

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.....	Edward VII	1900	120,979	40,909,925	338
Gibraltar.....		1898	2	*24,093	12,046
Malta and Gozo.....		1898	117	180,328	1,541
Total, European.....			121,098	41,114,346	340
India—					
British India.....	Edward VII	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 & Perim.....	Edward VII	1891	80	41,910	524
Borneo.....			31,106	175,000	6
Cyprus.....		1891	3,584	209,286	58
Ceylon.....		1898	25,333	*3,448,752	136
Hong Kong.....		1898	30	254,400	8,480
Labuan.....		1891	30	5,853	195
Straits Settlement.....		1898	1,472	592,587	402
Total, Asian.....			61,635	4,727,788	77
Africa—					
Ascension.....	Edward VII	1898	35	430	12
Basutoland.....		1895	10,293	250,000	24
Cape Colony.....		1891	276,775	1,787,960	6
Mauritius.....		1898	705	378,872	537
Natal.....		1898	35,019	902,365	26
St. Helena.....		1898	47	4,545	96
West African Colonies—					
Gambia.....		1898	2,700	214,300	79
Gold Coast.....		1891	40,000	1,473,882	36
Lagos †.....		1891	985	85,607	87
Sierra Leone.....			30,000	250,000	8
South Africa—					
Transvaal.....		1898	119,139	1,094,156	9
Orange River State.....		1890	48,326	207,503	4
Total, African.....			564,024	6,649,620	12
America—					
Bermudas.....	Edward VII	1898	20	16,291	814
Canada.....		1900	3,653,946	5,378,800	15
Falkland Islands and South Georgia.....		1897	7,500	2,050	0·3
British Guiana.....		1898	109,000	286,222	3

* Including military population.

† Not including protected districts.