

MALT.

Fiscal Year.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	In warehouse at commencement of period.	Manufactured during the year.	Taken for Consumption.	Exported.	Otherwise accounted for.	In warehouse at end of period.	Memorandum of Revenue accrued thereon, including License Fees.
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	\$
1870-71.....	10,864,430	33,206,876	27,671,497	6,524,850	92,441	9,782,518	294,765
1871-72.....	9,782,518	42,479,199	29,981,647	8,765,786	132,845	13,381,439	319,391
1872-73.....	13,381,439	44,133,995	33,955,694	10,193,631	504,068	12,862,041	358,332
1873-74.....	12,862,041	31,802,989	33,369,016	6,233,367	412,292	4,650,355	354,765
	46,890,428	151,623,059	124,977,854	31,717,634	1,141,646	40,676,353	1,327,253
Average, 1871-72-73-74.....	11,722,607	37,905,764	31,244,464	7,929,409	285,411	10,169,088	331,813
1874-75.....	4,650,355	41,039,986	33,016,082	4,677,960	33,360	7,962,939	351,386

From the above it will be gathered that although the production of malt was greater in the past year than in any other preceding year the quantity taken for consumption was somewhat less than in 1873-4 or 1872-3. It was, however, about 8½ per cent. in excess of the average consumption of the three years ended 30th June, 1873.

The difference between the quantity made and the quantity taken for consumption is accounted for by the increased quantity in bond on the 30th June, 1875, as compared with the quantity in bond on the 30th June, 1874, the quantity at the last mentioned date being 7,962,939 as compared with 4,650,355 at the former. It was still, however, a good deal below the average quantity in bond at the end of each of the four years ended 30th June, 1874.

There is also a very decided decrease in the quantity exported, which averaged very nearly eight millions of pounds for each of the four years ended 30th June, 1874, but only reached 4,677,960 pounds during the year last passed.

The revenue from malt last year fell short of the revenue of the preceding year but is about 5½ per cent. in excess of the average annual revenue collected during the four preceding years.

Of the quantity of malt used during the last fiscal year 30,377,039 pounds were used in the manufacture of malt liquor and 3,826,996 pounds in distilleries, but of the whole revenue collected from malt \$13,353.78 was refunded to brewers who used sugar, syrup, or "Glucose" in combination with malt, and who therefore paid a duty of 3¼ cents per wine gallon on the beer produced, and \$2,641.48 has been refunded under the Act 31 Vic., Cap 8, as a drawback of malt duty on beer exported. After deducting these items it appears that the net revenue from malt used by brewers is \$287,775.13, to which is to be added the duty collected on malt liquor partly pro-