

actual surplus of receipts over expenditure in the whole period of 41 years ended March 31 1908 was therefore \$130,362,568.

The fifth number of the Statistical Abstract for the British Empire, issued January 1909, contains the principal statistics of the United Kingdom and the Colonies for the fifteen years 1893-1907 relating to area, population, trade, shipping and production and consumption of staple articles. The area of the Empire in 1907 was approximately 11,332,000 square miles, and of this large extent Canada comprises 3,745,574 square miles, inclusive of 125,755 square miles of lakes and rivers, the Australian Commonwealth 2,974,581 square miles, British India 1,097,821 square miles, the Indian Native States 675,267 square miles, and the United Kingdom with the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands only 121,393 square miles. The census population of the Empire was 303,696,000 in 1881, 345,364,000 in 1891 and 385,357,000 in 1901. In the twenty years 1881 to 1901 the population of the United Kingdom grew from 34,885,000 to 41,459,000, of British India (including the Native States) from 253,861,000 to 294,317,000, and of the other British colonies and possessions from 14,950,000 to 49,581,000. The population of London grew in the same period from 3,830,297 to 4,536,541, of Liverpool from 623,940 to 684,958, of Manchester from 462,303 to 543,872, of Birmingham from 436,971 to 522,204, of Leeds from 309,119 to 428,968, of Sheffield from 284,508 to 380,793, of Bristol from 255,409 to 328,945, of Glasgow from 577,419 to 761,709, of Edinburgh from 235,670 to 316,837, of Belfast from 208,122 to 349,180, of Dublin from 273,282 to 290,638, of Calcutta from 612,307 to 847,796, of Bombay from 773,196 to 776,006, of Madras from 405,848 to 509,346, of Sydney from 227,166 to 487,932, of Melbourne¹ from 282,947 to 496,079, of Montreal² from 155,238 to 267,730 of Toronto from 96,196 to 208,040, of Cape Town from 34,664 to 169,641 (in 1904) and of Hong Kong from 110,942 to 210,447.

The total trade of the British Empire with foreign countries in 1898 was £469,587,000 imports and £335,133,000 exports, and in 1907 it was £657,489,000 imports and £579,317,000 exports. The trade of the United Kingdom with the Colonies and Possessions was £126,924,000 imports and £99,484,000 exports in 1898 and £198,051,000 imports and £168,005,000 exports in 1907. To these figures may be added for inter-colonial imports £35,856,000 in 1898 and £64,481,000 in 1907, making the total foreign and inter-imperial trade to be £1,066,984,000 in 1898 and £1,667,343,000 in 1907. The tonnage of sailing vessels on the register of the British Empire at the end

¹ But this is Greater Melbourne, which now comprises ten cities, eight towns, three boroughs, one shire and parts of 13 others, with an aggregate area of 163,480 acres.

² The Abstract gives Montreal an estimated population of 450,000 and Toronto 335,000 for 1907.