

868. The following is a statement of the number of cigars taken for consumption during the last eleven 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
1895.....	106,131,294
Total.....	1,085,162,340
Average for eleven years.....	98,651,122

It will be seen that the consumption has steadily increased during the years 1888 to 1894, but there was a decrease of 9,309,186 in the number as compared with the years 1894 and 1895; and the number consumed in 1895 was 7,480,172 above the average of eleven years.

869. 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	2·60
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
1895.....	0·67	0·09	3·47	2·16
Average.....	1·05	0·14	2·88	2·17