

862. The value of foreign goods imported into Ontario and Quebec in bond through the United States in 1895 amounted to \$14,829,581, of foreign goods purchased in the United States markets to \$4,216,115, and of goods the produce of the United States to \$44,230,862. The value of goods imported into the two provinces via the St. Lawrence was \$22,167,973. There are no official returns giving similar information concerning the other provinces.

863. The only articles manufactured in Canada, about which any particulars of consumption in the country are available, are those on which excise duty is payable, and concerning which some particulars are now given.

864. The number of proof gallons of spirits manufactured in 1895 was 2,605,787 as compared with 1,608,344 gallons in 1894, being an increase of 997,443 gallons, and the quantity taken for consumption was 2,509,019 gallons, being a decrease of 240,099 gallons as compared with 1894, and was 221,915 gallons less than the average consumption of ten years. The quantity taken for consumption during the last ten years has been:—

	Proof Galls.
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
1894 .....	2,749,109
1895 .....	2,509,019
Average for ten years .....	2,730,934

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 normal, except in so far as it is affected by the extensive smuggling systematically carried on in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

In the manufacture of the above mentioned 2,605,787 proof gallons of spirits, 45,110,118 pounds of grain were used. In 1894, the 1,608,344 gallons required 27,791,370 pounds of grain.

865. The quantity of malt manufactured during the year was 43,645,516 pounds and entered for consumption 50,659,627 pounds, a decrease, as compared with 1894, of 3,813,489 pounds in the quantity manufactured, and an increase of 651,579 pounds in the quantity entered for consumption. In addition to the above 1,826,252 pounds of malt were imported for home consumption. The quantity of malt liquor manufactured was 17,628,815