

Of which the following quantities were manufactured during the year set opposite them :—

		Gallons.
Year ending 30th June, 1883	- - - - -	4,281,207.68
" " 1884	- - - - -	4,207,575.84
" " 1885	- - - - -	3,579,332.17*
" " 1886	- - - - -	4,355,736.23*
" " 1887	- - - - -	5,119,506.33*
" " 1888	- - - - -	5,514,589.03*
" " 1889	- - - - -	5,847,508.40*
" " 1890	- - - - -	5,091,475.43
" " 1891	- - - - -	4,397,594.40
" " 1892	- - - - -	3,498,231.51
		45,892,757.02

*Scott Act years.

The amount of gallons of spirits entered for consumption from the distilleries during the term of years, was as follows :—

		Gallons.
Duty \$1.00, 1882	- - - - -	2,851,512.45
" " 1883	- - - - -	3,092,175.19
" " 1884	- - - - -	3,000,491.96
" " 1885	- - - - -	3,888,012.08
Duty \$1.30, 1886	- - - - -	2,412,818.04
" " 1887	- - - - -	2,864,935.20
" " 1888	- - - - -	2,326,326.99
" " 1889	- - - - -	2,960,446.73
" " 1890	- - - - -	3,521,193.96
Duty \$1.50, 1891	- - - - -	2,687,664.28
" " 1892	- - - - -	2,545,934.78
Total for eleven years	- - - - -	32,151,711.36
In ten years	- - - - -	29,300,198.91
An average of	- - - - -	2,930,019.00
In five years	- - - - -	14,041,566.43
An average of	- - - - -	2,808,313.29

Allow me here to direct attention to the fallaciousness, if not the actual dishonesty of an argument frequently advanced by Ontario prohibitionists, and made to do duty even within a few months. It is the statement that in 1886, when the larger number of counties in Ontario were under the Scott Act, the amount of liquor taken out of bond for consumption was a million and a half of gallons less than in 1885. Not long ago a prominent temperance editor placed the decrease at 1,900,000 gallons. We will suppose that he had not himself looked up the figures. No argument is needed in refutation; the change in the duties is ample explanation. But one is led to wonder why these good gentlemen never happened to compare the figures of 1887 with those of 1886, when the same number of counties were under the Scott Act.

The stocks of spirits held in warehouse all over the Dominion from the year 1882, year ending 30th June, to the present time, were as follows :—

		Gallons.
Duty \$1.00, 1882	- - - - -	1,642,577.22
" " 1883	- - - - -	1,841,123.05
" " 1884	- - - - -	2,201,034.27
" " 1885	- - - - -	1,242,196.82
Duty \$1.30, 1886	- - - - -	2,832,474.25
" " 1887	- - - - -	4,563,977.42
" " 1888	- - - - -	7,423,207.70
" " 1889	- - - - -	9,948,182.30
" " 1890	- - - - -	11,099,179.17
" " 1891	- - - - -	12,415,785.98
Duty \$1.50, 1892	- - - - -	12,836,079.48
" " 1893	- - - - -	13,502,814.00