

Consumption of spirits etc. per head since 1867.

271. 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 :—

ANNUAL CONSUMPTION PER HEAD IN CANADA OF SPIRITS, WINE BEER AND TOBACCO, FROM 1868 TO 1891.

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
1891.....	0.74	0.11	3.79	2.29
Average.....	1.15	0.14	2.70	2.12

The above figures go to show that the consumption of spirits in 1891 was decidedly less than it was in 1868, and less also than in the two preceding years, viz, 1889 and 1890. The consumption of wine also has decreased, but that of beer and of tobacco is steadily increasing.

Duty per head on spirits, etc

272. The average amount per head paid annually in Canada for duty on spirits since Confederation has been \$1.06 and on tobacco 42 cents; on beer and wine it only amounted to 10 cents and 6 cents in each case. 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.

Imports of crude or partially manufac.

273. The following tables give, respectively, the value of articles, crude or partially manufactured, and of manufactured articles imported into Canada during 1889, 1890 and 1891 :—