

afforded by them of the operation of the law. The three named States paid in 1872-'73 on spirits and fermented liquors:—

1872-73.

States.	Tax on Spirits.	Fermented Liquors.	Total.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Massachusetts.....	1,674,276 65	638,975 51	2,313,253 16
Maine	80,866 70	9,410 19	90,276 89
Vermont	19,063 00	3,609 14	22,672 14
	1,774,206 35	651,995 84	2,426,202 19

1872-73.

States.	Tax on Spirits.	Fermented Liquors.	Total.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Massachusetts	1,677,356 37	518,866 24	2,196,222 61
Maine	37,172 75	14,335 94	51,508 69
Vermont	14,969 75	3,301 45	18,271 20
	1,729,498 87	536,503 63	2,266,002 50

Totals Compared.

States.	1872-73.	1873-74.	Decrease.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Massachusetts	2,313,253 16	2,196,222 61	117,030 55
Maine	90,276 89	51,508 69	38,768 20
Vermont	22,672 14	18,271 20	4,400 94
	2,426,102 19	2,266,002 50	160,199 69

Massachusetts—Spirit tax increases.....	3,079 72
Fermented liquors decrease	120,110 27
Maine—Spirit tax decreases (over half).....	43,693 95
Fermented liquors increase	4,925 75
Vermont—Spirit tax decreases.....	307 69