

GREAT BRITAIN'S DRINK BILL, 1893.

An estimate of the drink bill of Great Britain and Ireland for the years 1892-3 was embodied in the annual report of the United Kingdom Alliance, presented at the recent annual meeting. It was in these terms:—

The following is the national drink bill for the years 1892 and 1893:

Liquors Consumed.	Quantities Consumed (1893).	Retail Cost (1893).	Cost of Liquors Consumed in 1892.
	Gallons.		
British Spirits (20s. per gallon)	29,857,987	£29,857,987	£31,355,267
Foreign and Colonial Spirits (24s. per gallon)	7,869,836	9,443,803	9,776,627
Total Spirits...	37,727,823	39,301,790	41,131,894
Beer (1s. 6d. per gal.)	1,137,396,600	85,304,745	85,073,358
Wine (18s. per gal.)	14,164,771	12,748,294	13,161,010
British Wines, Cider,	15,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
etc. (estimated)	£138,854,829	£140,866,262

As the official estimate of the population of the United Kingdom for the middle of 1893 was 38,429,992, the expenditure per head on alcoholic liquors was £3 12s. 6d., or £18 1s. 3d. for each family of five persons. For 1892 the expenditure per head was £3 13s. 11d. and £18 9s. 7d.