

Duty per head on spirits, tobacco, etc.

256. The average amount per head paid annually in Canada for duty on spirits since Confederation has been \$1.06 and on tobacco 41 cents; on beer and wine it only amounted to 10 cents and 6 cents in each case. The report of the Minister of Inland Revenue gives the amounts per head by Provinces, but it is not possible to obtain any correct figures regarding the actual consumption in each Province, for the Province that has the greatest number of breweries and distilleries will show the largest consumption, owing to the duty being frequently paid within that Province, while the material is exported to and consumed in other Provinces.

Consumption of liquor in various countries.

257. The following tables are (1) a comparative summary of the consumption per head of distilled spirits, wines and malt liquors in the countries named, during the years 1881 to 1887, inclusive; (2) a statement of the production of wine in the principal wine growing countries of the world in 1888 and 1889.*

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR PER HEAD IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.*

COUNTRIES.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.
Distilled Spirits—							
United Kingdom..	1·00	1·07	1·03	1·05	1·01	·96	·98
United States..	1·37	1·39	1·45	1·46	1·24	1·24	1·18
France.....	1·22	1·25	1·32	1·28	1·24	.....	.....
Germany.....	1·14	1·02	1·09	1·05	·96	1·15	1·09
Denmark.....	.....	4·72	4·62	4·56	4·28	4·23	.....
Sweden.....	2·53	2·22	1·99	2·05	2·42	2·47	.....
Canada.....	·92	1·00	1·09	·99	1·12	·71	·74
Wines—							
United Kingdom	·43	·41	·40	·39	·37	·37	·38
United States....	·47	·48	·48	·37	·43	·43	·54
France.....	30·75	30·67	36·88	28·93	26·25	26·74	.....
Canada.....	·09	·12	·13	·11	·10	·11	·09
Malt Liquors—							
United Kingdom..	33·90	33·65	33·13	33·72	32·79	32·49	32·88
United States....	8·63	9·97	10·18	10·62	10·44	11·01	11·96
Germany.....	22·35	22·45	22·45	23·19	23·78	23·25	24·99
Canada.....	2·29	2·74	2·88	2·92	2·63	2·83	3·08

*Taken, except Canadian figures, from United States Trade and Navigation Returns, 1889.