

RICardo and GeoPolHist

*Exploring trade relations
between the geopolitical entities of the world
from c. 1800 to 1938*

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Bilateral trade of the world's countries from c. 1800 to 1938

A project initiated in 2004

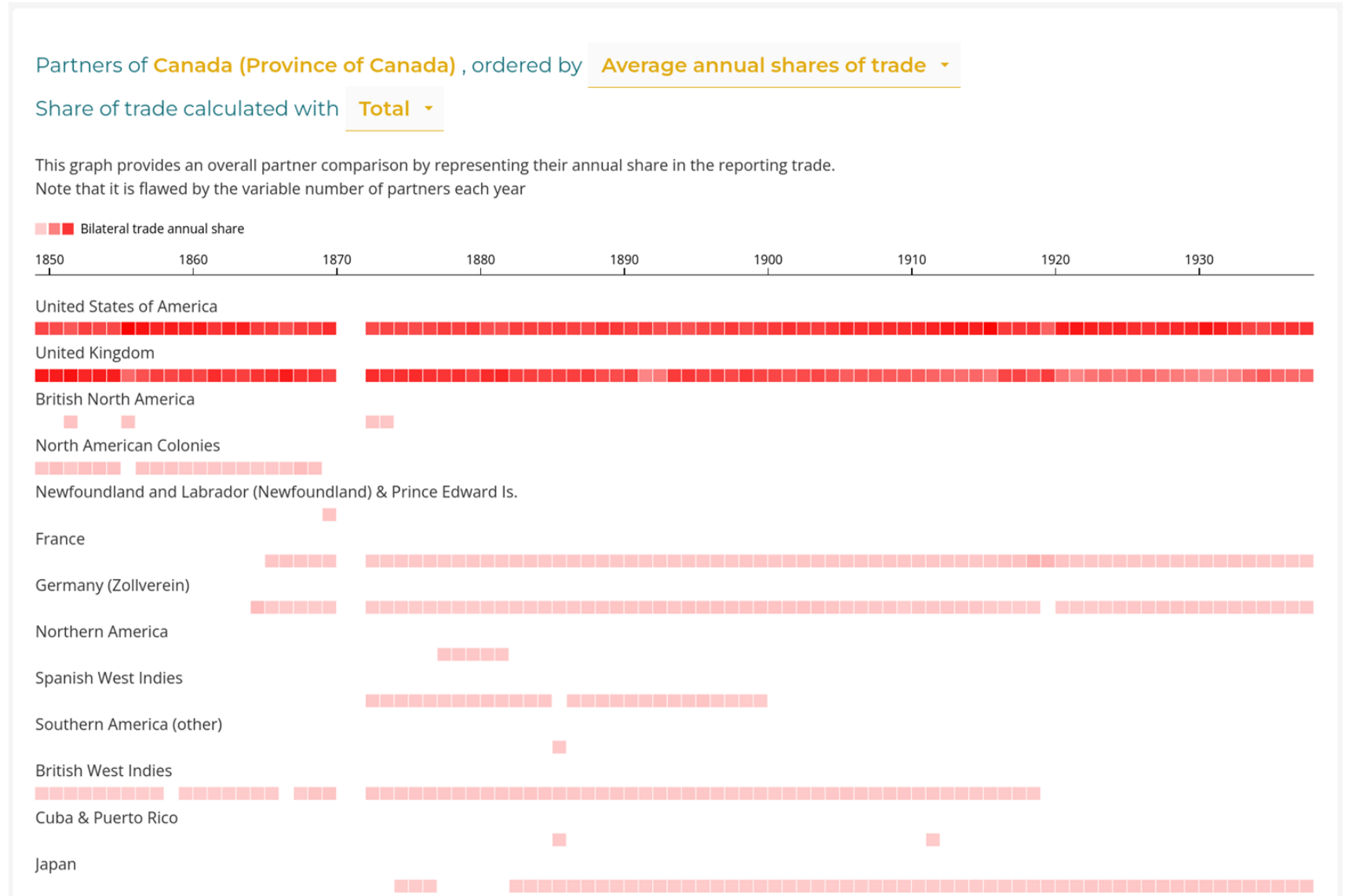
550,000 bilateral trade flows collected

Keeping true to primary trade sources

A complex network of 2,000 trading entities

All values converted into pound sterling

7,800 exchange rates collected



Geopolitical entities of the world by political status since 1816

2,000 trading entities!?

What is a country?

