

consumption was 2,731,896 gallons, being an increase of 185,961 gallons, as compared with 1892, and was 24,506 gallons less than the average consumption of eight years. The quantity taken for consumption during the last eight 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 |
| 1893..... | 2,731,896 |
| Average for eight years..... | <u>2,756,402</u> |

803. 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.

804. In the production of the total quantity of spirits above mentioned, 64,274,731 pounds of grain were used.

805. The quantity of malt manufactured during the year was 53,933,419 pounds, and entered for consumption 50,082,751 pounds, being a decrease, as compared with 1892, of 2,745,484 pounds in the quantity manufactured, and an increase of 3,656,869 pounds in the quantity entered for consumption. In addition to the above, 1,765,533 pounds of malt were imported for home consumption. The quantity of malt liquor manufactured was 17,175,356 gallons. The quantity of malt taken for consumption during the last eight years has been :—

| | Lbs. |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1886..... | 37,604,708 |
| 1887 .. | 42,630,440 |
| 1888 .. | 48,640,467 |
| 1889 .. | 51,111,429 |
| 1890 .. | 54,974,013 |
| 1891 .. | 57,009,201 |
| 1892 .. | 46,425,882 |
| 1893 .. | 50,082,751 |
| Average for eight years..... | <u>48,672,361</u> |