

When, however, any person is licensed by the Minister of Customs and Excise to manufacture patent and proprietary medicines, extracts, essences and pharmaceutical preparations by the use of spirits in bond, subject to the Inland Revenue Act and regulations thereunder, the following duties of excise are collected:—when made from raw grain, \$2.40 per proof gallon; when made from malted barley, \$2.42 per proof gallon; when made from imported molasses or other sweetened matter free of customs duty, \$2.43 per proof gallon. Druggists licensed by the Minister of Customs and Excise to prepare prescriptions for medicines and pharmaceutical preparations, are also allowed to use limited quantities of spirits testing not less than 50 p.c. over proof, on payment of the above lower manufacturers' rates of duty. A drawback of 99 p.c. of the duty may be granted when spirits testing not less than 50 p.c. over proof are delivered in limited quantities to universities, scientific or research laboratories or hospitals for medicinal purposes only.

In Table 11 are set out the various sources of inland revenue for the years 1920 to 1925, the last fiscal year showing a decrease from the previous year of \$33,948,704, due to the decreased amount collected in 1925 as war taxes. The decrease in this item from 1924 was \$34,338,009. Tables 12 and 13 show statistics of excise licenses issued in the fiscal years 1920 to 1925, and of distillation during the last five fiscal years.

11.—Excise and other Inland Revenues for the fiscal years 1920-1925.

| Sources of Revenue. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Acetic acid..... | 6,007 | 1,955 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Cigars..... | 1,629,254 | 1,293,655 | 1,095,170 | 622,035 | 608,685 | 516,606 |
| Malt..... | 2,101,939 | 2,468,476 | 2,628,995 | 2,549,601 | 3,280,057 | 3,540,621 |
| Malt liquor..... | 76,502 | 84,301 | 61,531 | 60,331 | 93,072 | 107,734 |
| Manufactures in bond..... | 124,171 | 76,508 | 16,525 | 18,225 | 18,725 | 17,675 |
| Methylated spirits..... | 508,406 | 405,457 | — | — | — | — |
| Seizures..... | 213,167 | 174,523 | — | — | — | — |
| Spirits..... | 8,950,241 | 5,757,463 | 6,224,061 | 7,985,808 | 9,371,063 | 9,393,661 |
| Tobacco..... | 29,455,255 | 27,132,933 | 26,876,807 | 25,013,128 | 25,236,296 | 25,421,602 |
| War tax, revenue stamps, etc | 15,744,040 | 79,346,815 | 73,902,614 | 107,989,893 | 123,668,847 | 89,330,838 |
| Weights and measures, gas and law stamps..... | 7,490 ¹ | 9,423 ¹ | — | — | — | — |
| Other revenues..... | 112,064 | 165,482 | 6,700 | 10,426 | 8,040 | 7,344 |
| Total..... | 58,928,536 | 116,916,991 | 110,812,503 | 144,249,547 | 162,284,885 | 128,336,181 |

¹Law Stamps only.

12.—Number of Excise Licenses issued during the fiscal years 1920-1925.

| Description. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. | 1924. | 1925. |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Distillers..... | 12 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 16 |
| Brewers and maltsters..... | 75 | 73 | 79 | 74 | 75 | 79 |
| Tobacco manufacturers..... | 87 | 85 | 81 | 76 | 73 | 70 |
| Cigar manufacturers..... | 155 | 147 | 152 | 140 | 126 | 113 |
| Petroleum refineries..... | 13 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 18 |
| Manufacturers in Bond— | | | | | | |
| Vinegar distillers..... | 19 | 18 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Perfumes, pharmaceutical preparations, etc..... | 178 | 233 | 334 | 354 | 371 | 348 |
| Chemical stills..... | 129 | 140 | 149 | 163 | 166 | 164 |
| Wood alcohol manufacturers..... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| Malt vinegar brewers..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Malt products..... | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Still manufacturers and importers..... | 6 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 16 | 17 |
| Acetic acid manufacturers..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Bonded warehouses..... | 85 | 49 | 45 | 49 | 50 | 46 |
| Explosives..... | 2 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Rectifiers..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Compounders..... | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |