

Courier des États Unis, of yesterday, this statement, and the figures by which it is supported, were furnished to our Parisian cotemporary directly from the Emperor himself, without the knowledge of any of his Ministers. The first point of the statement is that, if all the men on furlough are called in, and no more furloughs given, the French army will consist, on the 1st of April next, of 568,000 men : if the whole of the recruits of 1858 are called in, this strength will be increased by 64,000 men ; and if war be declared, the Government may, with absolute certainty, count upon 50,000 voluntary enlistments at least, either of old soldiers whose time has expired, or of young volunteers. This would give a grand total of 682,000, divided, according to the Imperial statistician, as follows :—

Infantry	390,978
Cavalry.....	83,000
Artillery.....	46,450
Engineers	12,110
Train.....	10,120
Guards.....	29,942
Miscellaneous corps.....	49,000
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Total.....	621,600

STATISTICS OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN CANADA.

From the Report of the House of Assembly Committee, appointed to inquire into this subject, we have arranged the following items which will doubtless be interesting to the readers of the *Merchants' Magazine*, from various points of view :—

CONSUMPTION OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS IN CANADA WEST IN 1858.

	Gallons.
Proof Spirit, manufactured.....	2,543,701
All kinds Imported	684,355
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Total consumed	3,228,056

MALT LIQUORS.

Brewed in C. W.....	850,375
Imported.....	366,361
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Total consumed	1,216,746

Bushels of grain used in Distilleries, chiefly Wheat, (estimated by Mr. Roland Burr)	1,000,000
Bushels of Barley used in Brewing.....	1,000,000
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Total bushels of grain consumed.....	2,000,000