

the United States and Canada all raise more than two-thirds of their revenue by taxation. Of European countries as given above the smallest proportion is raised by Belgium, and of British Possessions by New South Wales.

Taxation  
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excise  
duties.

182. Since the repeal of the Stamp Duty Act in 1882, the whole amount raised by taxation is derived solely from Customs and Excise duties, and the following table gives the amounts raised from these sources in each year since Confederation, together with the proportion of each to population :—

TAXATION BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES, AND PROPORTION  
TO POPULATION—1868-1886.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Customs.	Amount per Head.	Excise.	Amount per Head.
	\$	\$ cts.	\$	\$ cts.
1868.....	8,578,380	2 54	3,002,588	0 89
1869.....	8,272,879	2 42	2,710,028	0 79
1870.....	9,334,212	2 70	3,619,622	1 05
1871.....	11,841,104	3 36	4,295,944	1 22
1872.....	12,787,982	3 54	4,735,651	1 31
1873.....	12,954,164	3 53	4,460,681	1 22
1874.....	14,325,192	3 74	5,594,903	1 46
1875.....	15,351,011	3 95	5,069,687	1 30
1876.....	12,823,837	3 25	5,563,487	1 41
1877.....	12,546,987	3 14	4,941,897	1 23
1878.....	12,782,824	3 13	4,858,671	1 19
1879.....	12,900,659	3 11	5,390,763	1 30
1880.....	14,071,343	3 34	4,232,427	1 00
1881.....	18,406,092	4 23	5,343,022	1 23
1882.....	21,581,570	4 87	5,884,859	1 33
1883.....	23,009,582	5 09	6,260,116	1 39
1884.....	20,023,890	4 43	5,459,309	1 18
1885.....	18,935,428	4 03	6,449,101	1 37
1886.....	19,373,551	4 04	5,852,904	1 23

Increase  
and de-  
crease,  
1886.

183. There was it will be seen an increase in the amount of Customs duties of \$438,123 as compared with 1885, and a decrease from Excise duties of \$596,197. This decrease was mainly due to the large quantity of spirits taken out of bond in 1885 in anticipation of an increase of duty, thereby forestalling part of the revenue of 1886.