

1227. It will be seen that considerably the larger part of the whole amount of taxation is derived from Customs duties, the average proportion for the twenty-six years having been 74.0 per cent, later years showing a tendency to decrease it. The proportion in the United Kingdom in 1893 it was 26 per cent ; in the United States in 1893 it was 55 per cent, and in the Australasian colonies in 1893 it averaged 75 per cent.

1228. The amount of Customs duties paid per head in the United Kingdom in 1893 was \$2.50 ; in the United States in 1893 it was \$3.05, in both cases being a smaller proportion than in this country, while in the Australasian colonies it is considerably higher, the proportion having averaged in 1893 \$9.54 per head.

1229. The cost of collecting the Customs revenue has been reduced very considerably since the first years of Confederation ; in 1868 for every \$100 of duty collected, \$5.41 was expended, as compared with \$4.25 for every \$100 in 1893. The following table shows the total cost and the cost per \$100 of collecting the Customs revenue, in each year since 1868. The revenue columns represent the amount accrued in each year.

COST OF COLLECTING CUSTOMS REVENUE, 1868 TO 1893.

YEAR.	*Customs Revenue.	CHARGES OF COLLECTION.		YEAR.	Customs Revenue.	CHARGES OF COLLECTION.	
		Total.	Per \$100 collected.			Total	Per \$100 collected.
	\$	\$	\$ cts.		\$	\$	\$ cts.
1868 ..	8,819,432	477,504	5 41	1881.	18,500,786	717,704	3 88
1869 ..	8,298,910	496,050	5 98	1882.	21,708,837	723,914	3 33
1870 ..	9,462,940	505,109	5 34	1883.	23,172,309	757,246	3 27
1871 ..	11,843,656	500,441	4 23	1884.	20,164,963	798,838	3 96
1872 ..	13,045,493	528,736	4 05	1885.	19,133,559	791,538	4 14
1873 ..	13,017,730	567,765	4 35	1886.	19,448,124	798,478	4 10
1874 ..	14,421,883	727,629	5 04	1887.	22,469,706	819,132	3 64
1875 ..	15,361,382	682,674	4 44	1888.	22,209,642	848,984	3 81
1876 ..	12,833,114	721,009	5 62	1889.	23,784,523	862,486	3 62
1877 ..	12,548,451	721,605	5 75	1890.	24,014,908	871,765	3 62
1878 ..	12,795,693	714,528	5 58	1891.	23,481,069	898,731	3 82
1879 ..	12,939,541	719,711	5 56	1892.	20,550,474	902,820	4 39
1880 ..	14,138,849	716,126	5 06	1893.	21,161,711	899,411	4 25

* Export duty not included.