

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

Tobacco
entered for
consump-
tion, 1890.

252. There was an increase of 126,124 lbs. in the quantity of tobacco entered for consumption, as compared with 1889, and the amount was also above the average of eight years, as shown by the following figures:—

TOTAL AMOUNT OF TOBACCO ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION IN
CANADA—1883-1890.

	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
1890.....	9,875,337
	76,296,143
Average.....	9,537,018

Canadian
tobacco.

253. The quantity of Canadian tobacco taken for use during the last eight 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
1890.....	681,613
	4,260,582
Average.....	532,573

The amount of consumption of Canadian tobacco, therefore, in 1890, was 149,040 lbs. above the average of eight years.

Consump-
tion of
cigars.

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

	Number.
1885.....	78,869,878
1886.....	92,046,289
1887.....	85,974,823
1888.....	90,783,558
1889.....	92,599,820
1890.....	98,976,117
	539,250,485
Average for six years.....	89,875,081