

THE REVENUES OF CANADA.

We present in this issue a table showing the sources in detail from which the revenue of the country was derived in 1897, as compared with seven previous years, and with 1868, the first year under Confederation. The comparison is carried back to the year 1890, as that year showed the "high water" mark of receipts from taxes, and other sources of revenue. Up to that year there had been a steady increase in revenue receipts over the low figure, at which they stood when Confederation was established, as the following shows:—

	Customs and Excise.	Other Revenues.	Total Revenue.	Increase in 5 years.
1868.....	\$11,700,681	\$1,987,247	\$13,687,928	.....
1873.....	17,616,555	3,196,915	20,813,470	\$7,125,542
1878.....	17,841,938	4,533,074	22,375,012	1,561,542
1883.....	29,269,698	6,524,952	35,794,650	13,419,638
1890.....	31,570,772	8,292,853	39,879,925	4,085,275
Increase of 1890 over 1868	19,886,391	6,305,606	26,191,997	.....
Increase of 1897 over 1868	16,947,945	7,191,905	24,141,850	.....

In the ten years, from 1887 to 1897, the yearly averages of receipts from Customs, Excise, Public Works, Post Office, Interest on Investments and Miscellaneous sources were as follows:—

	Average receipts 1887 to 1897.	1897.	Increase or Decrease of 1897.
Customs.....	\$21,080,610	\$19,478,000	— \$1,602,610
Excise.....	7,708,000	9,170,378	+ 1,462,378
Public Works.....	3,649,800	3,587,166	— 62,634
Post office.....	2,668,400	3,202,938	+ 534,538
Int. on Investment.....	1,200,036	1,443,004	+ 242,968
Miscellaneous.....	997,378	948,292	— 49,086
Average of total revenue 1887 to 1897.....	37,304,224	37,829,778	+ 525,554

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

On Tuesday the first meeting of the International Arbitration Commission was called at the Parliament building, Quebec. The preliminary work of organization was followed by an informal reception by the city officials and an address of welcome delivered by the Mayor of the city. At noon the Commissioners met in private session in the Legislative Assembly Room, all of the Commissioners excepting Congressman Dingley and Sir James Winter being present. After the formal exchange of credentials, Senator Fairbanks, as chairman of the American delegation, named Lord Herschell, of England, as permanent president of the joint commission. Three secretaries were then chosen, Chandler P. Anderson, representing the Americans, W. C. Cartwright, for Great Britain, and Henry Bourassa, M. P., representing the Canadians. A committee of four Commissioners was appointed to formulate a plan of procedure.

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A table compiled from official returns showing the respective sources of the public revenue for the past 8 years and for 1868.

SOURCE OF REVENUE.	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1868
TAXES:—									
Customs.....	\$19,478,247	\$19,833,279	\$17,640,466	\$19,198,114	\$20,954,003	\$20,501,059	\$23,399,301	\$23,968,953	\$8,578,880
Excise.....	9,170,378	7,926,006	7,805,732	8,381,089	8,367,364	7,945,097	6,914,850	7,618,118	3,122,301
Total Taxes.....	28,648,625	27,759,285	25,446,198	27,579,203	29,321,367	28,446,156	30,314,151	31,587,071	11,700,681
Casual.....	119,210	210,557	89,145	201,941	139,456	219,194	99,328	152,930	6,936
Callers' Fees.....	10,428	11,405	7,106	12,066	10,945	14,357	16,733	18,224	69,797
Dominion Lands.....	172,513	166,256	167,870	210,097	285,597	322,796	264,592	220,141	.....
“ Steamers.....	9,982	11,414	9,535	14,639	15,006	7,255	16,011	10,721	.....
Fines and Seizures.....	21,037	2,992	22,469	12,340	82,535	9,586	2,430	68,278	30,305
Fisheries.....	106,469	88,823	94,970	79,601	111,540	62,786	70,794	69,643	19,567
Light Inspection.....	28,365	31,513	23,550	20,749	18,165	13,177	10,543	12,233	.....
Interest on Investments.....	1,443,004	1,370,000	1,336,047	1,217,809	1,150,167	1,086,420	1,077,228	1,082,271	174,073
Insurance Fees.....	10,183	9,986	9,794	8,978	8,126	7,913	7,694	7,707	.....
Sable Island.....	2,775	2,772	4,815	6,795	990	978	915	2,912	29,537
Militia.....	40,362	42,717	39,445	42,527	42,584	40,372	43,358	43,209	26,155
Miscellaneous.....	12,897	22,412	11,148	11,642	10,028	8,969	9,210	7,336	15,066
Ordnance Lands.....	9,831	17,550	22,645	22,318	33,777	42,361	54,230	29,922	42,333
Patent Fees, &c.....	110,009	98,865	94,603	83,104	87,182	83,972	90,087	89,164	40,012
Penitentiaries.....	83,808	42,493	24,624	11,162	10,321	9,156	13,069	14,568	64,440
Post Office.....	3,202,938	2,964,014	2,792,790	2,809,341	2,773,508	2,652,746	2,515,823	2,357,390	525,692
Public Works.....	3,587,166	3,594,264	3,591,689	3,702,745	3,761,474	3,575,167	3,685,630	3,800,110	901,466
Exchange.....	34,853	3,162	18,876	151,071	126,926	141,080	118,351	118,503	.....
Superannuation.....	59,218	61,390	63,274	63,975	64,433	63,863	62,825	61,513	.....
Tonnage dues, &c.....	25,033	23,934	25,384	24,866	29,076	29,884	28,890	37,757	17,601
“ Mariners' Fund.....	54,291	45,726	42,715	49,090	46,200	45,381	43,829	47,882	24,672
Weights and Measures.....	36,773	37,057	39,433	38,631	39,205	38,296	33,586	40,439	.....
Cents omitted.....	8	4	4	3	1	7	3	1	5
Total Receipts.....	37,829,778	36,618,591	33,978,129	36,374,693	38,168,609	36,921,872	38,579,311	39,879,925	13,687,928