

received from post office. Taking up the report of my colleague, the hon. the Minister of Customs, I find that, on the following articles, important increases in duty have been received :

Animals, living	\$ 17,122
Carrriages	59,072
Fancy goods	9,902
Glass and manufactures of	10,760
Leather do	17,108
Oils, coal, kerosene and products of	24,880
Sugar of all kinds	584,896
Spirits and wines	221,783
Tobacco and manufactures of	38,755
Watches	17,574

On the other hand, in the following articles important decreases have taken place in the duties collected, as compared with the previous year :

Books, periodicals and other printed matter	\$ 15,871
Grain of all kinds	101,121

Flour and meal of all kinds	80,37
Cotton, manufactures of	154,47
Flax, hemp and jute, manufactures of	52,11
Fruit and nuts, dried	68,88
Fruit and nuts, green	22,16
Furs and manufactures of	28,11
Gloves and mitts	40,94
Gutta percha and india-rubber, manufactures of	11,49
Gold and silver, manufactures of	12,80
Hats, caps and bonnets	16,11
Iron and steel, and manufactures of	68,57
Musical instruments	12,00
Oils, all other than coal, kerosene, n.e.s.	80,37
Oil cloth	9,80
Pickles, sauces and capers of all kinds	8,10
Silk, manufactures of	166,68
Stone and manufactures of	8,91

The details of the increase in excise are as follows:

Articles.	Quantity, 1896.	Quantity, 1897.	Duty, 1896.	Duty, 1897.	Increase.
Spirits.....Galls.	2,344,767	2,782,514	3,973,300	4,732,506	759,206
Malt.....Lbs.	61,680,278	68,443,353	775,354	1,028,652	253,298
Cigars.....No.	108,290,260	113,276,105	645,462	678,029	32,567
Cigarettes.....No.	80,461,900	93,798,000	120,692	156,257	35,565
Tobacco and Snuff.....Lbs.	9,392,487	10,690,765	2,228,697	2,398,443	169,746
			7,746,505	8,991,887	1,245,382

The per capita consumption of the following articles usually finds a place in the Budget, and I give it, as follows :—

	Spirits, Beer,		Wine, Tobacco,	
	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.	Lbs.
1894	742	3-722	089	2-264
1895	666	3-471	090	2-163
1896	623	3-628	070	2-120
1897	728	3-469	084	2-243

It will be noticed that there is an apparent increase in the consumption of spirits in 1897, but that, I think, is to be accounted for by the fact that in anticipation of the changes in the excise duties last session, very considerable quantities were entered for duty, which will probably affect the consumption for the next year, so that the figures which show an increase, rather show an increase in mercantile operations than in actual consumption. The average per capita consumption was as follows :—

Spirits	Gall.	1-026
Beer	do	2-920
Wine	do	1-180
Tobacco	Lbs.	2-173

We come now to the expenditure of the year.

Mr. FOSTER. Before going to the expenditure of the year, can my hon. friend tell me what amount of the increase is to the Jubilee stamps of 1896-97?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I know myself not included that in my statement, but I shall be glad to give it later on. The public office revenue in the public accounts with other aid it in general terms. I shall furnish it later on if the hon. gentleman desires.

The expenditure on consolidated revenue reached \$38,849,759, being an increase of \$1,400,617 over that of the previous year. Taking up the details of the outlay, I find that in the following services there is increased expenditure :

Interest on public debt	\$143,274
Charges of management	29,000
Sinking funds	40,000
Premium, discount and exchange	36,000
Civil government	22,000
Administration of justice	18,000
Dominion Police	1,000
Legislation	250,000
Post-offices	54,000