

TOTAL AMOUNT OF TOBACCO ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION
IN CANADA.

1882.....	8,377,201 lbs.
1883.....	8,965,416 "
1884.....	10,072,745 "
1885.....	11,061,589 "
1886.....	8,507,216 "

It is probable that the large amount entered for consumption in 1885 was due to anticipated additional duty, merchants desiring to obtain large stocks before the increase was made.

Canadian tobacco.

425. The following is the quantity of Canadian tobacco that was taken for use during the last five years:—

1882.....	492,402 lbs.
1883.....	377,197 "
1884.....	326,804 "
1885.....	495,721 "
1886.....	399,691 "

Consumption of cigars.

426. The number of cigars entered for consumption was 92,046,289, being an increase of 13,176,411, as compared with the preceding year, when the number was 78,869,878. Provided that the whole number of cigars was consumed, the above figures would give an average of 19 cigars smoked in the year by every man, woman and child of the population.

Vinegar and methylated spirits.

427. The number of gallons of vinegar manufactured was 672,974, and of methylated spirits 119,488, of which quantities 695,004 and 19,488 gallons respectively were entered for consumption. As a consequence of legislation during the Session of 1886, methylated spirits can now only be sold under special license.

Consumption of spirits per head.

428. According to the report of the Minister of Inland Revenue, the following has been the annual consumption per head in the Dominion, since Confederation, of spirits, beer, wine and tobacco:—