

It will be seen that the consumption has steadily increased during the last three years, and the number consumed in 1890 was 9,101,036 above the average of six years.

255. 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:—

Consumption of spirits etc. per head since 1867.

ANNUAL CONSUMPTION PER HEAD IN CANADA OF SPIRITS, WINE BEER AND TOBACCO, FROM 1868 TO 1890.

YEAR.	Spirits.	Wine.	Beer.	Tobacco.
	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Lbs.
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
1890	0·88	0·10	3·36	2·14
Average.....	1·16	0·14	2·66	2·11

According to the above figures the consumption of spirits in 1890 was decidedly less than it was in 1868, but showed a marked increase over 1889. The consumption of wine also has decreased, but that of beer and of tobacco is steadily increasing.