

Receipts
from taxation.

193. As compared with the preceding year, there was an increase in receipts from taxation of \$3,460,546, and a decrease from other sources of \$882,593, and of the total revenue 80·23 per cent. was derived from taxation as against 76·03 per cent. in 1886. The receipts from taxation being derived solely from Customs and Excise duties, it follows, in the absence of any extreme increase in the tariff, that the more prosperous the country, and the larger its trade, the greater will be the amount derived from taxation, and as the largest part of the revenue is obtained in this manner, in the years of the largest revenues, the amount of taxation per head of population will also be found to be largest. It will be seen, however, that in 1882 when the amount derived from taxation was \$1,137,956 less than in the year under review, the amount paid per head was 34 cents more, and it will also be noticed that the proportion of revenue raised by taxation in these days of a protective tariff, is not so large as it was in the years when a revenue tariff was in force.

Amounts
raised by
taxation,
1867-1887.

194. The following table gives the amount raised by taxation in each year since 1st July, 1867, also the average amount of such taxation paid per head of population, and the proportion of total revenue :—