

Manufacture of spirits, 1889.

246. The number of proof gallons of spirits manufactured in 1889 was 5,847,508, as compared with 5,514,589 gallons in 1888, being an increase of 332,919 gallons, and the quantity taken for consumption was 2,960,447 gallons, being an increase of 634,120 gallons over 1888, and was 87,424 gallons more than the average consumption of the four preceding years. The quantity taken for consumption during the last five years has been :—

	Proof Gallons.
1885.....	3,888,012
1886.....	2,412,818
1887.....	2,864,935
1888.....	2,326,327
1889.....	2,960,447
Average for five years.....	<u>2,890,508</u>

Increase in quantity manufactured.

247. The increase in the quantity of spirits manufactured is attributed in part to the withdrawal from the market of methylated spirits for other purposes than the mechanical arts.

Quantity of grain used.

248. In the production of the above mentioned quantity of spirits 98,972,941 lbs. of grain were used.

Manufacture of malt, 1889.

249. The quantity of malt manufactured during the year was 60,500,427 lbs., and entered for consumption 51,111,429 lbs., being an increase, as compared with 1888, of 6,217,484 lbs., and 2,470,962 lbs., respectively. Distillers used 4,859,031 lbs. of the quantity entered for consumption, and the remainder was employed in the production of 16,363,349 gallons of malt liquor. The quantity of malt taken for consumption during the last five years has been :—

	Lbs.
1885.....	47,005,917
1886.....	37,604,708
1887.....	42,630,440
1888.....	48,640,467
1889.....	51,111,429
Average for five years.....	<u>45,398,592</u>

It will be seen that the consumption has steadily increased during the last four years.