

MALT AND MALT LIQUOR.

Comparison
of five years
as to malt.

19. The following Statement shows the transactions in malt during the year ended 30th June, 1877, and four preceding years.

Fiscal Year.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	In Warehouse at commencement of period.	Manufactured during the year.	Taken for Consumption.	Exported.	Other-wise accounted for.	In Warehouse at end of period.	Memo. of Revenue accrued thereon, including License Fees.
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	\$
1872-73	13,381,439	44,133,995	33,955,694	10,193,631	504,068	12,862,041	358,332
1873-74	12,862,041	31,802,989	33,369,016	6,233,367	412,292	4,650,355	354,765
1874-75	4,650,355	41,039,986	33,016,082	4,677,960	33,360	7,962,939	351,386
1875-76	7,962,939	51,876,385	30,693,447	10,123,378	7,190	19,015,309	327,709
	38,856,774	168,853,355	131,034,239	31,228,336	956,910	44,490,644	1,392,192
Annual average of four years ended June 30, 1876	9,714,193	42,213,339	32,758,560	7,807,084	239,227	11,122,661	348,048
1876-77	19,015,309	39,235,298	28,878,551	11,577,814	2,910	17,791,332	389,257

Comparison
of averages.

20. The above Statement shows that the quantity of malt manufactured, during the past fiscal year, is less than the average of the four previous years, by 2,978,041 lbs., and less than the quantity manufactured in 1875-76 by 12,641,087 lbs., while the quantity taken for consumption was 3,880,009 lbs. below the average, and 1,814,896 lbs. less than was taken in 1875-76. These figures show that there has been a steady decline in the quantity of malt used during the past five years.

Exports.

21. The quantity of malt exported last year, is 3,770,730 lbs. in excess of the average exports of the preceding four years, and 1,454,436 lbs. in excess of the exports of 1875-76.

In bond.

22. The quantity remaining in bond on the 30th June, 1877, was less than the quantity in bond at the commencement of the year by 1,223,977 lbs.

Quantity used
for brewing.

23. Of the quantity of malt used during the fiscal year, 27,471,797 lbs., were used in the manufacture of malt liquor, and 3,013,920 lbs. in distilling. It is somewhat remarkable that notwithstanding the increased duty on malt which was in operation during about one-third of the past malting season, the use of glucose, sugar, and