

250. There was an increase of 501,179 lbs. in the quantity of tobacco entered for consumption, as compared with 1888, and the amount was also above the average of seven years, as shown by the following figures:—

TOTAL AMOUNT OF TOBACCO ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION IN CANADA—1883-1889.

	Lbs.
1883.....	8,965,416
1884.....	10,072,745
1885.....	11,061,589
1886.....	8,507,216
1887.....	8,816,593
1888.....	9,248,034
1889.....	9,749,213
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Average .....	66,420,806
	<u>9,488,686</u>

Tobacco entered for consumption.

251. The quantity of Canadian tobacco taken for use during the last seven years has been:—

	Lbs.
1883.....	377,197
1884.....	326,804
1885.....	495,721
1886.....	399,691
1887.....	517,816
1888.....	676,335
1889.....	785,405
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Average .....	3,578,969
	<u>511,281</u>

Canadian tobacco.

The amount of consumption of Canadian tobacco, therefore, in 1889, was 274,124 lbs. above the average for seven years.

252. The following is a statement of the number of cigars taken for consumption during the last five years:—

	Number.
1885.....	78,869,878
1886.....	92,046,289
1887.....	85,974,823
1888.....	90,783,558
1889.....	92,599,820
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Average for five years .....	440,274,368
	<u>88,054,873</u>

Consumption of cigars.

It will be seen that the consumption has steadily increased during the last three years, and the number consumed in 1889 was 4,544,947 above the average of five years.