MANUFACTURES IN BOND

Decreased rather more than 25 per cent. These are chiefly vinegar and methylated spirits.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The revenue from Public Works continued to decline. On *Canals*, there was a slight increase in the trade of the Chambly Canal, Quebec, and the St. Peter's, Cape Breton. The decrease on the Welland amounted to 5.6 per cent, on the St. Lawrence to 1.7 per cent., on the Ottawa to 13, on the Rideau to 11.8, and on the Burlington Canals to 8.1 per cent., the whole giving an average of 5.1 per cent. decrease in trade From statistics collected by the Commissioner of Revenue, it appears that on the Welland Canal vessels and all classes of staple products have decreased largely in quantity, while upon manufactured goods and merchandise there has been an increase of 3.48 per cent. The quantity of grain transhipped at Port Colborne, and discharged from vessels not entering the canal, is given in the following table;

	Grain Transhipped.				*Grain Discharged.*				
	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
	Centals.	Centals	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
Wheat	286,540	203,760	167,710	94,883	738,600	587,620	653,820	389,000	247,040
Corn.	118,000	143,640	1,9,160	71,680	622,300	656,400	145,800	247,040	
Barley	2,460						9,440		

The number of grain laden vessels lightened at Port Colborne was 84 against 135 in 1875, and the number entering unladen 40 against 62 in the preceding year.

SLIDES AND BOOMS.

The revenue from these works decreased $22,563, but the uncollected balances increased $16,063, leaving the actual decrease in tolls $6,500.

HYDRAULIC RENTS AND MINOR PUBLIC WORKS.

The outstanding balance on amounts of these rents was increased from $180,899 to 193,199. $57,444 accrued during the year, of which 45,165 only was paid during the fiscal year.

CULLING TIMBER.

The outstanding claims in this branch were also much increased. They now amount to $33,901; The fees for the year 1875-76 amounted to $71,952, of which only $57,125 was collected. There was a falling off in the fees of some $17,500.

IN BILL STAMPS

there was a decrease of $17.444, the revenue from them being $226,959.

WEIGHTS, MEASURES AND GAS.

Little was accomplished during the fiscal year towards the practical work of inspection.

Eight Boards of Examiners were appointed, and a large number of certificates granted to INSPECTORS OF STAPLE ARTICLES. But very few of these had made returns to the Department at the close of the fiscal year.

Analysts were appointed under the act for the Prevention of Adulteration of Food, and a special report of their work submitted to the Government, some account of which appears in another place. These appointments have greatly augmented the outside service of the Excise, the number of officers now being 593, classified as follows:

Officers of Excise	201
Collectors &c., of dues on Public Works	48
Supervision of Culler's Office.	18
Licensed Cullers	81
Deputy Inspectors of Weights and Measures	91
Inspectors of Gas	8
Food Analysts	4
Inspectors of Staple Commodities	32
Deputy Inspectors of Staple Commodities	110

The total expenditure of the Department was $475,538.51, and the revenue from its various branches $6,376,332.

The following summary comparison taken from the Report of the Department shows the accrued revenue for the years ended 30th June, 1872, '73, '74, '75 and '76 respectively.