

To the above quantities are to be added the quantity of leaf taken for consumption in a raw state, during the same years, which will give the following additional columns:—

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	Raw Leaf taken for Consumption.		Total Tobacco taken for Consumption.	Duty collected thereon including License Fees
	Canadian.	Foreign.		
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	\$
1872-73.....	50,408	255,223	6,569,839	1,013,557
1873-74.....	113,797	277,634	8,875,624	1,401,271
1874-75.....	65,529	228,172	6,869,144	1,434,778
1875-76.....	11,932	158,272	8,524,159	1,775,450
	241,666	919,301	30,838,766	5,625,056
Annual Average of four years ended 30th June, 1876.....	60,416	229,825	7,709,691	1,406,264
1876-77.....	8,630	87,203	7,816,466	1,630,390

Comparison of averages.

27. From the above, it appears that the production of manufactured tobacco, during the past fiscal year, has been 1,823,164 lbs. in excess of the quantity manufactured in 1875-76, and greater than the average annual production of the four preceding years by 993,612 lbs., but the quantity taken for consumption during the year ending 30th June, 1877, is less than the quantity taken during the preceding year by 633,322 lbs., though it is greater than the average taken during the four preceding years by 301,184 lbs.

Warehouse.

28. The stocks of manufactured tobacco in warehouse, at the close of the past fiscal year, exceed the stocks in warehouse at its commencement by 637,054 lbs., and they exceed the average of the preceding four years by 534,491 lbs.

Small consumption of Canadian leaf

29. The additional column (No. 7) respecting raw leaf, presents an unsatisfactory statement in relation to that article. The quantity of Canadian leaf taken for consumption, as such, was at its maximum in 1873-74, when it amounted to 113,797 lbs. Since then there has been an annual decline until last year, when it amounted only to the nominal quantity of 8,630 lbs. Yet the information which comes to the Department from various sources, justifies the belief that there has been a steady increase in the quantity cultivated; and the num-