

their well-being or otherwise; and judging the condition of the inhabitants of Canada by this test, it will be found that there has been a steady and satisfactory improvement. In 1868 the consumption of sugar was 15 lbs. per head, in 1877 it was 23 lbs. per head, and is now no less than 45 lbs., an increase of 22 lbs. per head in the last 14 years, and more than double the quantity consumed in 1877. As far as information is available, it would appear that the *per capita* consumption of sugar in Canada is larger than that of almost any other country, with the exception of the United Kingdom and the United States, a fact that speaks well for the condition of the working classes in this country. In the United Kingdom the amount averages about 75 lbs. per head, having increased from 15 lbs. per head in 1840; in the United States the consumption is about the same as in this country. The consumption of tea in Canada has also very largely increased; in 1868 it was 2 lbs. per head, in 1877 it was 3¼ lbs. per head, and is now something over 4 lbs. per head. In England the consumption averages 5 lbs. per head.

195. The amounts of taxation in the United Kingdom, and in the principal British possessions, are given in the following table:—

Taxation
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TAXATION IN BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

COUNTRIES.	Year.	TAXATION.		
		Amount.	Per Head.	Percentage of Revenue.
		\$	\$ cts.	
Europe—				
United Kingdom.....	1891	358,079,600	9 47	82·22
Asia—				
India.....	1887	136,628,182	0 68	37·70
Ceylon.....	1887	3,026,186	1 01	46·26
Straits Settlement.....	1886	2,491,908	4 93	85·23
Africa—				
Mauritius.....	1886	2,084,578	5 65	59·24
Natal.....	1887	1,687,355	3 52	43·62
Cape of Good Hope.....	1887	5,127,291	3 73	33·33
Lagos.....	1886	216,211	2 17	86·52
Gambia.....	1887	47,250	3 14	72·17
America—				
Canada.....	1891	30,314,151	6 26	78·57
Newfoundland.....	1888	1,291,661	6 40	72·36
Bermuda.....	1887	116,557	3 87	87·40
West Indies—				
Turk's Island.....	1884	34,835	7 35	68·34
Jamaica.....	1885	2,407,681	4 03	80·79
St. Lucia.....	1887	157,654	3 73	81·06
Barbados.....	1886	501,758	2 92	75·65
Grenada.....	1886	138,165	2 85	60·19