

316. The only articles manufactured in Canada, about which any particulars of consumption in the country are available, are those on which excise duty is payable and concerning which some particulars are now given.

317. The number of proof gallons of spirits manufactured in 1892 was 3,498,233, as compared with 4,397,594 gallons in 1891, being a decrease of 899,362 gallons, and the quantity taken for consumption was 2,545,935 gallons, being a decrease of 141,729 gallons as compared with 1891 and was 213,968 gallons less than the average consumption of seven years. The quantity taken for consumption during the last seven years has been :—

	Proof Gallons.
1886.....	2,412,818
1887.....	2,864,935
1888.....	2,326,327
1889.....	2,960,447
1890.....	3,521,194
1891.....	2,687,664
1892.....	2,545,935
Average for seven years.....	2,759,903

318. The increase in the quantity of spirits manufactured in 1890 was attributable in part to the withdrawal from the market of methylated spirits for other purposes than the mechanical arts, and in part to distillers paying duty during June, 1890, upon spirits to be held in stock, in view of the provisions as to maturing of spirits which came into force on 1st July, 1890. In consequence of this, the quantity in stock on 1st July, 1891, was the largest on record, but the production has since decreased and is now about normal, except in so far as it is affected by the extensive smuggling systematically carried on in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

319. In the production of the total quantity of spirits above mentioned, 59,328,314 lbs. of grain were used.

320. The quantity of malt manufactured during the year was 56,678,903 lbs., and entered for consumption 46,425,882 lbs., being an increase, as compared with 1891, of 3,679,029 lbs. in the quantity manufactured, and a decrease of 11,483,319 lbs. in the quantity entered for consumption. In addition to the above, 1,056,348 lbs. of malt were imported for home consumption. The quantity of malt