

The following is a statement of British and Colonial shipping in 1899 to 1903. The figures are taken from official sources.

SHIPPING IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS, 1899 TO 1903, EXCLUSIVE OF COASTING TRADE.

COUNTRIES.	TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED.				
	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
United Kingdom.....	97,782,887	98,523,693	97,351,013	99,872,719	105,619,344
Hong Kong.....	13,437,147	14,022,167	14,724,269	16,471,269	19,018,411
Malta.....	6,590,654	7,069,630	7,076,355	7,060,314	7,185,268
Gibraltar.....	8,623,537	8,869,737	8,330,622	8,636,774	7,769,069
*Canada.....	13,237,054	14,543,062	14,731,488	15,841,175	15,826,705
Straits Settlement.....	12,103,550	13,353,925	15,055,336	15,831,279	16,901,204
India.....	9,115,646	8,627,486	8,269,430	9,625,317	10,926,560
New South Wales.....	6,995,551	8,014,889	8,521,234	8,728,144	9,005,401
Victoria.....	5,341,455	5,873,581	6,715,491	6,739,040	6,857,854
South Australia.....	3,619,251	3,695,771	4,129,366	4,131,276	4,280,890
Western Australia.....	2,638,648	3,232,028	3,714,263	3,358,074	3,335,895
Tasmania.....	1,318,117	1,232,918	1,432,725	1,767,215	1,874,173
New Zealand.....	1,619,049	1,679,907	2,139,180	2,137,949	2,215,229
Queensland.....	1,464,063	1,655,017	1,685,820	2,067,611	1,798,455
Ceylon.....	7,439,205	8,487,940	9,028,950	9,955,256	10,316,738
Windward Islands.....	3,254,406	3,931,730	4,246,095	4,056,811	3,668,979
Leeward Islands.....	1,627,217	1,653,297	1,795,868	1,885,548	1,891,482
Trinidad and Tobago.....	1,262,298	1,178,494	1,326,087	1,593,597	1,900,682
Cape of Good Hope.....	6,500,002	9,504,992	9,979,133	12,511,691	11,255,599
Jamaica.....	1,793,511	1,742,224	1,992,130	2,274,393	2,104,899
Mauritius.....	664,101	670,940	798,998	758,048	779,779
British Guiana.....	653,475	709,928	725,867	729,531	793,532
Newfoundland.....	1,241,490	1,447,481	1,408,293	1,774,372	1,785,049
Gold Coast.....	1,250,410	1,414,764	1,416,855	1,696,451	2,013,377
Lagos.....	968,828	1,070,723	975,798	1,144,457	1,131,027
Sierra Leone.....	1,181,748	1,290,933	1,249,808	1,467,988	1,688,357
Natal.....	2,778,652	2,822,719	3,594,428	3,833,611	3,984,614
Bermuda.....	568,779	729,832	933,838	708,417	550,629
Honduras (British).....	382,258	340,097	414,795	416,420	502,747
Turk's and Caicos Island.....	237,904	290,639	305,016	348,335	335,442
Bahamas.....	979,819	1,113,866	1,010,007	1,044,588	1,123,887
Gambia.....	284,635	261,269	285,071	286,878	387,717
St. Helena.....	217,278	324,064	507,204	463,886	333,688
Fiji.....	255,447	190,820	205,301	349,655	336,208
Falkland Islands.....	146,932	164,304	193,889	202,546	229,641
Labuan.....	349,485	310,352	365,628	340,826	341,872
New Guinea.....	38,774	39,843	46,979	52,116	50,890
Seychelles.....	192,178	317,391	338,464	237,987	138,170

* The figures are for the year following that stated above.

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.