

FACTS FOR ENGLISHMEN
RELATING TO THE EMPIRE.

We, as Englishmen, need occasionally to be reminded of the immensity of the extent, commerce, population and wealth of the Empire, the grandest and greatest the world has ever seen. In Canada, especially, do we need to be so reminded, as our daily papers, as a rule, contain great and glowing accounts of what is being done and fortunes amassed in the States, while very meagre telegraphic despatches of British news is all they give. We are thus in danger, some of us, of forgetting what England is and in time, being led to believe that after all the British nation is hardly holding her own. But go into any foreign nation and you will find respect for Englishmen, such as is only given to subjects of the first nation of the world.

The following statistics taken from reliable sources will "take the wind out of the sails" of the pessimist.

Name of Country	Sq. Miles	Population	Revenue
Great Britain and Ireland	127,115	38,000,000	490,000,000
India, Possessions, etc.	1,600,000	287,000,000	85,000,000
Other Eastern Possessions	104,441	4,150,000	3,000,000
Australasia, etc.	3,471,078	4,000,000	30,000,000
America, North	3,574,000	5,000,000	8,500,000
America, South	115,419	350,000	500,000
Africa	205,000	2,000,000	4,500,000
West Indies, etc.	13,750	1,450,000	1,550,000
European Possessions	121	162,000	250,000
Totals	8,995,824	343,431,000	222,300,000

To these must be added the recent annexations in Africa, which will bring up the total area to 11,190,000 square miles and considerably increase the population, this increase in population cannot be given exactly as they are yet unenumerated.

The army numbers 707,242 men of whom 616,642 are effectives.

The navy has a total of 97,548 men and 203 ships in commission.

In the merchant service, however, England shows her supremacy to best advantage, many of the fast passenger boats are built, so as to be used by the government as cruisers in time of war, let us hope that they may always continue in their present capacity.

It is difficult to give in a few figures a comprehensive account of the extent of British shipping, for the sake of comparison we give a few other countries:

Country	No.	Tons	Country	No.	Tons
British	11,000	11,000,000	United States	3,300	3,300,000
Germany	1,800	1,800,000	Russian	1,173	1,173,000
France	1,845	1,845,000	Spanish	808	808,000
Italy	1,000	1,000,000	Chilian	147	147,000
Japan	3,300	3,300,000	World's total	32,326	32,326,000
China	3,300	3,300,000			
India	3,300	3,300,000			
Other Eastern Possessions	3,300	3,300,000			
Australasia, etc.	3,300	3,300,000			
America, North	3,300	3,300,000			
America, South	3,300	3,300,000			
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West Indies, etc.	3,300	3,300,000			
European Possessions	3,300	3,300,000			

From this table which is taken from "Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping, 1891 and 1892," it will be seen that more than half the tonnage of the shipping of the world is British, viz., 11,028,624 tons out of 22,939,958, and if we take the steam tonnage, about two-thirds of the entire ocean going steam vessels are British and sail under the Union Jack. Every year about 1,000,000 tons of vessels are built in the United Kingdom.

Few people are aware of the amount of business done in the banks of the United Kingdom. The total amount passing through the bankers clearing house for 1890 was £7,801,048,000, an increase of £182,282,000 over the preceding year.

We will close this article by a quotation from a lecture by Col. Howard Vincent, who says:—"Think of the United Kingdom, with its 40,000,000 people crowding on 121,000 square miles, and extending its influence over 91 times that extent of territory, and with nine or probably even ten times its population. Think of the British Empire as 52 times the size of Germany, with seven fold the population; as 53 times that of France, with nine times the people; as more than three and a half

times the size of the United States, with over treble the population of all the Russias; as more than three Europes, with an equivalent population, and you can in some degree call before your mind the 11,000,000 of square miles and the 38,000,000 in the British Empire. An annual revenue, general and local, of £275,000,000 provides for the public services, while a trade amounting to £100,000,000 sterling a year is carried in British ships, of an aggregate burden of 12,000,000 tons. The colonial empire has borrowed £280,000,000 and India £206,000,000, almost entirely from London; while the loans to corporations and harbour boards, together with private enterprise, expand this sum of about £500,000,000 to a total advance to the Empire of over £1,000,000,000 sterling. Our annual purchases of colonial products are £97,000,000, compared with £84,000,000 fifteen years ago. Of wheat, wheatmeal and flour, and other grain, England obtained 14,000,000 hundred-weight in 1890 from British possessions, compared with 3,000,000 in 1870. Of wool, we bought 557,000,000 pounds from the Empire, out of a total import of 700,000,000 pounds, an increase of 253,000,000 pounds in 15 years. Of raw cotton, 274,000,000 pounds were purchased in 1889 from British possessions. Upon the other side, Mr. Vincent states the Empire bought of the mother country £90,000,000 worth of British and Irish goods in 1889, compared with £76,000,000 in 1875."

"The Union Jack of Old England."

We publish the prize poem for which the Sons of England of Kingston gave \$10. The author is Miss Jessie Gates.

There is no name in all the spheres,
So dear to English hearts;
No name makes music in our ears,
Like that which it imports.
We'll never waver, nor fall back
From foreign armies, which attack,
While o'er us floats the Union Jack.

It sends to every loyal heart
A patriotic thrill,
As when some falling pebbles start
The ripples on a rill.
Send forth the cry, let it not lag,
But echo from crag to crag;
"We never will forsake our flag!"

Under its shade have fought and died
The bravest of the brave,
Our nation's boast, our country's pride,
Their native land to save.
They never feared the enemy;
While o'er them floated royally
Our flag, dear flag of liberty,

It shields the innocent and weak,
When dangers would oppress,
While it waves o'er us, we will seek
And find for wrongs redress.
On every sea, in every land,
From Arctic coast to Stralian strand,
Our flag floats powerful and grand.

We'll keep our colors pure and bright;
The red, the white, the blue;
Though other nations gain their might
By fraud they'll live to rue.
Our flag will all unsullied be,
From shame and crime forever free,
Emblem of power and purity.

God bless each son of fair England,
In all her wide domains;
May he be true to his native land,
And faithful to his Queen,
A prayer goes out from white and black;
The Zephyrs waft the echoes back;
"God bless our glorious Union Jack!"

There are about 1,100 men employed in the Bank of England, and their united salaries, including pensions, amount to \$1,500,000 per annum. Chicago has 1,900 policemen—1,555 Irish. Great Britain has 13,000,000 wage earners.

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