

1047. The following is a statement of the number of cigars taken for consumption during the last ten years :—

	Number.
1885.....	78,869,878
1886.....	92,046,289
1887.....	85,974,823
1888.....	90,783,558
1889.....	92,599,820
1890.....	98,976,117
1891.....	101,142,481
1892.....	104,528,791
1893.....	114,668,809
1894.....	115,440,480
Total.....	975,031,046
Average for ten years.....	97,503,105

It will be seen that the consumption has steadily increased during the last seven years, and the number consumed in 1894 was 17,937,375 above the average of ten years.

1048. According to the report of the Department of Inland Revenue, the following has been the annual consumption per head in the Dominion, since Confederation, of spirits, wine, beer and tobacco :—

YEAR.	Spirits.	Wine.	Beer.	Tobacco.
	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Lbs.
1867.....	1·62	0·10	1·97	1·81
1868.....	1·60	0·17	2·27	1·74
1869.....	1·12	0·11	2·29	1·75
1870.....	1·43	0·19	2·16	2·19
1871.....	1·58	0·26	2·49	2·05
1872.....	1·72	0·26	2·77	2·48
1873.....	1·68	0·24	3·19	2·00
1874.....	1·99	0·29	3·01	2·57
1875.....	1·39	0·15	3·09	1·91
1876.....	1·20	0·18	2·45	2·32
1877.....	0·97	0·10	2·32	2·05
1878.....	0·96	0·10	2·17	1·98
1879.....	1·13	0·10	2·21	1·95
1880.....	0·71	0·08	2·25	1·94
1881.....	0·92	0·10	2·29	2·03
1882.....	1·01	0·12	2·75	2·15
1883.....	1·09	0·13	2·88	2·28
1884.....	1·00	0·12	2·92	2·48
1885.....	1·13	0·11	2·64	2·62
1886.....	0·71	0·11	2·84	2·05
1887.....	0·75	0·09	3·08	2·06
1888.....	0·64	0·09	3·25	2·09
1889.....	0·78	0·10	3·26	2·15
1890.....	0·88	0·10	3·36	2·14
1891.....	0·74	0·11	3·79	2·29
1892.....	0·70	0·10	3·52	2·29
1893.....	0·74	0·09	3·48	2·31
1894.....	0·74	0·09	3·72	2·26
Average.....	1·09	0·14	2·83	2·15

The above figures go to show that the consumption of spirits in 1894 was decidedly less than it was in 1867. The consumption of wine and tobacco in 1894 decreased, but that of beer increased.