

Decrease  
in con-  
sumption.

104. According to the above figures the consumption of spirits is decidedly less than it was 19 years ago, and, with the exception of 1880 and 1886, was less last year than in any other year in the table. The consumption of wine also has decreased, but that of beer and tobacco has increased.

Product  
and ex-  
port of  
tobacco in  
the United  
States.

405. The average annual product of tobacco in the United States since 1880 has been 498,106,173 pounds, and the average annual export during the same period 239,011,012; the exports in 1886 and 1887 were, however, considerably above the average, having been 231,737,120 pounds and 293,666,995 pounds respectively. Almost the whole of the amount exported goes to Europe, nine-tenths of the whole going to seven countries—Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and Belgium, in the order named. The average quantities and proportions for a number of years are shown in the following table:—

COUNTRIES.	Twelve Years, 1870-81.		Five Years, 1882-86.	
	Lbs.	Per cent.	Lbs.	Per cent.
Germany.....	69,240,770	28·2	49,685,100	21·6
Great Britain.....	50,105,427	20·4	44,918,612	19·5
France.....	29,506,250	12·0	32,363,593	14·0
Italy.....	25,631,448	10·5	29,259,714	12·7
Netherlands.....	19,173,619	7·8	15,568,326	6·8
Spain.....	14,534,693	5·9	24,427,794	10·6

Average  
duty on  
spirits,  
beer and  
wine and  
tobacco.

406. The average amount per head paid annually in Canada for duty on spirits since Confederation has been \$1.00 and on tobacco 38 cents; on beer and wine it only amounted to fractions of 1 cent in each case. The report of the Minister of Inland Revenue gives the amounts per head by Provinces, but it is not possible to obtain any correct figures regarding the actual consumption in each Province, for the Province that has the greatest number of breweries and distilleries will show the largest consump-