

LESS WHISKEY AND TOBACCO USED.

The annual report of the Inland Revenue Department for the last fiscal year shows a considerable falling off in the production of spirits and in the consumption of tobacco, due, doubtless, to the financial stringency and the consequent economizing of liquor and tobacco users. The quantity of spirits produced during the twelve months was 5,176,048 gallons, a decrease of 1,673,715 gallons, or about twenty-five per cent., as compared with the previous fiscal year. The foreign demand for Canadian distillery products also fell off, the quantity exported being 311,314 gallons, a decrease of 101,545 gallons. The excise revenue was \$15,048,589, a decrease of \$929,073. The number of cigars taken for consumption during the years was 192,105,371, as compared with 200,133,255 in 1907. The number of cigarettes manufactured last year was 356,189,380, a decrease from the previous year of 28,304,674.

MISS BRENT, PRESIDENT.

The Lady Superintendents of Hospitals, who met in London recently, elected officers as follows:—President, Miss Louise C. Brent, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto; First Vice-President, Miss Margaret E. Stanley, Victoria Hospital, London; Second Vice-President, Miss Wilson, General Hospital, Winnipeg; Secretary, Mrs. House, Superintendent Hamilton Hospital; Treasurer, Miss Chesley, St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa; Councillors, Miss Meiklephon, Miss Morton, Miss Woodland, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Jackson; Auditor, Miss Matheson. Toronto was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

OPEN LETTER.

DEAR DOCTOR:—

A meeting of physicians and surgeons interested in Scientific Clinical Research is called for Wednesday, October 27, 1909, at John Ware Hall, Boston Medical Library, No. 8 Fenway, Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting will come to order at 10 a.m., and carry its sessions through Wednesday, and, if necessary, through Thursday and Friday.

The object of the meeting is,

First, to establish an American Association of Clinical Research;

Secondly, to establish clinical research on an incontrovertible scientific basis in hospitals; and