

CIGARS.

21. In continuation of the tabulated Statements submitted last year the following is now submitted:—

Comparative consumption of cigars.

Year.	Total Consumption.	Customs Duty.	Excise Duty.
	Lbs.		
1873.....	674,609	45 cts. per lb.	30 cts. per lb.
1874.....	676,429	45 do	40 do
1875.....	488,273	70 do	40 do
1876.....	507,866	70 do	40 do
1877.....	417,703	50 do and 20 per ct. ad val.	40 do
1878.....	496,860	50 cts. per lb. and 20 per ct. ad val.	40 do

The total consumption in 1878 shows, therefore, an increase of about 18·95 per cent., as compared with 1877, of which 3·28 per cent. is on imported cigars, and 15·67 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

PETROLEUM.

22. The total repeal of the duty on Petroleum prevents any reliable statement of the transactions in that article being offered. The following table, is however repeated for reference but the line for 1878, only refers to the quantity inspected and the fees collected thereon as to which it may be observed that in some cases, fees are twice collected on the same article as happens

Repeal of duty and comparison of previous years.