

13.—Statistics of Distillation for the fiscal years 1921-1925.

Schedule.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Licenses issued..... No.	14	10	12	14	16
License fees..... \$	3,250	2,500	2,750	3,375	4,125
Grain, etc., for distillation —					
Malt..... lb.	1,671,298	4,084,925	4,222,031	4,847,035	8,549,177
Indian corn..... "	18,111,700	33,210,842	12,596,833	25,969,850	48,524,438
Rye..... "	4,254,150	9,168,125	9,936,928	11,866,009	18,730,531
Oats..... "	133,980	185,260	88,310	138,044	205,412
Wheat..... "	69,740	220,755	-	1,104,540	222,160
Total grain..... "	24,240,868	46,869,907	26,844,102	43,925,478	76,231,718
Molasses..... "	54,848,675	44,996,266	45,009,401	38,894,101	56,277,470
Proof spirits manufactured..... gal.	4,194,691	5,050,188	3,828,879	4,411,896	7,287,691
Duty collected ex-manufactory on deficiencies and assessments—					
Gallons.....	3,551	6,747	204	638	3,795
Amount..... \$	8,536	16,192	1,840	5,746	34,163
Total duty collected plus license fees. \$	15,681	18,692	4,590	9,121	38,288
Vinegar..... gal.	880,982 ¹	-	-	-	-
Acetic acid..... "	46,375	-	-	-	-

¹ For April, May and June only. Regulations changed July 20, and duty taken off from that date.

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 1920 to 1925, 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 26 p.c. of the total in 1925. 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 168,097,387 in 1925, a decrease of 38 p.c.

14.—Quantities of Spirits, Malt Liquor, Malt and Tobacco taken out of Bond for Consumption in the fiscal years 1920-1925.

Items.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Spirits..... gal.	3,816,124	2,816,071	730,474	729,678	899,291	910,316
Malt liquor..... "	36,863,867	35,509,757	38,404,346	36,789,195	43,717,823	48,106,177
Malt..... lb.	69,975,631	82,210,351	87,561,176	84,922,024	105,466,169	118,237,385
Tobacco, snuff and cigarettes ¹ "	30,371,961	26,708,764	27,879,419	27,826,031	28,432,465	28,465,730
Cigars..... No.	270,089,761	214,262,197	181,255,533	183,965,151	198,042,909	168,097,387

¹ Tobacco, 20,062,043 lb.; snuff, 798,608 lb.; cigarettes, 2,531,693,150 in 1925.

15.—Consumption per head of Spirits, Wine, Beer and Tobacco, and amount of Excise and Customs Duties per head, in the fiscal years, 1920-1925.

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

Items.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Consumption of—						
Spirits..... gal.	0.624	0.857	0.360	0.219	0.239	0.228
Wine..... "	0.078	0.077	0.037	0.037	0.062	0.066
Beer..... "	4.100	3.954	4.375	4.028	4.790	5.223
Tobacco..... lb.	3.745	3.272	3.434	3.243	3.382	3.317
Duty paid on—						
Spirits..... \$	1.586	2.256	1.859	2.006	2.229	2.109
Wine..... \$	0.056	0.074	0.049	0.057	0.081	0.086
Beer..... \$	0.243	0.292	0.308	0.287	0.372	0.380
Tobacco..... \$	3.541	3.245	3.254	2.883	2.902	2.884