

TAXATION BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES, AND PROPORTION TO
POPULATION—1868-1888.

YEAR ENDED 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 25	5,563,487	1 41
1877.....	12,546,987	3 14	4,941,897	1 23
1878.....	12,782,824	3 13	4,856,671	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	5,459,309	1 18
1885.....	18,035,428	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
1888.....	22,105,926	4 44	6,071,487	1 22

Proportion
derived from
Customs.

141. It will be seen that considerably the largest part of the whole amount of taxation is derived from Customs duties, the proportion in 1887 and 1888 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 United States.

Collection
of Customs
revenue.

142. The expenses of collection of Customs revenue were only 3.84 per cent. of the amount realized, a slightly higher proportion than that in 1887, but considerably lower than the average since Confederation, which has been 4.65 per cent. The fact, however, that the expenses of collection in 1868 were 5.99 per cent. of the sum received, shows that the proportion does not always increase with the amount,