23.—Gross Excise Duties Collected, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1	23.—Gross	Excise Dutie	s Collected,	Years	Ended	Mar.	31,	1957-61	
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Item	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Spirits. Beer or malt liquor. Tobacco and cigarettes. Cigars. Licences.	86,180,032 83,077,741 120,818,541 267,235 35,556	89,928,576 88,225,546 131,378,168 305,894 34,069	96,550,734 83,058,147 140,881,924 319,369 34,471	102,353,962 90,704,392 145,503,942 672,030 34,547	108,502,109 90,970,563 148,964,858 693,646 34,226
Totals	290,379,105	309,872,253	320,844,645	339,268,873	349,165,402

24.—Statistics of Licences and Distillation, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1957-61

Item	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Licences issued	28 7,750	7,250	27 7,000	28 7,250	7,500
Malt. lb. Indian corn. " Rye. " Wheat and other grain. "	41,788,225 281,299,649 55,480,416 803,490	39,096,917 247,011,281 61,228,045 770,540	38,307,971 240,221,429 61,923,728 4,105,310	44,931,157 280,449,929 75,823,828 1,619,782	44,735,863 294,767,657 67,931,857 362,468
Totals, Grain Used	379, 371, 780	348, 106, 783	344, 558, 438	402,824,696	407,797,845
Molasses used lb. Wine and other materials " Sulphide liquor gal. Proof spirits manufactured proof gal.	35, 471, 876 4, 114, 008 368, 070, 334 30, 028, 834	33, 352, 564 4, 875, 894 374, 711, 047 28, 135, 387	69, 272, 572 8, 485, 879 339, 002, 204 29, 763, 383	47,990,689 7,949,327 341,939,637 32,188,806	67,372,931 12,311,263 347,032,242 33,650,346

The quantity of spirits manufactured has fluctuated greatly since 1920, varying from a low of 2,356,329 proof gal. in that year to a high of 35,555,059 proof gal. recorded in 1945. The total for 1961 was 33,650,346 proof gal.

The amounts of beverage spirits, malt beer, malt, cigars, cigarettes and other tobacco taken out of bond for consumption are given in the Domestic Trade Chapter, Table 38, p. 896.

Section 4.—Provincial Public Finance

Provincial government accounting and reporting practices vary considerably so that certain adjustments to the *Public Accounts* figures are required in order to produce comparable statistics. For example, transactions relating to a specific function are sometimes excluded from ordinary account; therefore special or administrative funds of this nature have been added to provincial ordinary account in the tables of this Section.

As of 1952, the fiscal years of all provinces end on Mar. 31. Figures for the Northwest Territories are included from 1955.

Subsection 1.—Revenue and Expenditure of Provincial Governments

Table 25 shows net revenue and expenditure of provincial governments for the years ended Mar. 31, 1956-60, and Tables 26 and 27 give details of such revenue and expenditure for the fiscal years ended in 1959 and 1960. "Net general revenue" and "net general expenditure" are arrived at by first analysing the combined revenues and expenditures of capital account, current or ordinary account and those working capital funds and special funds for which separate accounts are kept. Then the following types of revenue are deducted from revenue and offset against related expenditure: interest, premium, discount and exchange; institutional revenue; grants-in-aid and shared-cost contributions from other governments; and capital revenue. Table 28 gives details of the amounts paid to other governments by provincial governments, according to nature of payment.