

The Department of Inland Revenue of the Dominion has been erected since the Confederation of the Provinces, and the growth of the importance of its operations has been remarkable. The revenues collected have risen from \$636,397 in 1860, to \$4,410,816 in 1870. In 1850 the gross revenue of the late Province of Canada, apart from transactions respecting the debt and trust funds, was \$3,272,508, in 1860, it was \$7,292,838, and in 1869-70, the revenue of the Dominion was \$15,512,225.

In 1850 the gross revenue collected from customs, excise and canals was \$2,846,352; in 1860 it was \$5,277,529; in 1870 the customs revenue was \$9,462,940.

The following table shows the amount of excise revenue collected in the years 1850, 1860, and the first and last fiscal years of Confederation :

	1850	1860	1867-8	1869-70
Excise	\$ 90,388	\$ 312,630	\$ 3,073,212	\$ 3,664,469
Pub. Works	388,972	261,576	486,811	543,596
Cul'g timber	39,724	62,191	70,886	66,475
Bill Stamps	Nil.	Nil.	119,712	136,276
	\$519,084	636,397	3,755,624	4,410,816

The following statement shows the amount of Inland revenue accrued during the last fiscal year (1870) under the several heads on which it was collected :

EXCISE—	\$	cts.
Spirit	2,407,135	82
Malt Liquor	17,179	97
Malt	244,712	49
Manufactured Tobacco, &c....	743,163	19
Raw Leaf do	38,125	20
Petroleum.....	183,517	27
Inspection fees	17,191	86
Bonded Manufactures.....	13,442	71
<i>Total from Excise.....</i>	<i>3,664,468</i>	<i>51</i>

PUBLIC WORKS—

Canal Tolls, &c.....	422,416 99
Hydraulic Rents	16,856 91
Slides and Booms	92,784 03
Harbours.....	4,639 34
Roads and Bridges	6,898 88

Total from Public Works.. 543,596 15

BILL STAMPS	136,276 03
CULLER'S FEES.....	66,475 05
<i>Total Revenue accrued....</i>	<i>\$4,410,815 74</i>

The number of licensed establishments under the survey of the officers of excise in 1869-70, was as follows :

Distilleries	27
Malt-houses.....	112
Brewers.....	143
Tobacco Manufactories.....	100
Petroleum Refineries.....	55
Bonded Manufacturers.....	8

The quantity of spirits taken for consumption in 1870 was 3,810,930, proof gallons which would give very nearly a gallon per head for the whole population or over five gallons per head for each adult male. The quantity of spirits taken for consumption in 1870, exceeds the average consumption of the three previous years under Confederation by 323,000 gallons; and it is greater than the three years preceding confederation by 770,000 gallons. The average of three years under confederation is greater than the preceding three years by 446,000 gallons, but taken in proportion to probable population the consumption appears to have decreased about one third. The inference is, that the revenue has been fully collected. The large falling off in the quantity consumed gives rise to the question whether the great increase in excise duty has not led to illicit distillation, and whether it will not be necessary to take more stringent measures to suppress it. The following is a table of the annual production and consumption of spirits, and the revenue collected thereon, from 1848 to 1870 inclusive :—

Year.	Quantity Manufactured. Proof Galls.	Rate of Duty.	Entered for Consumption ex Warehouse & ex Manuf'y.		Average Quantity taken for Consumption during three years. Proof Galls.
			Revenue, includ'g Lic's.	Proof Galls.	
		CTS.	\$	CTS.	
1848	1,919,538	63,984 00	1,919,538	} 2,051,553
1849	2,167,008	1 66-100	52,160 00	2,167,008	
1850	2,068,112	do	34,463 00	2,068,112	
1851	2,269,141	do	37,819 00	2,269,141	
1852	2,495,983	do	46,999 00	2,495,983	
1853	2,723,692	do	51,038 00	2,723,692	
1854	2,592,000	do	48,080 00	2,592,000	} 3,331,594
1855	2,763,602	do	50,660 00	2,763,602	
1856	3,164,823	Duty charged	69,116 00	3,164,823	
1857	3,155,556	2½	83,049 00	3,155,556	
1858	3,408,397	2½ and 6	126,942 00	3,408,397	
1859	3,308,098	6	202,845 00	3,308,098	
1860	3,278,288	6	200,497 00	3,278,288	
1861	3,861,559	6	235,213 00	3,861,559	
1862	3,825,828	6 and 15	372,833 00	3,825,828	
1863	3,661,702	15	551,906 00	3,661,702	
Change in fiscal year and Bonding privileges conceded.					
1864-65	2,973,130	30	89,739 00	2,973,130	} 3,098,434
1865-66	3,925,753	30 and 60	1,323,678 00	4,393,769	
1866-67	2,912,434	60	1,188,676 00	1,928,403	
1867-68	4,680,047	60 and 63	2,313,363 00	3,772,719	} 3,464,382
1868-69	3,782,032	63	1,776,972 00	2,809,501	
1869-70	3,484,585	63	2,406,886 00	3,810,930	