

185. The following table gives the amounts raised from the Customs and Excise duties during the last twenty-four years, together with the proportion of each to population* :—

TAXATION BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES AND PROPORTION TO POPULATION IN CANADA—1868-1891.

Amounts raised by Customs and Excise duties, 1868-1891.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Customs.	Amount per Head.	PROPORTION TO		Excise.	Amount per Head.
			Total Taxation.	Imports for Home Consumption.		
			Per cent.	Per cent.		
	\$	\$ cts.			\$	\$ cts.
1868...	8,578,380	2 54	73·3	12·25	3,002,588	0 89
1869...	8,272,879	2 42	74·4	12·31	2,710,028	0 79
1870...	9,334,212	2 70	71·3	13·28	3,619,622	1 05
1871...	11,841,104	3 36	72·5	13·62	4,295,944	1 22
1872...	12,787,982	3 54	72·2	12·11	4,735,651	1 31
1873...	12,954,164	3 53	73·5	10·20	4,460,681	1 22
1874...	14,325,192	3 74	71·1	11·32	5,594,903	1 46
1875...	15,351,011	3 95	74·3	12·83	5,069,687	1 30
1876...	12,823,837	3 25	66·0	13·44	5,563,487	1 41
1877...	12,546,987	3 14	70·9	13·03	4,941,897	1 23
1878...	12,782,824	3 13	71·6	14 03	4,858,671	1 19
1879...	12,900,659	3 11	69·8	16·10	5,390,763	1 30
1880...	14,071,343	3 34	76·1	19·70	4,232,427	1 00
1881...	18,406,092	4 24	76·8	20·19	5,343,022	1 23
1882...	21,581,570	4 92	78·3	19·27	5,884,859	1 34
1883...	23,009,582	5 19	78·6	18·82	6,260,116	1 41
1884...	20,023,890	4 47	75·5	18·64	5,459,309	1 22
1885...	18,935,428	4 17	74·5	18·61	6,449,101	1 42
1886...	19,373,551	4 22	76·8	19·50	5,852,904	1 28
1887...	22,378,801	4 83	78·0	21·24	6,308,201	1 36
1888...	22,105,926	4 72	78·4	21·57	6,071,487	1 30
1889...	23,726,784	5 01	74·2	21·65	6,886,739	1 45
1890...	23,968,954	5 00	75·8	21·21	7,618,118	1 59
1891...	23,399,301	4 83	77·2	20·66	6,914,850	1 43

186. It will be seen that considerably the largest part of the whole amount of taxation is derived from Customs duties, the average proportion for the 24 years having been 74·2 per cent, later years showing a tendency to increase it. The proportion in the United States in 1891 was 59 per cent, and in some of the Australasian colonies it is nearly 90 per cent.

Proportion derived from Customs duties.

187. The expenses of collection of Customs revenue were 3·83 per cent, being a slight increase on the preceding year, but 70 per cent below the average of twenty-four years. It cost \$2.16 per head less to collect

Collection of Customs revenue, 1891.

*The amounts of Customs duties being taken from the Public Accounts, which represent the amounts actually paid in, will not quite correspond with the figures in the Trade and Navigation Returns, which are for amounts accrued.