

smaller proportion than in this country, while in the Australasian colonies it is considerably higher, the proportion having averaged \$9.07 per head in 1894.

1203. The cost of collecting the Customs revenue has been reduced very considerably since the first years of Confederation; in 1868, for every \$100 of duty collected \$5.41 was expended, as compared with \$5.13 for every \$100 in 1895. The following table shows the total cost and the cost per \$100 of collecting the Customs revenue in each year since 1868. The revenue columns represent the amount accrued in each year:—

COST OF COLLECTING CUSTOMS REVENUE, 1868 TO 1895.

YEAR.	*Customs Revenue.	CHARGES OF COLLECTION.	
		Total.	Per \$100 collected.
	\$	\$	\$ cts.
1868.....	8,819,432	477,504	5 41
1869.....	8,298,910	496,050	5 93
1870.....	9,462,940	505,109	5 34
1871.....	11,843,656	500,441	4 23
1872.....	13,045,493	528,736	4 05
1873.....	13,017,730	567,765	4 35
1874.....	14,421,883	727,629	5 04
1875.....	15,361,382	682,674	4 44
1876.....	12,833,114	721,009	5 62
1877.....	12,548,451	721,605	5 75
1878.....	13,795,693	714,528	5 53
1879.....	12,939,541	719,711	5 56
1880.....	14,138,849	716,126	5 06
1881.....	18,500,786	717,704	3 88
1882.....	21,708,837	723,914	3 33
1883.....	23,172,309	757,246	3 27
1884.....	20,164,963	798,838	3 96
1885.....	19,133,559	791,538	4 14
1886.....	19,448,124	798,478	4 10
1887.....	22,469,706	819,132	3 64
1888.....	22,209,642	848,984	3 81
1889.....	23,784,523	862,486	3 62
1890.....	24,014,908	871,765	3 62
1891.....	23,481,069	898,731	3 82
1892.....	20,550,582	902,820	4 39
1893.....	21,161,711	899,411	4 25
1894.....	19,379,822	921,039	4 75
1895.....	17,887,269	917,632	5 13

\*Export duty included.

In 1895 it cost to collect each \$100 of Customs revenue 28 cents less than it did in 1868. The large area of the Dominion, the extent of its frontiers, and the number of ports of entry it is necessary to keep up being considered, the cost of collection is moderate. In the United States in 1895 it was 4.42 per cent, and in the United Kingdom 4.15 per cent.