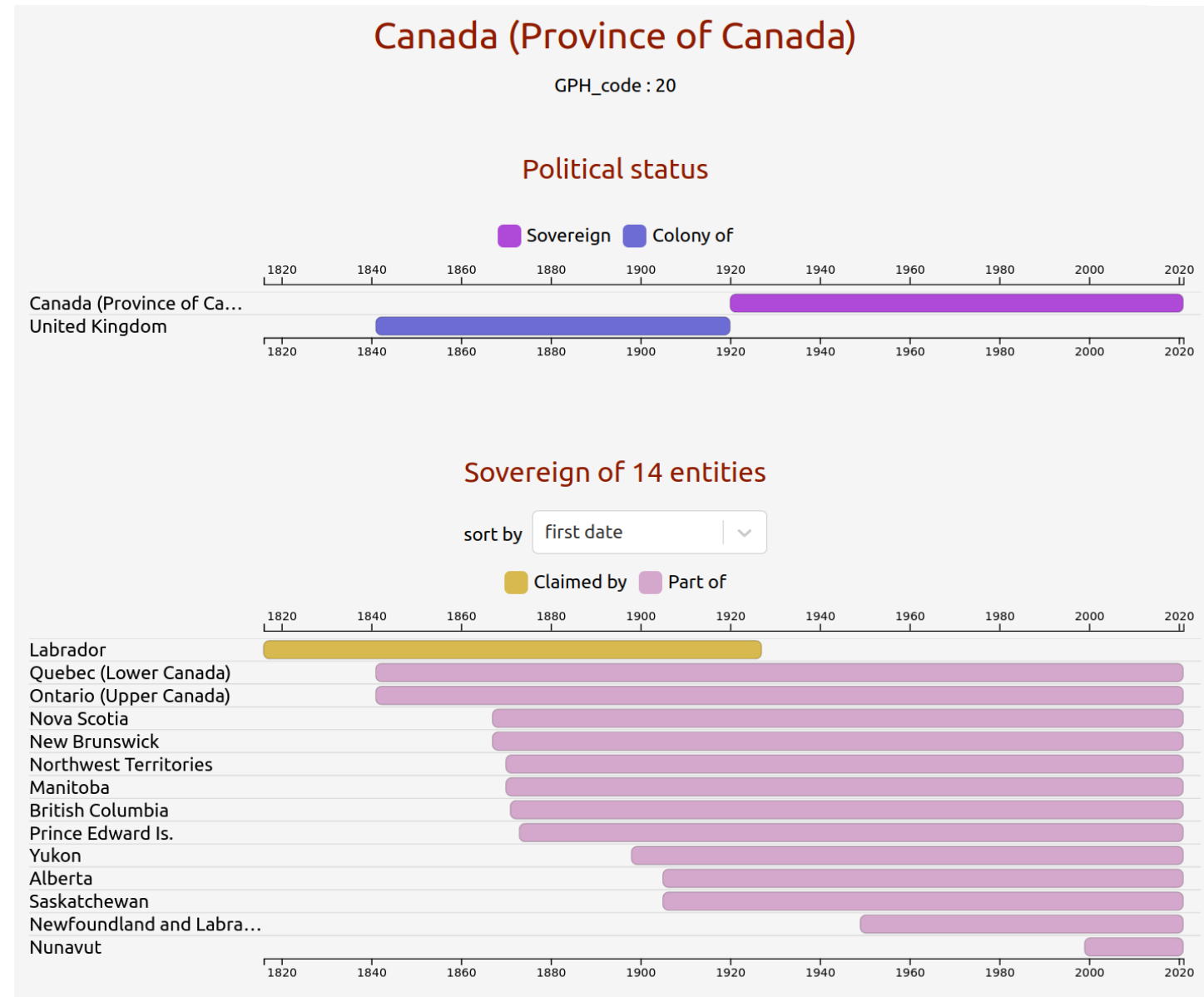
How many countries are there in the world?

The GeoPolHist data set

1,200 geopolitical entities

10 political statuses since 1816

Status and dependency links year by year



Linking RICardo trade data with GeoPolHist political data

What was the shape of the international trade network coloured by political status in 1860?

GPH Status

- city/part_of (50 nodes)
- Sovereign (37 nodes)
- colonial_area (23 nodes)
- group (50 nodes)
- Colony of (51 nodes)
- Part of (32 nodes)
- Informal (3 nodes)
- geographical_area (32 nodes)
- Sovereign (unrecognized) (9 nodes)
- Protectorate of (2 nodes)
- Vassal of (1 node)
- Sovereign (limited) (2 nodes)
- Possession of (4 nodes)

