

Chief loss on
spirits and
tobacco.

3. The total decrease on the whole of the revenues included in the above Statement, is more than accounted for by the decrease in the duties collected on spirits and tobacco. The decrease on the former being \$449,041, and in the latter \$145,060, or \$594,101 on these two articles. The decrease in the revenue derived from petroleum is accounted for by the repeal of the duty which took effect on and from the 20th February, 1877. The collection, therefore, extended only over a period of seven and a half months.

Summary
statement of
excise.

4. THE following Statement will show how the details of Excise Revenue accrued during the past year, compared with the four years ended 30th June, 1873, 1874, 1875 and 1876, respectively.

Articles.	1	2	3	4	5
	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Spirits	2,825,141	3,503,365	2,977,221	3,090,993	2,650,852
Malt Liquor	26,598	25,570	29,976	14,188	7,475
Malt	358,332	354,765	351,386	327,709	389,257
Tobacco	1,013,557	1,401,271	1,434,778	1,775,450	1,630,390
Petroleum ..	237,777	274,439	268,553	285,553	235,329
Manufactures in Bond.....	33,780	40,006	37,176	27,834	30,054
Seizures	5,049	6,289	5,220	1,675	1,597
Other Receipts.....	12,962	6,877	6,043	5,975	5,670
Total.....	4,513,196	5,612,582	5,110,353	5,538,277	4,950,624