

CHAPTER XVII.

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1171. The fiscal year for the Federal Government ends on the 30th June. Unless otherwise stated, this is the year referred to throughout the Year-Book.

1172. In all cases where figures relating to foreign countries have been used, their values have been first changed into pounds sterling, and then converted into currency at the rate of \$4.86·66. For the sake of convenience, cents have been omitted from most of the tables and only used with reference to amounts per head and similar calculations.

1173. The receipts from the sources of the ordinary revenue of the country are paid into what is called the Consolidated Fund, and payments therefrom are made to cover the ordinary expenses. These receipts and payments, therefore, constitute what may be considered the regular income and expenditure of the country, receipts from and expenditures out of loans and all other extraordinary transactions being excluded.

1174. The ordinary revenue is derived from a variety of sources, which may, however, be divided into two classes, viz., "Taxation" and "Other Sources." The amounts raised by taxation consist solely of customs and excise duties; those raised from other sources consist of money derived from the postal service, railways, public works, &c. The ordinary expenditure provides for the charges for debt and provincial subsidies, collection of revenue, and the current expenses of the country.