

THE BRITISH EMPIRE

	Population
United Kingdom.....	38,103,527
British India.....	284,614,147
Dominion of Canada.....	4,833,239
Australasia.....	4,124,951
Possessions in America (not including the Dominion).....	1,889,352
Possessions in Europe.....	394,053
Possessions in Asia.....	4,232,257
Possessions in Africa.....	28,082,643
Total.....	366,274,169
Area in square miles.....	11,190,513

The Queen

Her Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India (in India *Kaiser-i-Hind*), born 24th May, 1819, succeeded to the throne 20th June, 1837, on the death of her uncle, King William IV; crowned 28th June, 1838, married 10th February, 1840, to His late Royal Highness, Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emmanuel, Prince Consort, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Cobourg and Gotha.

The Royal Lineage

Tracing Her Majesty's claim to the throne back to her decent from the Tudors, it is seen that it arises from the marriage of Margaret Tudor, eldest daughter of Henry VII, with James V, King of Scotland; their son became James V of Scotland, who left an only child, Mary, Queen of Scots. Her marriage with Lord Darnley resulted in the birth of James VI of Scotland, and I, of England. Upon the death of Queen Anne, daughter of James II, without issue, the succession to the Crown devolved upon the House of Hanover.

The Prince and Princess of Wales

His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Dublin, &c.; born 9th November, 1841; married 10th March, 1863, to the Princess Alexandra Caroline Mary Charlotte Louise Julia, (born 1st December, 1844), eldest daughter of the King of Denmark.

Children of Queen Victoria

I. Princess Victoria (Empress Dowager of Germany), born Nov. 21, 1840; married Jan. 2, 1858, to Prince Frederick Wilhelm (Frederick III, Emperor of Germany), eldest son of Wilhelm I, German Emperor and King of Prussia; widow June 15, 1888.

II. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, born Nov. 9, 1841. (See Prince of Wales).

III. Princess Alice Maud Mary, born April 25, 1843; married July 1, 1862, to H. R. H. Louis V, Grand Duke of Hesse. Five children: Alfred Victoria Alberta, born April 5, 1863; Elizabeth, born Nov. 1, 1864; Irene, born July 11, 1866; Ernest Louis, born Nov. 25, 1868; Alexandra Victoria, born June 6, 1872. Princess Alice died Dec. 11, 1878.

IV. Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, born Aug. 6, 1844; married Jan. 21, 1874, to Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, only daughter of Emperor Alexander II. Five children: Alfred born October 15, 1874; Marie, born Oct. 29, 1875; Victoria, born Nov. 25, 1876; Alexandra, born Sept. 1, 1878; Beatrice, born April 30, 1884. In August, 1893, upon the death of his uncle, Duke Ernest, brother to the Prince Consort, the Duke of Edinburgh succeeded to the title and estates of the hereditary Dukedom of Coburg and Gotha, and is now known as H. R. H. Duke Alfred of Cobourg-Gotha.

V. Princess Helena, born May 25, 1846; married July 5, 1866, to Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. Four children: Christian, born April 14, 1867; Albert John, born Feb. 26, 1869; Victoria, born May 3, 1870; Louise, born August 12, 1872.

VI. Princess Louise, born March 18, 1848; married March 21, 1871, to John, Marquis of Lorne, eldest son of the Duke of Argyll.

VII. Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, born May 1, 1850; married March 13, 1879, to Princess Louise of Prussia, born July 25, 1860. Three children: Margaret Victoria, born Jan. 15, 1882; Arthur, born Jan. 13, 1883; Victoria, born March 17, 1886.

VIII. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, born April 7, 1853; married April 27, 1882, to Princess Helen, daughter of the Prince of Waldeck. Two children: Alice Mary, born Feb. 25, 1883; Leopold Charles Edward George, Duke of Albany, posthumous, born July 19, 1884. Prince Leopold died March 28, 1884.

IX. Princess Beatrice, born April 14, 1857; married July 29, 1885, to Prince Henry, third son of Alexander of Battenburg, uncle of Ludwig IV, Grand Duke of Hesse. Four children: Alexander Albert, born Nov. 23, 1886; Victoria Eugenie, born Oct. 24, 1887; Leopold Arthur Louis, born May 21, 1889; Maurice Victor Donald, born Oct. 3, 1891.

Cabinet Ministers of Great Britain and Ireland

Premier and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs—The Marquis of Salisbury. President of the Council—The Duke of Devonshire. Lord High Chancellor—Baron Halsbury. Lord Privy Seal—Viscount Cross. Chancellor of the Exchequer—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Secretary of State for Home Affairs—The Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley. First Lord of the Treasury—The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour. Secretary of State for the Colonies.—The Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain. Secretary of State for War—The Marquis