

1401. The following table gives the amounts raised by Customs and Excise duties during the last twenty-seven years, together with the proportion of each to population* :—

TAXATION BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES AND PROPORTION TO POPULATION IN CANADA—1868-94.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Customs.	Amount per Head.	PROPORTION TO		Excise.	Amount per Head.
			Total	Imports		
			Taxation.	for Home Consumption.		
	\$	\$ cts.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	\$	\$ cts.
1868.	8,578,380	2 54	73·3	12·25	3,002,588	0 89
1869	8,272,879	2 42	74·4	12·31	2,710,028	0 79
1870	9,334,212	2 70	71·3	13·28	3,619,622	1 05
1871	11,841,104	3 36	72·5	13·62	4,295,944	1 22
1872.	12,787,982	3 54	72·2	12·11	4,735,651	1 31
1873	12,954,164	3 53	73·5	10·20	4,460,681	1 22
1874	14,325,192	3 74	71·1	11·32	5,594,903	1 46
1875	15,351,011	3 95	74·3	12·83	5,069,687	1 30
1876.	12,823,837	3 25	66·0	13·44	5,563,487	1 41
1877.	12,546,987	3 14	70·9	13·03	4,941,897	1 23
1878.	12,782,824	3 13	71·6	14·03	4,858,671	1 19
1879	12,900,659	3 11	69·8	16·10	5,390,763	1 30
1880.	14,071,343	3 34	76·1	19·70	4,232,427	1 00
1881.	18,406,092	4 24	76·8	20·19	5,343,022	1 23
1882.	21,581,570	4 92	78·3	19·27	5,884,859	1 34
1883	23,009,582	5 19	78·6	18·82	6,260,116	1 41
1884.	20,023,890	4 47	75·5	18·64	5,459,309	1 22
1885.	18,935,428	4 17	74·5	18·61	6,449,101	1 42
1886	19,373,551	4 22	76·8	19·50	5,852,904	1 28
1887.	22,378,801	4 83	78·0	21·24	6,308,201	1 36
1888.	22,105,926	4 72	78·4	21·57	6,071,487	1 30
1889	23,726,784	5 01	74·2	21·65	6,886,739	1 45
1890.	23,968,954	5 00	75·8	21·21	7,618,118	1 59
1891.	23,399,301	4 83	77·2	20·66	6,914,850	1 43
1892.	20,501,059	4 18	72·0	17·52	7,945,098	1 62
1893.	20,954,003	4 22	71·5	17·30	8,367,364	1 69
1894	19,198,114	3 82	69·6	16·97	8,381,089	1 67

* The amounts of Customs duties being taken from the Public Accounts, represent the amounts actually paid in, and will not quite correspond with the figures in the Trade and Navigation Returns, these latter being for amounts accrued.

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-seven years having been 73·8 per cent, later years showing a tendency to decrease it. The proportion in the United Kingdom in 1894 was 26 per cent; in the United States in 1894 it was 47 per cent, and in the Australasian colonies in 1893 it averaged 75 per cent.

The amount of Customs duties paid per head in the United Kingdom in 1894 was \$2.47, and in the United States \$1.93, in both cases being a smaller proportion than in this country, while in the Australasian colonies it is considerably higher, the proportion having averaged \$9.54 per head in 1893.