

CIGARS.

22. In continuation of the tabulated Statements contained in last year's report, the following is now submitted :—

Comparative consumption of cigars.

Year.	Total Consumption.	Customs Duty.	Excise Duty.
	Lbs.		
1874.....	676,429	45 cts per lb.	40 cts. per lb.
1875.....	488,273	70 do	40 do
1876.....	507,866	70 do	40 do
1877.....	417,703	50 do and 20 per cent. ad valorem.	40 do
1878.....	496,860	50 do 20 do do	40 do
1879.....	606,864	50 do 20 do do	40 do

23. The total consumption in 1879, shows therefore, an increase of about 22 per cent., as compared with 1878, of which 15½ per cent. is on imported cigars, and 6½ per cent. on cigars of Canadian manufacture.

Of the whole quantity taken for consumption the proportions have been :—

1873 imported.....	72.09 per cent.
Canadian.....	27.91 do
1874 imported.....	64.64 do
Canadian.....	35.36 do
1875 imported.....	36.00 do
Canadian.....	64.00 do
1876 imported.....	38.48 do
Canadian.....	61.52 do
1877 imported.....	28.85 do
Canadian.....	76.15 do
1878 imported.....	27.00 do
Canadian.....	73.00 do
1879 imported.....	34.88 do
Canadian.....	65.12 do

PETROLEUM.

24. The total repeal of the excise duty on Petroleum would remove all reference to it from this Report, were it not still subject to inspection when intended for use in Canada. The Department has now no means of knowing either the quantity produced or the quantity exported, and can only state that the quantity inspected

Number of packages inspected.