

The following is a statement of British and Colonial shipping in 1896 to 1900. The figures are all taken from official sources :—

SHIPPING IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1896 TO 1900, EXCLUSIVE OF COASTING TRADE.

COUNTRIES.	TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED.				
	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
United Kingdom.....	85,462,422	90,198,863	90,963,966	97,782,897	98,523,693
Hong Kong.....	12,333,396	12,124,599	13,252,733	13,437,147	14,022,167
Malta.....	6,584,348	7,244,468	7,145,721	6,590,654	7,069,630
Gibraltar.....	8,660,931	8,720,169	9,114,390	8,628,537	8,869,737
Canada.....	11,458,824	12,010,980	12,585,485	13,237,054	*14,453,062
Straits Settlement.....	11,120,998	11,147,662	11,534,840	12,103,550	13,353,925
India.....	8,226,600	7,698,585	7,784,630	9,115,646	8,627,486
New South Wales.....	6,189,760	6,744,431	6,919,928	6,995,551	8,014,889
Victoria.....	4,566,230	4,865,372	4,956,737	5,341,455	5,873,581
South Australia.....	3,494,966	3,747,685	3,667,526	3,619,251	3,695,771
Western Australia.....	2,136,378	2,377,832	2,389,626	2,638,648	3,232,028
Tasmania.....	890,861	1,084,168	1,158,993	1,318,117	1,232,918
New Zealand.....	1,241,756	1,362,232	1,531,048	1,619,049	1,679,907
Queensland.....	1,094,048	1,128,900	1,198,319	1,464,063	1,655,017
Ceylon.....	7,079,678	6,704,747	7,082,641	7,439,205	8,487,940
Windward Islands.....	3,204,210	3,853,301	3,592,465	3,254,406	3,931,780
Leeward Islands.....	1,631,266	1,585,297	1,599,232	1,627,217	1,653,297
Trinidad.....	1,211,847	1,296,902	1,163,722	1,262,298	1,178,494
Cape of Good Hope.....	4,867,719	5,404,165	5,602,955	6,500,002	9,504,992
Jamaica.....	1,488,905	1,560,944	1,827,719	1,793,511	1,742,224
Mauritius.....	782,827	667,391	645,544	664,101	670,940
British Guiana.....	695,229	621,198	648,708	653,475	709,928
Newfoundland.....	791,896	717,703	951,004	1,241,490	1,447,481
Gold Coast.....	1,103,836	1,158,027	1,122,016	1,250,410	1,414,764
Lagos.....	721,508	800,531	822,378	968,828	1,070,723
Sierra Leone.....	1,076,260	1,084,745	1,110,228	1,181,748	1,290,933
Natal.....	2,134,993	2,494,463	2,526,822	2,778,652	2,822,719
Bermuda.....	391,475	346,538	471,956	568,779	729,832
Honduras.....	339,066	390,123	363,884	382,258	340,097
Turk's and Caicos Island.....	261,678	328,374	243,107	237,904	290,639
Bahamas.....	436,578	518,217	741,522	979,819	1,113,866
Gambia.....	231,625	258,398	328,145	284,635	261,269
St. Helena.....	177,111	163,896	202,836	217,278	324,064
Fiji.....	231,056	248,015	266,519	255,447	190,820
Falkland Islands.....	109,667	107,942	124,147	146,932	164,304
Labuan.....	257,746	325,180	448,640	349,485	310,352
New Guinea.....	19,859	28,824	26,551	38,774	39,843
Seychelles.....	196,031	136,435	136,406	192,178	317,391

* 1901.

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.