

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, 1878, 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, 1874-75-76-77 and 78 respectively. Comparative statement for five years.

	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Excise.....	5,612,582	5,110,353	5,538,277	4,950,624	4,888,070
Public Works.....	672,120	558,699	537,026	547,377	507,132
Culling Timber.....	95,913	89,597	71,953	67,128	56,489
Bill Stamps.....	209,233	244,592	226,960	208,968	200,614
Weights and Measures, Gas and Law Stamps.....			2,116	55,057	33,405
Total.....	6,589,848	6,003,241	6,376,332	5,829,154	5,685,710

2. By the above Statement it will be seen that the accrued revenue during the year just closed was \$5,685,710, as against \$5,829,154 for the year 1876-77, being a decrease of \$143,444, or nearly 2½ per cent. Details of decrease.

The decrease has arisen as follows:—

Upon Excise.....	\$62,554
“ Public Works.....	40,245
“ Culling Timber.....	10,639
“ Bill Stamps.....	8,354
“ Weights and Measures, Gas and Law Stamps.....	21,652
	\$143,444

The decrease has therefore been general over all branches of Inland Revenue.