

268. There was a decrease of 96,629 lbs. in the quantity of tobacco entered for consumption, as compared with 1890, and the amount was also above the average of nine years, as shown by the following figures :—

TOTAL AMOUNT OF TOBACCO ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION IN CANADA—1883-1891.

	Lbs.
1883.....	8,965,416
1884.....	10,072,745
1885.....	11,061,589
1886.....	8,507,216
1887.....	8,816,593
1888.....	9,248,084
1889.....	9,749,213
1890.....	9,875,337
1891.....	9,778,708
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	86,074,851
Average.....	<hr/> <hr/> 9,563,872

269. The quantity of Canadian tobacco taken for use during the last nine 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
1891.....	385,721
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	4,646,303
Average.....	<hr/> <hr/> 516,256

The consumption of Canadian tobacco, therefore, in 1891, was 130,535 lbs. below the average of nine years.

270. The following is a statement of the number of cigars taken for consumption during the last seven 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
1891.....	101,142,481
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	640,392,966
Average for seven years.....	<hr/> <hr/> 91,484,709

It will be seen that the consumption has steadily increased during the last five years, and the number consumed in 1891 was 9,657,772 above the average of seven years.