115,455                                 | 109,142    | 114,036    | 141,411    | 128,873    |
| New Guinea         | 5,669                                   | 6,651      | 6,663      | 12,687     | 19,859     |

\* Figures cannot be given owing to the destruction of books in the great fire.

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 exceeds that of this country; the latter figures, however, include the intercolonial trade.

The next table gives the tonnage of vessels trading to and from some of the principal foreign countries. It will be seen that, including