

capable of being made into shingle bolts being classed with shingle bolts and liable to the same duty, viz., \$1.50 per cord.

Amounts raised by Customs and Excise duties, 1867-1887.

197. The following table gives the amounts raised from Customs and Excise duties during the last twenty years, together with the proportion of each to population :—

TAXATION BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES, AND PROPORTION TO POPULATION—1868-1887.

YEAR ENDING 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 23	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	5,458,309	1 18
1885.....	18,935,428	4 03	6,449,101	1 37
1886.....	19,373,551	4 04	5,852,904	1 23
1887.....	22,378,801	4 59	6,308,201	1 29

Proportion derived from Customs.

198. It will be seen that considerably the largest part of the whole amount of taxation is derived from Customs duties, the proportion in 1887 being 78 per cent., in 1886 it was 76 per cent., in 1885, 74 per cent. and in 1884, 78 per cent. This is a larger proportion than in either the United Kingdom and most of the colonies, or in many European countries and the United States.