

The above figures go to show that the consumption of spirits in 1892 was decidedly less than it was in 1868, and less also than in the three preceding years, viz., 1889, 1890 and 1891. The consumption of wine also has decreased, but that of beer and tobacco has been increasing.

325. The average amount per head paid annually in Canada for duty on spirits since Confederation has been \$1.06 and on tobacco 44 cents; on beer and wine it only amounted to 11 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.

326. The following tables give, respectively, the value of articles, crude or partially manufactured, and of manufactured articles imported into Canada during 1890, 1891 and 1892:—

VALUE OF IMPORTS OF CRUDE OR PARTIALLY MANUFACTURED ARTICLES INTO CANADA IN 1890, 1891 AND 1892.

ARTICLES.	VALUE.		
	1890.	1891.	1892.
	\$	\$	\$
Sugar	4,872,165	4,777,121	9,008,528
Coal, anthracite	4,595,727	5,224,452	5,640,346
Cotton wool	3,539,249	3,603,185	3,389,232
Coal, bituminous	3,528,959	4,060,896	4,099,221
Tea	3,073,643	2,981,415	3,650,940
Breadstuffs	2,722,637	2,528,596	1,512,420
Provisions, including meat and dairy products	2,018,238	1,305,469	1,006,257
Fruits, including nuts	2,551,467	2,543,206	2,525,936
Wool, unmanufactured	1,729,058	1,398,848	1,694,800
Hides and skins, other than furs	1,703,093	2,004,449	1,794,932
Hemp, jute and vegetable substances, unmanufactured	904,814	963,778	979,777
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,344,985	1,649,917	1,716,873
Wood	1,135,661	1,763,660	1,042,237
Fish	920,312	1,087,727	1,131,980
Tin plates and sheet	908,565	854,770	1,235,961
Chemicals, drugs and dyes	880,226	976,270	1,090,960
Animals	827,195	710,262	618,415
Seeds	462,478	425,371	514,517
Gutta percha, India rubber and caoutchouc	573,278	790,190	708,805
Coffee	611,184	691,142	653,003
Fur skins, all kinds	396,178	485,927	649,257
Salt	309,840	380,550	380,958
Rice	274,896	211,667	310,272
Rags	227,400	199,795	227,488
Cotton waste	222,527	274,066	284,701
Diamonds, unset, and diamond dust or bort	110,480	73,058	55,843
Hops	198,675	237,539	208,808
Vegetables	269,524	229,794	239,099
Spices, unground	188,349	190,911	162,886

Duty per head on spirits, etc.

Imports of crude or partially manufactured articles, 1890, 1891 and 1892.