

Consumption of spirits, &c., per head since 1867.

253. According to the report of the Minister of Inland Revenue, the following has been the annual consumption per head in the Dominion, since Confederation, of spirits, wine, beer, and tobacco :—

ANNUAL CONSUMPTION PER HEAD IN CANADA OF SPIRITS, WINE, BEER AND TOBACCO, FROM 1868 TO 1889.

YEAR.	Spirits.	Wine.	Beer.	Tobacco.
	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.
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
1889	0·77	0·09	3·26	2·15
Average	1·18	0·14	2·63	2·11

According to the above figures the consumption of spirits in 1889 was decidedly less than it was in 1868, but was slightly more than in 1888. The consumption of wine also has decreased, but that of beer and tobacco are steadily increasing.

Duty per head on spirits, tobacco, &c.

254. The average amount per head paid annually in Canada for duty on spirits since Confederation has been \$1.05 and on tobacco 41 cents ; on beer and wine it only amounted to 10