

Consumption of Alcohol and Tobacco.—In Tables 14 and 15 are shown the quantities of spirits, malt liquor and tobacco taken out of bond for consumption in the fiscal years 1918 to 1923 and the annual consumption per head of population of spirits, wine, beer and tobacco, together with the duties per head paid on these goods. Until recent years, spirits and tobacco were the most important sources of inland revenue. Owing to the imposition of war taxes, revenues derived from them have fallen from 65 p.c. of the total of inland revenue in 1920 to 23 p.c. of the total in 1923. This is accounted for mainly by the increase in the volume of war taxes collected, but to some extent also by the decrease in the consumption of wine and spirits. The consumption of cigars also fell from 270,089,761 in 1920 to 183,965,151 in 1923, a decline of more than 32 p.c.

14.—Quantities of Spirits, Malt Liquor, Malt and Tobacco taken out of Bond for Consumption in the Fiscal Years 1918-1923.

Items.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
Spirits..... gal.	4,591,972	2,941,108	3,816,124	2,816,071	730,474	729,678
Malt liquor..... "	28,442,427	26,024,117	36,863,867	35,509,757	38,404,346	36,789,195
Malt..... lb.	59,626,049	49,184,747	69,975,631	82,210,351	87,561,176	84,922,024
Tobacco, snuff and cigarettes ¹ "	26,774,298	24,640,853	30,371,961	26,708,764	27,879,419	27,826,031
Cigars..... No.	254,445,945	221,087,110	270,089,761	214,262,197	181,255,533	183,965,151

¹ Tobacco, 21,313,311 lbs.: snuff, 759,398 lbs.: cigarettes, 1,917,773,908 in 1923.

15.—Consumption per head of Spirits, Wine, Beer and Tobacco, and amount of Excise and Customs Duties per head, in the fiscal years 1918-1923.

(From the Report of the Department of Customs and Excise).

Items.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
Consumption of—						
Spirits..... gal.	0.699	0.391	0.624	0.857	0.360	0.219
Wine..... "	0.061	0.025	0.078	0.077	0.037	0.037
Beer..... "	3.414	2.948	4.100	3.954	4.375	4.028
Tobacco..... lb.	3.612	3.109	3.745	3.272	3.434	3.243
Duty paid on—						
Spirits..... \$	1.810	0.942	1.586	2.256	1.859	2.006
Wine..... \$	0.036	0.015	0.056	0.074	0.049	0.057
Beer..... \$	0.228	0.170	0.243	0.292	0.308	0.287
Tobacco..... \$	1.698	2.520	3.541	3.245	3.254	2.883

Provincial Subsidies.

Tables 16 and 17 show the aggregate amounts of the subsidies and other payments made by the Dominion to the Provincial Governments for each of the years 1919 to 1923 (Table 16), and the totals paid from Confederation to date (Table 17). The Provincial subsidies payable by the Dominion Government were originally settled by the British North America Act, 1867 (30 and 31 Vict., c. 3, s. 118), but were revised by the British North America Act, 1907 (7 Edw. VII, c. 11). Under the revised settlement each Provincial Government receives (a) a fixed grant according to population and (b) a grant at the rate of 80 cents per head of the population up to 2,500,000, and at the rate of 60 cents per head of so much of the population as exceeds that number. The Province of British Columbia received an additional grant of \$100,000 per annum for a period of 10 years from 1907.¹ An additional grant of \$100,000 per annum is payable to Prince Edward Island under an Act of 1912 (2 Geo. V, c. 42), and the payments to Manitoba were revised

¹ See Canada Year Book, 1907, pp. xxxiii-iv.