

found that although Canada received an accession to her population of 100,000 by Prince Edward Island, and that the revenue was increased from 15c. for former years to 20c, the increase of revenue for the year, for 1874-75, over the average revenue for the previous four years, was only \$259,000, which difference is compensated, less \$20,000, by the rise of 5c. per lb., which seems to point conclusively to an increased growth and illicit consumption of the article, somewhere within the limits of the Dominion.

It was of necessity that these comparisons have been made, as there was no statistical statements of any kind to which reference can be had.

#### THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

There are other aspects from which this subject may be viewed. Tobacco, in former years, formed a considerable product in some parts of Ontario, and a large business was done in it by the farmers along the Lake Erie shore, but that, too, had to succumb to undue competition.

The principal market for it being the Province of Quebec, the increase and low price of the crooked article has nearly exterminated that also, and all who held stocks of it have been only too glad to get rid of it at the least possible loss.

To show to what extent that business has declined, the following statistics are brought to your notice :—

For 1871-72 there was returned for duty .....	245,000 lbs.
" 1872-73 " " " " " .....	135,000 "
" 1873-74 " " " " " .....	137,000 "
" 1874-75 " " " " " .....	23,000 "

Showing a falling off in four years of over 90 per cent. This business in former times was a profitable one to all concerned, and it is doubtful that there could be purchased in all that District to-day 10,000 lbs. of tobacco