

ANNUAL CONSUMPTION PER HEAD IN CANADA OF SPIRITS, WINE, BEER AND TOBACCO, FROM 1868 TO 1888.

YEAR.	Spirits.	Wine.	Beer.	Tobacco.
	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Lbs.
1868.....	1.60	0.17	2.26	1.73
1869.....	1.12	0.11	2.29	1.75
1870.....	1.43	0.19	2.16	2.19
1871.....	1.57	0.25	2.49	2.05
1872.....	1.72	0.25	2.77	2.48
1873.....	1.68	0.23	3.18	1.99
1874.....	1.99	0.28	3.01	2.56
1875.....	1.39	0.14	3.09	1.91
1876.....	1.20	0.17	2.45	2.31
1877.....	0.97	0.09	2.32	2.05
1878.....	0.96	0.09	2.16	1.97
1879.....	1.13	0.10	2.20	1.95
1880.....	0.71	0.07	2.24	1.93
1881.....	0.92	0.09	2.29	2.03
1882.....	1.00	0.12	2.74	2.15
1883.....	1.09	0.13	2.88	2.28
1884.....	0.99	0.11	2.92	2.47
1885.....	1.12	0.10	2.63	2.62
1886.....	0.71	0.11	2.83	2.05
1887.....	0.74	0.09	3.08	2.06
1888.....	0.64	0.09	3.24	2.09
Average.....	1.19	0.14	2.60	2.11

324. According to the above figures the consumption of spirits is decidedly less than it was in 1868, and 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. Decrease in consumption.

325. The average amount per head paid annually in Canada for duty on spirits since Confederation has been \$1.05 and on tobacco 40 cents; on beer and wine it only amounted to 10 cents and 6 cents 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- Average duty on spirits, beer and wine and tobacco.