

The following is a statement of British and Colonial shipping in 1893 to 1897. The figures are all taken from official sources :—

SHIPPING IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1893 TO 1897, EXCLUSIVE OF
COASTING TRADE.

COUNTRIES.	TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED.				
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
United Kingdom.	74,632,847	80,536,359	80,539,174	85,462,422	87,198,863
Hong-Kong.	10,535,859	10,469,182	11,525,586	12,333,396	12,124,599
Malta.	6,931,663	7,190,133	7,034,207	6,584,348	7,244,468
Gibraltar.	9,248,019	9,841,007	9,078,256	8,660,931	8,720,169
Canada.	10,608,611	11,280,536	10,976,829	11,458,824	12,010,980
Straits Settlement.	9,527,994	10,003,525	10,053,624	11,120,998	11,147,662
India.	7,692,291	7,665,886	8,255,822	8,226,600	7,698,585
New South Wales.	5,193,328	5,738,554	5,860,038	6,189,760	6,744,431
Victoria.	4,029,738	4,291,459	4,348,686	4,566,230	4,865,372
South Australia.	2,550,581	2,908,585	3,150,733	3,494,966	3,747,685
Western Australia.	1,071,418	1,329,078	1,578,553	2,136,378	2,377,832
Tasmania.	934,439	898,367	937,525	890,861	1,084,168
New Zealand.	1,258,070	1,262,350	1,321,897	1,241,756	1,362,232
Queensland.	945,628	928,025	971,905	1,094,048	1,123,900
Ceylon.	6,152,393	6,365,853	6,543,197	7,079,678	6,704,747
Windward Islands.	3,906,680	2,938,568	2,907,400	3,204,210	3,853,301
Leeward Islands.	1,806,543	1,882,683	1,726,069	1,631,266	1,585,297
Trinidad.	1,212,574	1,233,947	1,250,088	1,211,847	1,296,902
Cape of Good Hope.	3,142,245	3,439,334	3,880,076	4,867,719	5,404,165
Jamaica.	1,423,793	1,564,340	1,607,347	1,488,905	1,560,944
Mauritius.	587,032	641,098	687,014	782,827	667,391
British Guiana.	648,528	650,547	534,062	695,229	621,198
Newfoundland.	852,308	876,703	785,381	791,896	717,703
Gold Coast.	830,766	1,006,053	1,053,366	1,103,836	1,158,027
Lagos.	694,840	685,573	720,295	721,508	718,303
Sierra Leone.	746,512	962,046	1,021,870	1,076,260	1,984,745
Natal.	1,192,702	1,302,057	1,463,922	2,134,993	2,494,463
Bermuda.	354,043	293,808	361,683	391,475	346,538
Honduras.	283,305	309,329	315,186	339,066	390,123
Turk's Island.	223,476	251,615	240,124	261,678	328,374
Bahamas.	349,491	341,883	396,620	436,578	518,217
Gambia.	228,706	229,702	188,196	231,625	258,398
St. Helena.	81,161	89,320	73,888	89,137	81,948
Fiji.	147,388	258,913	235,402	231,056	248,015
Falkland Islands.	59,717	71,297	80,212	109,667	107,942
Labuan.	109,142	114,036	141,411	257,746	+
New Guinea.	6,651	6,663	12,687	19,859	28,824

† Not given.

Gibraltar and Malta being merely ports of call, it will be seen that no British possession outside of the United Kingdom and Hong Kong 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