

248. The number of proof gallons of spirits manufactured in 1890 was 5,091,475, as compared with 5,847,508 gallons in 1889, being a decrease of 756,033 gallons, and the quantity taken for consumption was 3,521,194 gallons, being an increase of 560,747 gallons over 1889, and was 525,572 gallons more than the average consumption of six years. The quantity taken for consumption during the last six 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
1890	3,521,194
Average for six years	<u>2,995,622</u>

Manufac-
ture of
spirits,
1890.

249. 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, and in part to distillers paying duty during June upon spirits to be held in stock, in view of the provisions as to maturing of spirits coming into force on 1st July, 1890.

Increase
in quanti-
ty manu-
factured.

250. In the production of the total quantity of spirits above mentioned 85,682,043 lbs. of grain were used.

Quantity
of grain
used.

251. The quantity of malt manufactured during the year was 64,314,257 lbs., and entered for consumption 54,974,013 lbs., being an increase, as compared with 1889, of 3,813,830 lbs., and 3,862,584 lbs., respectively. Distillers used 4,290,212 lbs. of the quantity entered for consumption, and the remainder was employed in the production of 17,196,115 gallons of malt liquor. The quantity of malt taken for consumption during the last six years has been :—

Manufac-
ture of
malt, 1890

	Lbs.
1885	47,005,917
1886	37,604,708
1887	42,630,440
1888	48,640,467
1889	51,111,429
1890	54,974,013
Average for six years	<u>46,994,496</u>