

	1876.	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.
Excise.....	\$ 5,588,277	\$ 5,110,858	\$ 5,012,582	\$ 4,518,194	\$ 4,702,378
Revenue Public Works.....	587,026	558,909	672,120	686,798	592,961
Culling Timber.....	71,953	89,597	95,913	79,787	74,512
Bill Stamps.....	226,900	244,592	209,293	201,496	189,161
Weights and Measures, Gas and Law Stamps.....	2,116
Total.....	6,876,332	6,008,241	6,589,818	5,431,235	5,619,012

Upon Excise.....	\$427,924
Weights and Measures
Gas and Law Stamps....	2,116
	<u>430,040</u>

There was a falling off in the revenue—
 From Public Works of.. \$21,673
 “ Bill Stamps of 17,644
 “ Culling Timber of. 17,632
56,949

Leaving a net increase of . \$373,091

SUPPLEMENTARY.

In a supplementary report to the report of the Department of Inland Revenue is given details of the work so far accomplished by the Inspectors of Weights, Measures and Gas, during the six months in which the law had been in operation before the writing of the report. Out of nearly 30,000 weights presented only about a quarter passed the verification after a second and third test. Of weights of the old denominations (56 and 14 pounds) over 8,000 were presented of which only 275 were finally rejected. Out of 37,650 Dominion measures of capacity only 124 were rejected, and 13 per cent. were admitted after a second and third inspection. 5,538 measures of length were presented for verification, of which 52 were rejected.

Very few Gas Meters were offered for inspection, the total number being 2848; the number verified 2,651; and the number rejected 147 in the whole Dominion.

The illuminating power of the gas during the nine months of 1876 in which it was inspected was always above the standard at its lowest power. In Toronto it fell below the standard in the month of October. In Hamilton and Halifax it kept well above the standard, the standard in Halifax being 16 candles and the lowest actual average 20.42. In Quebec the average was slightly above and in St. John it fell below in the month of August. In Montreal, during the months from June to the end of year, the sulphur was largely in excess of the allowance, only once above it in Toronto, while ammonia always exceeded the standard in both cities. No tests for these substances were made in the other cities during 1876.

By the above statement it will be seen that the accrued revenue during the year just closed was \$6,876,332 as against \$6,008,241 for the year 1874-75, being an increase of \$873,091 or about 6½ per cent. This increase has arisen as follows :

Mining in the Dominion.

The subjoined table, showing the exports of the products of the mine for the fiscal years ending June 30th, 1875, and June 30th, 1876, conveys no correct idea of the activity displayed in nearly all branches of mining during the past twelve or eighteen months; and it may be safely said that the trade and navigation returns

for the ensuing year will tell a different tale. It is impossible that the serious and intelligent enterprise brought to bear of late upon such mineral resources as ours should not result ere long in very much more encouraging returns than we have hitherto known.