

REPORT.

To the Honorable

The Minister of Inland Revenue.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honor to submit statements of the revenues collected by this Department for the Fiscal Year ended 30th June, 1877, together with the usual information as to the cost of collecting them, and statistical details respecting the sources whence these revenues were derived.

1. The following summary comparison shows the accrued revenues for the years ended 30th June, 1873-74-75-76 and '77, respectively

Comparative statement for five years.

| | 1873. | 1874. | 1875. | 1876. | 1877. |
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| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Excise..... | 4,513,194 | 5,012,582 | 5,110,353 | 5,538,277 | 4,950,624 |
| Public Works..... | 636,798 | 672,120 | 558,699 | 537,026 | 547,377 |
| Culling timber..... | 79,767 | 95,913 | 89,597 | 71,953 | 67,128 |
| Bill Stamps..... | 201,496 | 209,233 | 244,592 | 226,960 | 208,968 |
| Weights and Measures, Gas and Law Stamps..... | | | | 2,116 | 55,037 |
| Total..... | 5,431,255 | 6,589,848 | 6,003,241 | 6,376,332 | 5,829,154 |

2. By the above Statement, it will be seen that the accrued revenue during the year just closed was \$5,829,154, as against \$6,376,332 for the years 1875-76, being a decrease of \$547,178, or about 8.58 per cent.

Details of decrease.

This decrease has arisen as follows :—

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| Upon Excise..... | \$587,653 |
| “ Culling Timber..... | 4,825 |
| “ Bill Stamps..... | 17,992 |
| | \$610,470 |

There was an increase in the revenue :—

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| From Public Works, of..... | \$10,351 |
| “ Weights and Measures, Gas and Law Stamps, of. | 52,941 |
| | 63,292 |

Leaving a net decrease of.....\$547,178