

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.

COLONIES.	Sovereigns.	Year of Census or Estimate.	Area in square miles.	Population.	Persons to the Square Mile.
Europe—					
United Kingdom.....	Victoria.....	1898	120,979	40,188,927	3.32
Gibraltar.....		1897	<sup>2</sup>	*26,203	13,101
Malta and Gozo.....		1897	117	177,745	1,519
Total, European.....			121,098	40,392,875	334
India—					
British India.....	Victoria.....	1891	1,068,314	221,172,952	207
Feudatory States..		1891	731,944	66,050,479	90
Total, Indian.....			1,800,258	287,223,431	160
Asia—					
Aden and Perim.....	Victoria.....	1891	80	41,910	524
Borneo.....			31,106	175,000	6
Cyprus ..		1891	3,584	209,286	56
Ceylon.....		1897	25,333	*3,391,443	134
Hong Kong.....		1898	30	248,710	8,290
Labuan.....		1891	30	5,853	195
Straits Settlement .....		1897	1,472	580,563	394
Total, Asian.....			61,635	4,652,765	75
Africa—					
Ascension ..	Victoria.....	1898	35	430	12
Basutoland ..		1895	10,293	250,000	24
Cape Colony ..		1891	276,800	1,766,100	6
Mauritius ..		1897	705	377,856	536
Natal.....		1898	34,700	828,500	24
St. Helena ..		1891	47	4,116	88
West African Colonies—					
Gambia.....		1894	2,700	50,000	19
Gold Coast.....		1891	40,000	1,473,882	37
Lagos ..			1,500	100,000	66
Sierra Leone.....			30,000	250,000	8
Total, African.....			396,780	5,100,884	13
America—					
Bermudas.....	Victoria.....	1897	20	16,098	805
Canada.....		1899	3,653,946	5,312,500	1.4
Falkland Islands and South Georgia .....		1897	7,500	2,050	0.3
British Guiana.....		1897	109,000	285,315	3

\* Including military population.