

Inland Revenue of the Dominion.

Of the four branches from which the Inland Revenue is derived, that of Excise shows a considerable decrease in 1872-73 over 1871-72. This arises entirely in two articles, spirits and tobacco. The decrease amounts to about 5 per cent. or \$249,184 on the Excise Branch. From Public Works there was an increase of \$43,837, from culling timber, \$5,254, and from Bill Stamps \$12,335, reducing the decrease on the whole year's receipts from the Department to \$187,757, a little more than 3 per cent. But it must be remembered that there had been the year before a large increase, and the receipts for 1872-73, though below those of 1871-72 were still considerably larger than those of 1870-71, as will be seen by the following table:

	1867-8	1869-70	1870-71	1871-2	1872-3
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Excise.....	3,078,212	3,664,465	4,301,359	4,762,888	4,513,194
Public Works.....	486,811	543,596	579,132	592,961	636,798
Culling Timber.....	70,886	63,475	63,228	74,512	79,767
Bill Stamps.....	119,712	136,276	184,255	189,161	201,496
	3,755,621	4,410,816	5,128,004	5,619,012	5,431,255

The following table shows the total amounts received during the year from the different Branches:

	Revenue of previous years not collected 1st July, 1872.	Revenue accrued 1872-73.	TOTAL.
	\$	\$	\$
	cts.	cts.	cts.
	42,935,71	4,513,191	4,566,130
	11,829,49	993,84	471,823
	100,941	128,713	229,654
	163,070	33,805	196,876
	1,650	14,285	15,935
	6,574	79,766	86,340
	283	496	779
	53	44	97
	5,431,255	68	5,758,540
	29,804	46	29,850
	5,401,361	12	5,728,645
	837,284	76	837,360

	SERVICE.
Excise and Seizures.....	174,143 26
Canals.....	31 267 51
Slides and Booms.....	13,784 26
Hydraulic & other Rents.....	70,009 83
Minor Public Works.....	3,017 47
Cullers.....	2,111 10
Bill Stamps.....	33,624 87
Refunds.....	327,958 33
<i>I.e.s</i>	
Totals.....	327,958 33

The expenditure of the Department was for Excise \$174,143, less than 4 per cent: for Public Works \$45,051, or a little more than 7 per cent; for Cullers Office, \$70,009 more than 87 per cent. The total expenditure of the Department was 327,958 rather more than 6 per cent of the receipts.

	\$	cts.
Excise (and Seizures).....	174,143	26
Canals.....	31	267 51
Slides and Booms.....	13,784	26
Cullers.....	70,009	83
Seizures distributed.....	3,017	47
Sundry Minor Expenditures.....	2,111	10
Departmental Expenditure.....	33,624	87
Total.....	327,958	33

Of Spirits there was manufactured during the year 5,547,515 gallons, a considerable increase over the manufacture of the year before. But less by 90,538 gallons was entered for consumption than in 1871-72 and there was an increase of the quantity in Warehouse at the close of 72-73, or 480,959 gallons. The quantity manufactured was therefore so much in excess of the quantity required for consumption and export. There was a decrease in the quantity exported of 104,516 gallons and an increase of 40,742 gallons of that taken into bonded manufactories. The table below shows a