

liquors have all been taken as containing four per cent. of alcohol.

It only remains to be remarked that, while the aggregate figures for the whole of Canada are indisputably correct, the figures for each Province separately are not so reliable, inasmuch as a considerable proportion of such goods are duty-paid at Montreal or Toronto and are shipped to the smaller Provinces for consumption. Thus, for example, the Province of Quebec is credited with having consumed in 1884 0.90 gallons, while Nova Scotia appears only to have consumed 0.38, and Prince Edward Island 0.30. It is possible that both these last named Provinces purchased a portion of their wines and liquors in Montreal, while, if any malt liquors were shipped from the Province of Quebec or Ontario, the whole of such goods must necessarily have been shipped duty-paid, the duty being levied on the malt, not on the ale or beer produced.

And further: these Maritime Provinces have an extended sea coast; the Island of Ste. Pierre Miquelon lies very conveniently as a base for smuggling operations. It is known that spirits and wines are exported to that island in quantities far in excess of the requirements of its inhabitants, and it must be inferred that many a fishing vessel touching at maritime ports land spirits which have paid no duty to the Canadian Government, and which, therefore, do not figure in its statistics.

TABLE SHOWING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL PER INHABITANT  
OF CANADA AND EACH PROVINCE THEREOF.

RATE OF DUTY PER PROOF GALLON	YEAR.	ONT. Gall's.	QUE. Gall's.	N. S. Gall's.	N. B. Gall's.	P. E. I. Gall's.	MAN. Gall's.	B. C. Gall's.	TOTAL. Gall's.
63 cents.	1868	1.00	0.92	0.60	0.69	.....	.....	.....	1.09
	1869	0.75	0.62	0.49	0.57	.....	.....	.....	0.79
	1870	0.87	0.89	0.46	0.69	.....	.....	.....	0.99
	1871	1.01	0.98	0.52	0.78	.....	.....	.....	1.10
	1872	1.01	1.10	0.56	0.80	.....	.....	.....	1.19
	1873	1.02	1.10	0.56	0.88	.....	.....	.....	1.18
75 cents...	1874	1.31	1.15	0.62	0.88	.....	.....	.....	1.37
	1875	0.91	0.87	0.46	0.67	.....	.....	.....	0.99
	90 " ...	1876	0.96	0.92	0.45	0.61	0.57	1.00	0.85
	" " ...	1877	0.74	0.80	0.44	0.48	0.49	0.20	0.84
	" " ...	1878	0.72	0.79	0.34	0.57	0.28	0.39	1.06
	" " ...	1879	0.98	0.75	0.35	0.49	0.39	0.58	1.33
\$1.00 .....	1880	0.57	0.62	0.28	0.38	0.28	0.60	0.81	0.53
	" .....	1881	0.71	0.80	0.35	0.48	0.34	0.28	0.81
	" .....	1882	0.78	0.88	0.36	0.56	0.27	0.25	0.96
	" .....	1883	0.83	0.97	0.30	0.60	0.26	0.30	1.24
	" .....	1884	0.74	0.90	0.39	0.53	0.21	0.23	1.24

What does this table show? That when the Scott Act was passed, the