

## TAXATION—1868 TO 1887.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	TAXATION.				Percentage of Total Revenue
	Gross Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Head.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$ cts.	
1868.....	11,700,681			3 47	85.48
1869.....	11,112,573		588,108	3 26	77.28
1870.....	13,087,882	1,975,309		3 79	84.37
1871.....	16,320,368	3,232,486		4 64	84.41
1872.....	17,715,552	1,395,184		4 91	85.52
1873.....	17,616,554		98,998	4 80	84.64
1874.....	20,129,185	2,512,631		5 26	83.16
1875.....	20,664,878	535,693		5 32	83.84
1876.....	18,614,415		2,050,463	4 71	82.41
1877.....	17,697,924		916,491	4 41	80.23
1878.....	17,841,938	144,014		4 37	79.74
1879.....	18,476,613	634,675		4 46	82.05
1880.....	18,479,576	3,963		4 38	79.29
1881.....	23,942,138	5,462,562		5 51	80.79
1882.....	27,549,046	3,606,908		6 22	82.52
1883.....	29,269,696	1,720,652		6 43	81.77
1884.....	25,483,199		3,786,499	5 53	79.98
1885.....	25,384,529		98,670	5 40	77.39
1886.....	25,226,456		158,073	5 26	76.03
1887.....	28,687,002	3,460,546		5 88	80.23

195. The largest amount derived from taxation in any one year during the period was in 1883, when the amount was \$582,696 in excess of that of 1887, in which year, however, the next largest amount was raised; the smallest amount raised was in 1869, viz., \$11,112,573, or \$17,574,429 less than in 1887. Comparing the first and last years of the above period of twenty years, it will be found that while the total receipts have increased 145 per cent., the amount paid per head of population has only increased 69 per cent., while the proportion to total revenue has decreased 6.14 per cent.

196. Several very important changes were made in the tariff in 1887, more particularly in the iron duties. A slight change was made in the export duties by cedar logs